**Example of incorrect table formatting:**

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| **Table 1: Palmer amaranth control, soybean injury, and grain yield as influenced by herbicide treatment.** | | | | | | |
|  |  | **Palmer Amaranth Control** | | **Soybean Injury** | | **Grain Yield** |
| **Herbicide** | **Rate** | 14 DAT | 28 DAT | 7 DAT | 14 DAT |  |
|  | g ai or ae ha-1 | ----------------------------%-------------------------- | | | | -- kg ha-1-- |
| none | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | 500 b |
| glyphosate | 1,120 | 100 a | 100 a | 10 b | 25 ab | 2,580 a |
| glufosinate | 585 | 55 ab | 88 a | 50 a | 55 a | 2,500 a |
| dicamba | 560 | 7 b | 55 b | 15 b | 5 b | 2,100 a |

**Example of correct table formatting:**

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| Table 1. Palmer amaranth control, soybean injury, and grain yield as influenced by herbicide treatment.a | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  |  | Palmer amaranth control | | | |  | Soybean injury | | | |  |  | |
| Herbicide | Rate | 14 DATb | | 28 DAT | | | 7 DAT | | 14 DAT | | | Grain yield | |
|  | g ai or ae ha-1 | ---------------------------%-------------------------- | | | | | | | | | | kg ha-1 | |
| None | ---- | ---- | | ---- | | | ---- | | ---- | | | 500 | b |
| Glyphosate | 1,120 | 100 | a | 100 | a | | 10 | b | 25 | ab | | 2,580 | a |
| Glufosinate | 585 | 55 | ab | 88 | b | | 50 | a | 55 | a | | 2,500 | a |
| Dicamba | 560 | 7 | b | 55 | b | | 15 | b | 5 | b | | 2,100 | a |

a Means followed by the same letter within a column are not different based on Fisher’s protected LSD (a = 0.05).

b DAT, days after treatment

Some common errors in tables:

1. Redefine all abbreviations used in each table, even if the definition has already been given the text.
2. All text within each table should be in lowercase letters except for the first word of a phrase or sentence and proper nouns that should have initial capitals.
3. The unit of measurement for a column of figures should be abbreviated and placed at the top of the column. Do not place the unit of measurement in parentheses.
4. Letters associated with a value should be placed in a separate column from the number (both under the same column heading). This facilitates proper alignment.
5. Values in the first column should be flush left.
6. Column headings should not be bold.