

# WEED CONTROL GUIDE FOR SUGARBEET

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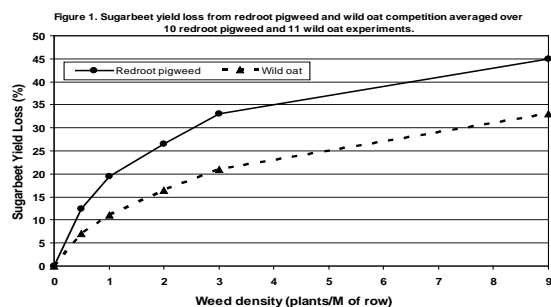
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## WEED COMPETITION

Sugarbeet is a low growing crop and many weeds grow taller than sugarbeet. Weeds that become taller than the crop will cause greater yield loss than weeds that do not overtop the crop canopy so yield losses in sugarbeet due to weed competition can be large. Also, weed losses from direct competition are only part of the problems that may be caused by weeds. Weeds may also a) cause harvest problems, b) reduce the quality of the harvested product, c) produce seed that increases future weed problems, d) act as co-hosts for insects and diseases, e) increase tillage needed for weed control, and f) reduce animal and human health.

Competition research conducted in eastern North Dakota and Minnesota found that a 5% loss in extractable sucrose per acre was caused by 25 redroot pigweed plants per 100 feet of row or by 30 wild oat plants per 100 feet of row averaged over 10 or 11 experiments, respectively (Figure 1).



Competition research in Colorado by Ed Schweizer found that only one kochia plant in 200 feet of row would cause a 5% loss in sugarbeet yield. Weed species differ in their competitive ability with larger, taller weeds causing more loss per plant than smaller, shorter weeds. Weeds also vary in competitive ability in different environments since one environment may favor the weed more than the crop while another environment may favor the crop more than the weed. For example, redroot pigweed at a density of three plants per meter of row caused a 44% sugarbeet yield loss in one experiment in the Red River Valley, while the same density of redroot pigweed caused only a 1% yield loss in a different experiment. The more competitive redroot pigweed emerged five days before the sugarbeet with a May 10 planting date while the less competitive redroot pigweed emerged 7 days after the sugarbeet with an April 28 planting date. Also, sugarbeet with a uniform distribution of plants will be more competitive with weeds than sugarbeet having gaps in the stand. Weeds that survive herbicide treatment generally will be less competitive than weeds not treated with herbicide. All of these observations lead to the conclusion that sugarbeet yield loss cannot be accurately predicted from weed density alone.

Richard Evans conducted competition research in sugarbeet in eastern North Dakota and Minnesota as his PhD thesis research at North Dakota State University. He developed equations to predict sugarbeet yield loss from redroot pigweed and wild oat competition.

1. Predictive equation for redroot pigweed.

$$\text{Extractable sucrose in kg/ha} = 7255 - D(159.5) + D^2(29.2) - C(147.2) - CD(16.7) + P(206.5)$$

D = redroot pigweed density in plants per meter of row.

C = Average of maximum and minimum daily soil temperatures for 7 days in centigrade taken 10 cm under grass sod.

P = Total precipitation for 7 days in cm.

All measurements should be taken during the fourth week after planting.

2. Predictive equation for wild oat.

$$\text{Extractable sucrose in kg/ha} = 7051 - D(412.7) + D^2(20.9) - C(129.3) + CD(5.6) + P(142.8)$$

D = wild oat density in plants per meter of row.

C = Average of maximum and minimum daily soil temperatures for 7 days in centigrade taken 10 cm under grass sod.

P = Total precipitation for 7 days in cm.

The equations must be worked twice to obtain an estimate of the yield loss that would be caused by weed competition. Use the equations once assuming zero weeds and once using the actual weed population. The difference between the two yield estimates is the estimated loss from weed competition. Calculate a percentage loss and then apply this percentage to the estimated potential yield of the field in question.

Weeds should be controlled within four weeks after sugarbeet emergence in order to avoid yield loss from weed competition. These equations were developed to be used early in the growing season, i.e. four weeks after planting, to assist with weed control decisions that must be made by four weeks after sugarbeet emergence. The environmental conditions the remainder of the growing season can have a large influence on relative weed competition and predictive equations that include environmental measurements two months or more into the growing season would be more accurate. However, weed control decisions must be made early so a useful predictive equation only can utilize information available in the early part of the season. In this research, using soil temperatures and precipitation for six weeks after planting in the equations did not improve the ability to predict yield loss as compared to using soil temperatures and precipitation only from the fourth week after planting.

The equations were developed using the following assumptions:

1. Weeds will be controlled within four weeks after sugarbeet emergence.

2. Sugarbeet populations are adequate and uniformly spaced.

3. The weeds are not injured by herbicides.

4. No late germinating weeds become established after weed densities are determined.

5. Weed density will be 9 plants per meter of row or less.

The equations will not provide an exact estimate of sugarbeet yield loss for all situations because many variables (such as environment for the rest of the growing season) are not included in the equations and because the listed assumptions will not be true for all fields. However, the equations will give a more accurate estimate of sugarbeet yield loss from redroot pigweed and wild oat competition than from weed density alone. Figure 1 provides yield loss data averaged over several experiments conducted in eastern North Dakota and Minnesota for reference purposes but please remember that the relative competitive ability of the weeds varied considerably from experiment to experiment.

Sugarbeet growers should and usually do consider that a) sugarbeet is a high-value crop, b) weeds can cause severe sugarbeet yield loss, c) weeds produce seeds that cause future problems and d) weeds cause losses and problems not directly related to competition. After due consideration, sugarbeet growers can not be faulted for concluding that the only good weed is a dead weed. Most sugarbeet growers are willing to spend extensive time and resources attempting to obtain total weed control. Every situation is different but often total weed control can be justified, even if the cost of control of the last few weeds may be greater than the value of the yield losses that would be caused by the weeds. This is especially true in fields with low weed seed densities where a few weeds producing seed will significantly increase future weed problems. Control of the last few weeds is harder to justify in a field with a large existing populations of weed seed although near total weed control is needed in order to significantly reduce the levels of weed seed in the soil.

**THE WEED CONTROL SUGGESTIONS** are based on Federal label clearances and on information obtained from Agricultural Experiment Stations and the Research Report of the North Central Weed Science Society. CAUTION: The weed control suggestions in this guide are based on the assumption that all herbicides mentioned in this guide have and will continue to have a registered label with the Environmental Protection Agency. Herbicide labels should be checked for registered uses on sugarbeet prior to application. Portions of this section are taken from the North Dakota State University Agricultural Weed Control Guide, Circular W-253 so some non-sugarbeet herbicides are included in the text.

## **USE CHEMICALS ONLY AS RECOMMENDED ON THE LABEL.**

**RATES ARE BASED** on broadcast application and are expressed as active ingredient or acid equivalent, and as the amount of commercial product. Commercial formulations of the same herbicide may vary in amount of active ingredient.

For example, glyphosate (Roundup\*) is now sold in formulations that contain 3, 3.75, 4, 4.17, 4.5, 4.72, or 5.0 lb acid equivalent per gallon. The amount of product applied per acre must be adjusted for each formulation to achieve the correct rate of acid equivalent per acre.

**RAINFALL** shortly after application often reduces weed control from post-emergence applications because the herbicide is washed off the leaves before absorption is complete. Herbicides vary in rate of absorption and in ease of being washed from leaves and therefore vary in response to rainfall. The amount and intensity of rainfall also influence the washing of herbicides from leaves. The approximate time between application and rainfall needed for maximum weed control from several herbicides follows: Assure II\*, Poast, and Select\*--1 hour; Ignite 280—4 hours; paraquat\*--4 to 6 hours; Betamix\*, Betanex\*, Nortron, Progress, Stinger, and UpBeet--6 hours; Roundup\*—6 to 12 hours.

## **SPRAY AND VAPOR DRIFT**

Movement of herbicides off target is a problem in North Dakota each year as herbicides move from target fields into nontarget areas containing crops or other plant species susceptible to the herbicide. Spray drift and injury to plants are affected by several factors.

a) **Wind velocity and direction:** To minimize spray drift injury, wind direction should be away from susceptible plants during herbicide application. The wind velocity should be less than 10 miles per hour. However, drift can occur even with lower wind velocities, especially when air is vertically stable. Normally, air near the soil surface is warmer than higher air. Warm air rises and cold air sinks which causes vertical mixing of air and dissipation of spray droplets. Vertically stable air (temperature inversion) occurs when air near the soil surface is cooler or similar in temperature to higher air. Small spray droplets can be suspended in stable air, move laterally in a light wind, and impact plants two miles or more downwind. Herbicide application should be avoided when vertically stable air conditions occur. These conditions can be identified by observing smoke bombs or dust from a gravel road. Fog also would indicate vertically stable air.

b) **Distance between nozzle and target (boom height):** droplets should be released as close to the target as possible while maintaining uniform spray coverage. Less distance means less time to fall and therefore less potential for drift to occur.

c) **Herbicide formulation:** All herbicides can drift as spray droplets but some herbicides are sufficiently volatile to cause plant injury from vapor or fume drift. Herbicide volatility and consequent risk of damage to susceptible plants increases with increasing temperature. The so-called high volatile esters

of 2,4-D or MCPA may produce damaging vapors at temperatures as low as 40 F while low volatile esters may produce damaging vapors between 70 to 90 F. Amine formulations are essentially non-volatile even at high temperatures. Temperature on the soil surface often is several degrees warmer than air temperature. Thus an applied low volatile ester could be exposed to temperatures high enough to cause damaging vapor formation even when the air temperature is below 70 F. Banvel\* also is volatile and can drift as droplets or vapor. Herbicide vapor drifts further and over a longer time than spray droplets. A wind blowing away from susceptible plants during application will prevent damage from droplet drift but a later wind shift towards the susceptible plants could move damaging vapors to the plants. Thus, to minimize the risk of drift injury, herbicides such as 2,4-D esters, MCPA esters, Clarity, and Banvel\* with high potential to form damaging vapors should not be used near susceptible plants.

d) **Drift control:** Spray drift can be reduced by increasing droplet size since a wind will move large droplets less than small droplets. Droplet size can be increased by reducing spray pressure, increasing nozzle orifice size, special drift reduction nozzles, adjuvants that increase spray viscosity, and rearward nozzle orientation on aircraft. Do not allow droplets to become too large as research indicates a reduction in weed control for most herbicides.

e) **Shields around spray nozzles or spray booms** will partially protect spray droplets from wind and reduce spray drift. Small plastic cones that fit around individual nozzles reduce drift by approximately 25 to 50% and spray shields which enclose the entire boom reduce drift by approximately 50 to 85%. Spray shields give a greater reduction in drift when winds are low and droplets are relatively large. Therefore, spray shields should not be used as a substitute for other drift control techniques but should be used as a supplement to all other applicable methods of drift reduction.

f) **Injury from herbicide drift:** Damaging drift from other crops into sugarbeet is primarily a problem with 2,4-D\*, Assert, Banvel\*, Clarity, Callisto, FirstRate, Everest, Express\*, Harmony\*, Harmony Extra\*, Huskie, Ignite 280, Impact, Laudis, MCPA\*, paraquat\*, Pursuit, Raptor, Roundup\*, and Tordon 22K in North Dakota and Minnesota. Other herbicides may drift but generally do not cause significant damage or are not used commonly near sugarbeet.

The primary risks of damaging drift from sugarbeet to other crops with postemergence herbicides are grass control herbicide drift into small grains or corn, Stinger\* drift into soybean or dry bean and UpBeet drift into small grains, corn, peas, and soybean. All herbicides may drift and cause significant damage to susceptible non-target plants, so caution must be observed with all herbicide applications.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

## FIELD INVESTIGATION OF CROP INJURY

Keep an open mind and investigate all possible causes and sources of the observed problem when assessing crop injury. Do not accept, without question, statements of involved persons about the cause and the source of the problem. The truth often is not obvious. Crop injury can have many causes other than herbicides and symptomology does not always provide definitive answers.

The Plant Diagnostic Laboratory at North Dakota State University will accept samples and provide an opinion on the cause of the problem. In most situations, opinions on the cause of plant injury will be based on injury symptoms.

Be aware that analysis of plant tissues or soil by a private testing laboratory may not provide a definitive answer to the cause of the problem. Each herbicide must be tested individually so testing can be very expensive if numerous herbicides are the possible cause of the problem. A positive detection of a herbicide can be useful but the detected herbicide may not have caused the symptoms. A negative test for a herbicide does not prove that the herbicide did not cause the problem since the herbicide may cause injury at levels less than the detection limit or the herbicide may have been degraded before the samples were taken.

The pattern of crop injury in a field will help identify the source of the injury. A sprayer skip in a field will be valuable in diagnosing a herbicide problem, especially if the applicator remembers the reason and the time that the skip occurred. The history of herbicide use on the field for the past 2 to 5 years should be considered. Uniform damage over the field would suggest herbicide carryover or injury from a direct application rather than drift.

Drift is nearly always worse near the source of the drift with damage becoming less as the distance becomes greater. Lessening of injury with distance may not be evident shortly after the drift has occurred but the differences should become more visible with time since the recovery of the damaged plants will be more rapid and more complete as the distance from the drift source increases. Crop injury that is associated with one or two sprayer tank loads would suggest sprayer contamination or a mistake in mixing where the wrong herbicide or too much of the correct herbicide was put in a spray tank. An aerial photograph often is very useful in identifying patterns of crop injury in a field.

The family of the herbicide that caused the injury often can be identified by the injury symptoms and the species which are not injured. Look in the affected field, in surrounding fields and between fields. The approximate date of injury can sometimes be determined by observing or learning the date that the injury first became evident. The size of plants when affected by a growth regulator herbicide can sometimes be determined by the height of the stem where malformed leaves first occur. Plants that are affected as soon as they emerge usually are being damaged by a herbicide in the soil rather than drift. Dates that injury occurred can be related to dates of herbicide application on and around the damaged field.

The direction of the source of herbicide drift can sometimes

be determined by finding “drift shadows” by trees, buildings, or elevated roads. Anything that intercepts or deflects spray droplets can cause an area of undamaged plants on the downwind side of the object. The shape and direction of the “drift shadow” often will identify the direction of the drift source. The damage from spray drift sometimes moves at an angle across nearby fields with a rather distinct line between damaged and undamaged plants at the edge of the line. Placing tall stakes at the edge of this line through the damaged field will often form a line that points at the edge of the field that was the source of the spray drift. Spray droplets move with the wind. Spray droplets will only move down wind so the wind direction during application will often indicate which potential drift sources are possible and which are not possible. Some herbicides like 2, 4-D ester, MCPA ester and Banvel/Clarity\* are volatile and a wind shift after application may cause vapor drift in a different direction than the drift of spray droplets. Spray droplets only move in the direction that the wind is moving.

Some sources of unintended herbicide exposure are very difficult to identify. For example, drift or an accidental and unreported spraying of a long residual herbicide on a tolerant crop would have no effect that year but the residual in the soil the next year could damage a susceptible crop. Another example is soil movement due to wind or water erosion which causes a damaging level of herbicide to move with soil.

An obvious question is whether to destroy or keep the damaged field. A general rule of thumb is that damage from drift is not as bad as the initial appearance would suggest and a decision should not be made within one week of the drift. With growth regulator herbicides, about 10 days is needed before surviving plants will begin to produce new leaves. Evaluation of the level of injury from growth regulator herbicides should not be attempted prior to 10 days after exposure. With ALS inhibitor herbicides and Roundup\*, the less damaged plants begin to visibly recover and separate themselves from plants with more injury about two weeks after exposure. Rapid conclusions can lead to bad decisions with spray drift.

Everyone involved will want to know how much yield loss will be caused by the herbicide damage. Accurate visual estimation of yield loss from a non-lethal exposure to herbicide is not possible. Some means of collecting meaningful yield comparisons is essential in obtaining an accurate estimate of yield loss. When part of a field is injured and part is not injured, yield in the uninjured portion of the field can be compared to yield in the injured portion. Hand harvesting at several places, harvesters with yield monitors or harvesting and weighing yield from strips through the field all could be used. Usually, splitting the field into six or eight strips or pieces is better than comparing one half of the field to the other half of the field.

Obtaining accurate yield data is very difficult when the entire field is damaged. Comparisons to nearby fields can be done but variability among fields is great. Use of the average yield of several nearby fields also could be considered.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

## SPRAYER CLEANOUT

Crop injury may occur from a contaminated sprayer. The greatest risk of tank contamination occurs when a spray solution of highly active herbicides sits in a sprayer tank (plastic or poly the worst) for multiple hours (or overnight) before being applied, then a herbicide solution with good desorbing characteristics (such as Roundup\* or Select\*) is placed in the following tank load and allowed to sit for multiple hours before being applied. The risk of damage is greatest when spraying crops highly susceptible to the previous herbicide and when the previous herbicide is very active in small amounts. Rinsing with water is not adequate to remove all herbicides. Some herbicides have remained tightly adsorbed in sprayers through water rinsing and even through several tank-loads of other herbicides. Then when a tank-load of solution including an oil adjuvant or nitrogen solution was put in the sprayer, the herbicide was desorbed, moved into the spray solution, and damaged susceptible crops. Highly active herbicides that have been difficult to wash from sprayers and have caused crop injury include Banvel\*, Clarity, and Status, the ALS inhibitor herbicides (Accent\*, Ally\*, Amber, Harmony\*, Harmony Extra\*, Express\*, FirstRate, Option, Pursuit, Raptor, and other related herbicides), and HPPD inhibitor herbicides (Balance Flexx, Callisto, Impact, and Laudis).

Herbicides which are difficult to remove from sprayers are thought to be attaching to residues remaining from spray solutions that deposit in a sprayer or adsorbing to plastic (or poly) tanks and sprayer parts. Stainless steel tanks should not adsorb herbicides. The herbicide must be desorbed from the residue or the residue removed in a cleaning process so the herbicide can be removed from the sprayer. Sprayer cleanout procedures are given on many herbicide labels and the procedure on the label should be followed for specific herbicides. The following procedure is given as an illustration of a thorough sprayer cleanup procedure that would be effective for most herbicides.

Step 1. Drain tank and thoroughly rinse interior surfaces of tank with clean water. Spray rinse water through the spray boom. Sufficient rinse water should be used for 5 minutes or more of spraying through the boom.

Step 2. Fill the sprayer tank with clean water and add a cleaning solution (many labels provide recommended cleaning solutions). Fill the boom, hoses, and nozzles and allow the agitator to operate for 15 minutes.

Step 3. Allow the sprayer to sit for 8 hours while full of cleaning solution. The cleaning solution should stay in the sprayer for 8 hours so that the herbicide can be fully desorbed from the residues inside the sprayer.

Step 4. Spray the cleaning solution out through the booms.

Step 5. Remove nozzles, screens, and filters and clean thoroughly. Rinse the sprayer to remove cleaning solution and spray rinsate through the booms.

Common types of cleaning solutions are chlorine bleach, ammonia, and commercially formulated tank cleaners. Chlorine lowers the pH of the solution which speeds the degradation of some herbicides. Ammonia increases the pH of the solution which increases the solubility of some herbicides. Commercially formulated tank cleaners generally raise pH and act as detergents to assist in removal of herbicides.

Read the herbicide label for recommended tank cleaning solutions and procedures. **WARNING: Never mix chlorine bleach and ammonia as a dangerous and irritating gas will be released.**

Sprayers should be cleaned as soon as possible after use to prevent the deposit of dried spray residues. If a sprayer will remain empty over night without cleaning, fill the tank with water to prevent dried spray deposits from forming. A sprayer kept clean is essential to prevention of damage from herbicide contamination.

## GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION

Groundwater contamination with pesticides is a public concern. Pesticides can contaminate groundwater by movement from small areas contaminated through factors such as spills, rinsing spray cans, rinsing tanks, and back-siphoning, (point source) or by movement of pesticides used according to their label on relatively large land areas (non-point source).

Point source contamination probably accounts for most groundwater contamination problems and can be minimized by using the following precautions:

1. Mix pesticides away from wells and other water sources maintaining at least a 150-ft buffer between water source and sprayer.
2. Prevent back-siphoning into the well by using an anti-backflow check valve, or maintaining an air gap between the end of the fill hose and the surface water level in the sprayer.
3. Triple rinse pesticide containers and add the rinsate to the spray tank.
4. Minimize extra spray solution by mixing only the quantity of spray required. Apply extra spray solution to fallow land or to a labeled crop following label recommendations.
5. Properly seal active and abandoned wells.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

Non-point source groundwater contamination occurs over a broad area as a result of labeled pesticides uses. Groundwater contamination can occur as the chemical is leached by water through the soil profile. The potential for non-point source pollution of groundwater with an herbicide depends on soil type, irrigation or precipitation, depth of groundwater, herbicide application rate and frequency, and herbicide mobility. Non-point pollution of groundwater can be minimized by using the following practices:

1. Select herbicides with short residual and limited mobility in soil.
2. Properly calibrate sprayers to prevent application of excessive rates of herbicide.
3. Apply herbicides only when necessary and follow all herbicide label recommendations and guidelines.
4. Use good agronomic practices that minimize weed competition and maximize herbicide performance such as crop rotation, herbicide rotation, timely cultivation, and over crops.
5. Use band application rather than broadcast application to reduce the amount of pesticide used per acre.
6. Do not apply herbicides near open water.
7. Avoid use of persistent and/or mobile herbicides on soil with a shallow water table.

### **WEED RESISTANCE TO HERBICIDES**

Herbicide resistance occurs with repeated use of a specific herbicide or a combination of herbicides for control of weed species that contain some plants in the population with resistant genes. The resistant type will increase with each use of the herbicide(s) because the gene pool in the field will shift from susceptible to resistant. This shift may be permanent, assuming that the resistant type plants are equally “fit” in the cropping environment. Use of one herbicide from a group with one mode of action may give resistance to other herbicides with the same mode of action. However, weed specificity for resistance is known for different herbicides within a mode of action group. For example, if a wild oat population is resistant to one ACCase inhibitor herbicide; other ACCase inhibitor herbicides may or may not provide control.

Weed populations with wide genetic diversity may develop resistance rapidly, especially for herbicides with a single mode of action. Large plant numbers, prolific seed production, high rates of weed migration/spread, and diverse environmental conditions may contribute to high genetic diversity. For example, kochia developed resistance rapidly in North Dakota to SU herbicides because of genetic diversity and the single mode of action (ALS inhibition). Weeds may vary in resistance to herbicides of the same mode of action group, especially if the herbicides are from different chemical classes. For example, weeds resistant to SU herbicides may or may not be cross-resistant to the Imi class of ALS

inhibitors. Weeds may also vary in resistance to herbicides of the same chemical class, depending on their specific resistance mutation(s). Table 1 lists herbicides within various modes of action groups as a guide for possible cross resistance.

### Types of Resistance

**Altered target site** - Genetic mutations within a herbicide site of action can prevent complete herbicide interaction with binding sites, allowing the target-site protein to remain functional. The incomplete inhibition of the altered site of action may result in little to no observed plant injury. Where the herbicide has such little inhibitory effect on the site of action, plants may survive greater than 10 times the normal herbicide rate (considered high-level resistance). Modes of action where high-level resistance is most often seen include ACCase, ALS, and photosystem II inhibitors. However, target-site alterations may only partially reduce an herbicide's inhibitory effect. Such are considered low-level resistance because plants are unlikely to survive greater than 10 times the normal use rate. Plants with low-level target-site resistance may sometimes be controlled when the herbicide is applied to small plants at high-end label rates. Examples of low-level resistance due to target-site alterations include common ragweed resistant to PPO inhibitors, and goose grass and some ryegrass resistant to glyphosate.

**Altered herbicide metabolic processes** - Plants prevent herbicide toxicity by rapid degradation. Corn degrades atrazine by this mechanism. This type of resistance is more complex than altered site-of-action type resistance because it involves several plant processes. Plants with altered metabolism resistance can degrade several unrelated herbicides of different modes of action through multiple genes controlling metabolic processes.

Plant injury may occur because plants cannot rapidly degrade absorbed herbicide, causing this mechanism to be considered low-level resistance. Therefore increasing the herbicide rate to smaller plants may control more plants. Examples of altered herbicide metabolism include some ryegrass resistant to ACCase, ALS, and photosystem II inhibitors, and velvetleaf resistant to atrazine. Metabolic resistance is believed to be present in many other weed species.

**Herbicide sequestration /Altered herbicide localization** - Movement of herbicide is impeded, moved away from its target site, or moved to a location where it is ineffective. This may be at the whole-plant or cellular level. Nearly all plants with this type of resistance are injured shortly after the herbicide application because the herbicide cannot be moved away from the site of action fast enough and for a long enough time. Herbicide sequestration is considered low-level resistance because increasing rates applied to smaller plants increases mortality. Examples of herbicide sequestration include glyphosate-resistant horseweed and some ryegrass, likely glyphosate-resistant common and giant ragweed, and weed biotypes resistant to paraquat.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

**Target-site amplification** - Some glyphosate-resistant Palmer amaranth has been shown to express increased levels of herbicide-susceptible EPSPS target-site protein. Many of these plants have up to 100 copies or more of the EPSPS gene, and likely produce more target-site enzyme than glyphosate can fully inhibit. This case is the only known example of this type of mechanism.

#### Cross and Multiple Resistances

A plant with a single resistance mechanism that survives treatment with chemicals within the same mode of action is cross resistant to those chemicals. Resistance that develops to one ALS herbicide chemistry often confers cross resistance to other ALS herbicide chemistries. The same is generally true with imidazolinones. In some cases, resistance that develops to a SU confers cross resistance to imidazolinones.

A plant with two or more resistance mechanisms that survives treatment with different chemicals within different modes of action has multiple resistances. Different resistance mechanisms are involved; therefore, a kochia plant that survives SU and atrazine has multiple resistances.

#### Herbicide resistant weed species in MN and ND:

(#) = Herbicide mode of action group, see Table 1.

##### **ACCase inhibitor herbicides (1):**

Green foxtail (All ACCase herbicides except Select\*) [MN, ND]  
Yellow foxtail (All ACCase herbicides except Select\*) [MN, ND]  
Purple robust foxtail [MN]  
White robust foxtail [MN]  
Wild oat (All ACCase herbicides except Select\*) [MN, ND]

##### **ALS inhibitor herbicides (2):**

Common cocklebur (Imi – Pursuit & Raptor) [MN]  
Giant foxtail (Imi & SU herbicides) [MN]  
White robust foxtail (Imi & SU herbicides) [MN]  
Yellow foxtail (Imi herbicides) [MN]  
Kochia (All ALS herbicides) [MN, ND]  
Marshelder (Imi herbicides and Express\* (SU) [ND]  
Wild mustard (All ALS herbicides) [ND]  
Eastern black nightshade (Imi herbicides) [ND]  
Wild oat (All cereal ALS herbicides) [MN and ND]  
Redroot pigweed (Imi herbicides) [ND]  
Common ragweed (All ALS herbicides) [MN, ND]  
Giant ragweed (All ALS herbicides) [MN, ND]  
Waterhemp (All ALS herbicides) [MN, ND]

##### **Mitotic inhibitor (3):**

Green foxtail (Treflan\*, Sonalan, & Prowl) [ND]

##### **Growth regulator (4):**

Kochia (2,4-D\* & Banvel\*

##### **Photosystem II inhibitor (5):**

Kochia (atrazine\*) [MN?, ND]  
Lambsquarters (atrazine\*) [MN]  
Redroot pigweed (atrazine\*) [MN]  
Velvetleaf (atrazine\*) [MN]

##### **EPSP synthase inhibitor (9) (Roundup\* {glyphosate}):**

Horseweed / marestalk [ND]  
Kochia [ND]  
Lambsquarters (unconfirmed) [MN, ND]  
Common ragweed [MN, ND]  
Giant ragweed [MN]  
Waterhemp [MN, ND]

##### **Multiple Resistance:**

Kochia - Growth regulator (4) + ALS (2) [ND]  
Wild oat - ACCase (1) + ALS (2) [MN, ND]  
Wild oat - Lipid synthesis (8) + Unknown (26) [ND]  
Giant ragweed – EPSP (9) + ALS (2) [MN]

#### Herbicide resistant weed species in other U.S. states:

##### **ALS inhibitor (2):**

giant foxtail, lambsquarters, sunflower, and Russian thistle

**Growth regulator (4):** Wild mustard and field bindweed

##### **Photosystem II inhibitor (5):**

Powell amaranth, Yellow foxtail, and common ragweed

##### **EPSP Synthase inhibitor (9) (Roundup\*):**

Horseweed (marestalk), kochia, and lambsquarters (unconfirmed)

##### **PPO inhibitor (14):**

Common and giant ragweed and waterhemp

##### **HPPD inhibitor (27):** Waterhemp

##### **Multiple Resistance:**

Powell amaranth - ALS (2) + triazine\* (5) [Canada]  
Horseweed (marestalk) - ALS (2) + EPSP (9) [IN, OH]  
Giant ragweed – PPO (14) + ALS (2) [OH]  
Waterhemp – HPPD (27) + ALS (2) + triazine (5) [IA, IL]  
Waterhemp – ALS (2) + EPSP (9) + PPO (14) + triazine (5) [IL]  
Common ragweed and waterhemp have the following types:  
ALS (2) + PPO (14)  
ALS (2) + EPSP (9)  
ALS (2) + EPSP (9) + PPO (14)

##### **Weeds expressing some natural tolerance to Roundup\*:**

Cinquefoil, clover, lambsquarters, common mallow, dandelion, horseweed (marestalk), kochia, nightshade, nutsedge, prickly lettuce, smartweed, velvetleaf, waterhemp and wild buckwheat.

##### **Weeds expressing some natural tolerance to Ignite 280:**

Grasses, lambsquarters and yellow nutsedge.

Genetically engineered crops resistant to glyphosate and glufosinate may be used to control weeds resistant to other herbicides. However, heavy selection pressure from these herbicides may cause selection of multiple resistant biotypes.

For a comprehensive list of resistant weeds in North Dakota, U.S., and world see web site: [www.weedscience.com](http://www.weedscience.com)

*\*Or generic equivalent*

## **STRATEGIES TO MINIMIZE HERBICIDE RESISTANT WEEDS**

The following strategies should be effective in reducing problems with herbicide tolerant and resistant weed biotypes, but no single strategy is likely to be totally effective.

Weed resistance to herbicides **cannot** be prevented, but can be delayed. Herbicide rotations and tillage will only delay resistance by the length of time the selection pressure for a given herbicide is removed by an alternative control method. Resistance should occur in no-till fields before conventional-till fields. The gene pool does not revert back in absence of the original selection, except when the resistant plants are poorly fit. Fitness has not been greatly different for resistant and susceptible biotypes and should not be relied upon for resistance management.

### **General Guidelines:**

**1. Scout fields regularly** and identify weeds that escape herbicide treatment. Monitor changes in weed populations early (single plants or small patches) and restrict spread of escaped weeds that match the herbicide use pattern. If there are dead plants, unaffected plants, and plants showing intermediate responses then resistance should be strongly considered.

**2. Zero seed rain** maybe difficult to obtain but should be the ultimate goal of weed management by using all management strategies. Preventing weed seed production from plants surviving herbicide phytotoxicity is required to delay future weed problems.

**3. Apply effective herbicides in tank-mix, prepackage, or sequential mixtures that include multiple modes of action.** Two or more herbicides in mixture must have activity against potentially resistant weeds to be effective. Most commercial mixtures do not contain herbicides that target the same weed species. Effective tank-mixtures likely reduce the selection of herbicide-resistant biotypes more successfully than rotating herbicide modes of action. Antagonism may occur with some mixtures, especially between contact and systemic herbicides.

**4. Rotate herbicides with different modes of action in consecutive years.** Few novel modes of action are being registered, therefore strategic management of all currently available modes of action is necessary.

**5. Rotate crops**, particularly those with different life cycles, e.g. winter annual crops (winter wheat), perennial crops (alfalfa), and summer annual crops (spring wheat, corn or beans). Do not use herbicides with the same mode of action in the different crops unless other effective control practices are also included.

**6. Use high herbicide rates and effective adjuvants.** Some think reducing herbicide rates will decrease selection pressure for resistance - the opposite is often true. Full rates kill weeds with low-level resistance and dead plants cannot produce seed to pass their genes on to the next generation. Reduced rates allow plants with low-level resistance to survive, hybridize, and produce progeny with elevated resistance. Hybrid plants

with more than one resistance gene will express a higher level of resistance and will require a higher herbicide rate to kill the plant. Even in susceptible weed populations, uncontrolled weeds due to sub-optimum weed control means more surviving plants which means a greater chance that rare resistant mutants will arise within the field. Summary points: Dead weeds are good resistance management. Dead weeds mean zero seed rain.

### **Methods for Resistance Management**

**Method 1. Continued Herbicide Use** - This approach allows for the use of the preferred herbicide until resistance occurs and then change to an alternative herbicide. This method requires more intense monitoring for resistance. The best resistance management strategy is early identification of resistant plants and then completes control (eradication) of the resistant plants while the infestation is small. Hand weeding, non-selective herbicides, cultivation, or combinations of methods can be used for eradication. Identification can be best accomplished with highly effective herbicide rates so that resistant plants are obvious for early eradication. Elimination of all resistant plants prior to reproduction on an annual basis should allow for continuous use of the herbicide.

#### **Advantages:**

1. Allow use of preferred herbicide.
2. Allow use of the herbicide best suited for weeds in a given field.
3. The above may save costs as a herbicide with a second mode of action may not be needed for the weeds present before resistance develops.

#### **Disadvantages:**

1. Resistance will occur sooner and require earlier monitoring for resistance.
2. Does not save the herbicide for use in crops without alternatives.
3. Requires hand-labor for greatest effect.

**Method 2. Rotate Herbicides** - This system will delay resistance, but may use unnecessary or less desirable herbicides in rotation or in mixture. Delaying resistance by alternative herbicides in the crop rotation is a means of keeping a herbicide for use in a crop that does not have an effective alternative.

#### **Advantages:**

1. Monitoring for resistance is less essential but still very important.
2. Herbicide mixtures may control more weed species and reduce the need for scouting to choose the appropriate herbicide for the field.

#### **Disadvantages:**

1. Will use herbicides other than the most desired.
2. Will select for multiple resistance.
3. Fewer herbicide options saved for future use.



**Testing weeds for herbicide resistance:**

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On-line study course on herbicide mode of action can be  
found at:

<http://www.wsweedscience.org/Lessons/lessons.asp>

On-line herbicide resistance education and training course  
at:

<http://wssa.net/LessonModules/herbicide-resistant-weeds/>

*\*Or generic equivalent*

**Table 1. Herbicide Classification and Mode of Action for Resistant Weed Management**

Mechanism of Action	Common Name	Herbicide Tradename	Premix or Co-pack Tradenames	
ACC-ase Inhibitor (1) Aryloxyphenoxy propionic acid AFop@	clodinafop-P fenoxaprop-P fluazifop-P quizalofop	Discover NG. Puma = Tacoma = Parity. Fusilade DX. Assure II = Targa.	- Fusion, Wolverine. Fusion. -	
	Cyclohexanedione ADim@	clethodim  sethoxydim	  Rezult.	
Phenylpyrazolin ADen@	pinoxaden	Axial XL.	Axial Star, Axial TBC.	
ALS Enzyme Inhibitor (2)  Imidazolinone Almi@	imazamethabenz imazamox imazapic imazapyr imazethapyr	Assert. Beyond = Clearcast = Raptor. Cadre = Impose = Plateau. Arsenal = Habitat. Pursuit = Thunder.	ClearMax. Journey. Lightning, OneStep, Sahara. Authority Assist, Extreme=Thunder Master, Lightning, Matador, Op-Till.	
Sulfonylurea ASU@	chlorimuron chlorsulfuron foramsulfuron halosulfuron mesosulfuron metsulfuron	Classic. Glean = Report = Telar. Option. Permit = Sandea. Osprey. Accurate=Ally=Cimarron=Escort=Metgard = Metsulfuron=Patriot=Plotter=Romet=Valuron.	Enlite, Freestyle, Instigate, Traverse, Valor XLT. Chism, Cimarron Max/X-tra, Finesse/G&B, Report Extra. Equip. Priority. Rimfire Max. Accurate Extra, Ally Extra, Chaparral, Chisum, Cimarron Max, Cimarron X-tra, Finesse, Report Extra.	
	nicosulfuron prosulfuron rimsulfuron	Accent/Q, Adapt, Nic-It, Nico. Peak. Matrix = Resolve = Rule.	Celebrity Plus, Clarion, Ironclad, Steadfast/Q, Stout. Exceed, Spirit. Diligent, Instigate, Ironclad, Prequel, Realm Q, Require Q, Resolve/ Q, Steadfast/Q, Traverse, Trigate.	
	sulfometuron sulfosulfuron thifensulfuron	Oust. Certainty (turf), Maverick. Harass = Harmony = Treaty = Unity = Volta.	Accurate Extra, Agility, Affinity BS/TM, Ally Extra, Basis, Enlite, Freestyle, Harmony Extra, Nimble, Rapport BS/TM, Resolve Q, TNT, Treaty Extra.	
	triasulfuron tribenuron	Amber. Express = Nuance = Victory.	Fuego, Rave. Accurate Extra, Agility, Affinity/Edition/Rapport Broadspec /Tankmix, Ally Extra, Freestyle, Harmony Extra, Nimble, Supremacy, Trigate, TNT.	
	triflursulfuron	UpBeet.	-	
	Triazolopyrimidine ATPS@	cloransulam florasulam flumetsulam pyroxulam	FirstRate. - Python. PowerFlex.	Authority First=Sonic, FrontRow, Gangster. Axial TBC, FirstStep, GoldSky, Orion, Starane Flex. FrontRow, Hornet, SureStart, TripleFlex. GoldSky.
	Sulfonylamino-carbonyltriazolinone ASACT@	flucarbazone propoxycarbazone thiencarbazone	Everest 2.0, Pre-Pare, Sierra. Olympus. -	Raze. Olympus Flex, Rimfire Max. Capreno, Corvus, Huskie Complete.
Mitotic Inhibitor (3) Dinitroaniline (DNA)	ethalfuralin pendimethalin trifluralin	Sonalan. Prowl/H20 = Acumen = Pendimax=Pendant. Trifluralin = Treflan = Triflurex = Trust/others.	- - Buckle, Freedom.	
Growth Regulators (4) Phenoxy	2,4-D  MCPA amine MCPA ester	2,4-D, others.  MCPA Amine, Rhomene, others. Daggar, MCPA E, Rhonox, Sword, Wildcard.	See bromoxynil. Crossbow, Curtail, ForeFront, Grazone P+D = Gun Slinger, Landmaster BW = Campaign = Credit Master, Starane+Salvo, Weedmaster. - ClearMax, Curtail M, Hat Trick, Orion, Starane+Sword.	
Benzoic acids	dicamba-dma salt dicamba-dga salt dicamba-Na salt dicamba acid dicamba-ipa salt dicamba-dea salt	Banvel = Dicamba = Oracle = Rifle. Clarity = Sterling Blue. Banvel SGF. Vision. - -	- Pulsar Agility, Distinct=Overdrive, Require Q, Status, Yukon. Latigo. Fallow Master = Fallow Star. Weedmaster = Banvel + 2,4-D = Brash = Outlaw = Range Star = Rifle D.	
	Pyridine	aminopyralid clopyralid	Milestone. Clean Slate, Clopyr Ag = Garrison = Spur = Stinger = Reclaim = Transline.	Chaparral, CleanWave, ForeFront. Curtail/M, = Redeem, WideMatch = Colt, Hat Trick, Hornet, SureStart, TripleFlex.
		fluroxypyr	Starane = Comet = Trump Card = Vista. Starane Ultra = Obtain = Vista XRT.	Axial Star, CleanWave, Colt+Salvo/Sword, GoldSky, Hat Trick, Pulsar, Raze, Supremacy, Starane Flex/NXT, Trooper Pro, WideMatch = Colt.
		picloram triclopyr	Tordon 22K = Triumph 22K. Garlon = Remedy. Pathfinder II, Tricera.	Grazone P+D = Gun Slinger, Surmount, Trooper Extra/Pro. PastureGard, Redeem, Vengeance Plus.
	Pyrimidine	aminocyclopyrachlor	MAT-28	Plainview, Perspective, Steamline, Viewpoint.
Quinoline	quinclorac (dicots)	Drive=Quinstar=Quinclorac. Paramount.	-	

Mechanism of Action	Common Name	Herbicide Tradename	Premix or Co-pack Tradenames
<b>Photosystem II Inhibitor (5) - Site A</b> Triazine Triazinone Phenyl-carbamate <b>Photosystem II Inhibitor (6) - Site B</b>	atrazine	Atrazine, others.	See 2,4-D, dicamba, bentazon, bromoxynil, glyphosate, acetochlor, dimethenamid-P, s-metolachlor + or - safener. Derby.
	simazine	Princep.	
	metribuzin	Glory = Metribuzin = Sencor = TriCor.	Authority MTZ, Boundary, Canopy, Domain, Matador.
	des/phenmedphm bentazon bromoxynil	Alphanex = Betanex. Basagran. BroClean = Bromox = Brox = Bucril = Moxy.	Betamax = Phen-Des 8+8. Galaxy, Laddok S-12, Rezult, Storm. Bronate = Bison = Bromac = Bromox MCPA = Maestro MA = Wild Card Xtra, Brox M, Huskie/Complete, Wolverine. Bronate Advanced = B-5 = Bison Advanced = Bromac Advanced = Brox M Ultra = Wolfpack Advanced. Bromoxynil + 2,4-D(2 lb+2 lb), B-4, Double Up, Maestro D. Bromoxynil + 2,4-D (2 lb+2.5 lb) = WECO Max.
<b>Photosystem II Inhibitor (7) - Site A - different than 5</b>	diuron linuron tebuthiuron	Diuron = Direx = Karmex. Lorox = Linex = Linuron. Spike.	Krovar, Sahara, WeedBlast. - -
<b>Lipid Synthesis Inhibition (8)</b> Thiocarbamate	cycloate EPTC triallate	Ro-Neet. Eptam = Eptek = Eradicane = Razencane. Far-Go.	- Powerplay, Imperium. Buckle.
<b>EPSP Synthase Inhibitor (9)</b>	glyphosate-ipa, K, dma, (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Roundup, several generics - see page 71.	Extreme, Fallow Master, Landmaster BW, others.
<b>Glutamine Synthet-ase Inhibitor (10)</b>	glufosinate	Finale, Ignite, Rely.	-
<b>Bleaching: Phytoene Desaturase Inhibitor (PDS) (12)</b>	beflubutamid flurochloridone flurtamone	UBH-820. Racer. -	- - Nikyl.
<b>Bleaching: DOXP Synthase Inhib. (13)</b>	clomazone	Command	Command Xtra, Commence.
<b>PPO (Protox) Inhibitor (14)</b> Diphenylether  Imine N-phenylphthalimide  Oxadiazole Phenylpyrazole Pyrimidinedione Triazolinone	acifluorfen	Ultra Blazer.	Galaxy, Storm.
	fomesafen	Fomesafen, Flexstar, Reflex = Top Gun.	Flexstar GT 3.5, Prefix.
	lactofen	Cobra, Phoenix.	Stellar.
	oxyfluorfen	Goal.	-
	fluthiacet	Cadet.	-
	flumiclorac flumioxazin	Resource. Valor = Broadstar = Chateau = Encompass = Payload = Suregard.	- Fierce, Gangster, Diligent, Enlite. -
	oxadiargyl	Raft, Topstar.	-
	pyraflufen	ET, Vida.	-
	saflufenacil	Sharpen.	Op-Till, Verdict
	carfentrazone sulfentrazone	Aim = Quicksilver. Spartan = Blanket = Crossing = Portfolio.	Priority, Spartan Charge. Authority Assist/First=Sonic/MTZ, BroadAxe, Spartan Chrg
<b>Very Long Chain Fatty Acid Inhibitor (15)</b>  Acetamide  Isoxaline	acetochlor	Harness = Confidence. Surpass = Breakfree = Volley. Degree, TopNotch. Warrant.	Imperium, Breakfree ATZ Lite=Keystn LA=Volley ATZ Lite, SureStart=TripleFlex. Powerplay.
	alachlor dimethenamid-P metolachlor meto + safener S-metolachlor S-meto + safener	Alachlor, Intro, Lasso, others. Outlook = Commit = Establish = Propel. Dual 8E, Parallel PCS, Stalwart. Dual II, Me-Too-Lachlor, Parallel, Stalwart C. Dual Magnum, Brawl, Charger Max. Dual II Magnum, Brawl II, Cinch.	- Verdict, Commit/Propel ATZ Lite=Establish/G-Max Lite. Matador. Parallel Plus, Stalwart Xtra. Boundary, BroadAxe, Prefix, Sequence. Bicep Lite II Magnum, Brawl II ATZ, Camix, Charger Max ATZ Lite, Cinch ATZ Lite, Halex GT, Lumax.
	pyroxasulfone	Zidua (KIH-485).	Anthem, Fierce.
<b>Unknown (16)</b>	ethofumesate	Nortron = Ethofumesate = Ethotron.	BNB Plus = Progress.
<b>Auxin Inhibitor (19)</b>	diflufenzopyr	-	Status.
<b>Photosystem I Inhibitor (22)</b>	diquat	Reglone = Diquat E-Ag.	-
	paraquat	Firestorm, Gramoxone SL, Parazone.	-
<b>Unknown (26)</b>	quinclorac (grass)	Drive = Facet = Paramount.	-
<b>Bleaching: HPPD Inhibition(27) triketone</b>  Isoxazole Pyrazolone	mesotrione	Callisto = Tenacity.	Callisto Xtra, Camix, Halex GT, Lumax, Realm Q, Trigate.
	tembotrione	Laudis.	Capreno.
	isoxaflutole	Balance Flexx.	Corvus, Epic, Prequel, Radius.
	pyrasulfatole topramezone	- Impact.	Huskie/Complete, Wolverine. -
<b>Cellulose Inhib. (29)</b>	indaziflam	Alion	-

**Cold, Hard STEEL (30):** Plow, cultivator, rotary-hoe, etc.

Adapted from WSSA Herbicide Classification System For Resistant Weed Management. Weed Technol. 17:606-608.

**PESTICIDE COMBINATIONS:** The recommended sequence of addition of formulations for tank mixes is a) water, b) wettable powders or dry flowables plus agitation, c) liquid flowables, d) emulsifiable concentrates, and e) solutions. Compatibility testing as described in the herbicide + liquid fertilizer section can be used to determine if tank mixes of pesticides will form a uniform mixture in the spray tank. The effect of postemergence herbicides often is increased when applied to areas already treated with a preemergence or preplant herbicide. Combinations of certain herbicides may give better weed control than use of the individual herbicide alone. However, loss of weed control or increased crop damage may result from the use of certain other herbicides in combination. Herbicide combinations should be used with caution until experience or research has shown that the combination is effective and safe.

Sugarbeet injury is sometimes increased by applying herbicides plus other pesticides compared to the herbicides used alone or the other pesticides alone. Use of an oil adjuvant with some fungicides or insecticides may increase sugarbeet injury. Some herbicides require an oil adjuvant to be effective and combinations of herbicides plus oil plus another pesticide may cause excessive sugarbeet injury. For example, tin fungicides plus a grass control herbicide plus an oil adjuvant sometimes causes severe sugarbeet leaf burn with greater injury when application was made in high temperatures. The micro-rate (herbicides plus oil adjuvant) should not be applied in combination with tin fungicides or Quadris since severe sugarbeet injury is possible. Quadris should never be applied with an oil adjuvant. Lorsban in a spray solution acts like an oil adjuvant. Lorsban can be safely combined with the micro-rate or a grass herbicide plus oil but Lorsban should not be combined with conventional rates of Betanex\*, Betamix\*, Progress\* or Stinger\* since excessive sugarbeet injury may result. Efficacy data is not available on all herbicide-pesticide combinations so use combinations with caution until experience or research has shown them to be effective and safe.

Agricultural pesticides that are tank mixed are often registered for use as a mixture by the Environmental Protection Agency. Non-registered tank mixes may be applied if all pesticides in the mixture are registered by the Environmental Protection Agency on the crop being treated and is not prohibited by any of the products in the mixture. However, the user must assume liability for crop injury, inadequate weed control and illegal residues if the combination is not a labeled tank mixture.

#### **HERBICIDE-LIQUID FERTILIZER**

**COMBINATIONS:** Thorough mixing and continuous vigorous agitation are required to obtain an even application of herbicide-liquid fertilizer combinations.

Some herbicide-liquid fertilizer combinations will not form a uniform mixture even with thorough agitation. Compatibility of the herbicide in the liquid fertilizer should be tested before the herbicide is added to the tank. The compatibility test may be conducted by combining small quantities of the components being mixed in the same proportions used in the spray tank. Generally, mix 1 pint of fertilizer and 2 teaspoons of the liquid herbicide. For wettable powders, mix 2 teaspoons of powder with a small quantity of water to form slurry, and add the slurry to the fertilizer. Close the jar and shake well. Watch the mixture for several seconds and check again 30 minutes later. If the mixture does not separate, the combination is compatible. If the mixture separates or gets very thick or syrupy, do not combine for field application. Mixing ability may be improved by adding a compatibility agent such as Compex or Unite. Different batches of fertilizer may differ in their mixing properties so each should be tested separately.

#### **HERBICIDE-DRY FERTILIZER**

**COMBINATIONS:** Some preplant incorporated herbicides are registered for impregnation on dry bulk fertilizer. Ammonium sulfate, ammonium phosphate-sulfate, diammonium phosphate, potassium chloride, superphosphate, treble superphosphate, and urea are some of the approved fertilizer materials for impregnation. Impregnated fertilizer should be applied immediately and incorporated according to label instructions. Accurate spreader calibration and uniform fertilizer distribution are essential. Consult the herbicide label for minimum amounts of fertilizer per acre and for maximum amounts of herbicide per given weight of fertilizer. Ranges of 200 to 400 lb/A of dry bulk fertilizer are recommended to maintain uniformity of herbicide application.

**HERBICIDE CARRYOVER:** The persistence of phytotoxic levels of a herbicide for more than one year can be a problem with some of the herbicides used in North Dakota and Minnesota. Herbicide residues are most likely to occur following years with unusually low rainfall because chemical and microbial activity needed to degrade herbicides is limited in dry soil. Herbicides generally do not disappear from soil due to leaching. Therefore, the rate of herbicide degradation is similar with adequate rainfall or excessive rainfall. Crop damage from herbicide residues can be minimized by application of the lowest herbicide rate which will give good weed control, by using band rather than broadcast applications, and by moldboard plowing before planting the next crop. Moldboard plowing reduces phytotoxicity of some herbicides by diluting the herbicide residue in a large volume of soil and by providing untreated surface soil in which sugarbeet can germinate and begin growth.

\*Or generic equivalent.

Herbicide residues often can be detected by use of a bioassay for herbicide residue. A soil sample representative of the whole field must be obtained by sampling at many places to the depth of the tillage layer. A field which was only tilled shallowly after herbicide application the previous year should be sampled shallowly while a deep tilled field should be sampled as deep as the tillage tool was operated. Also, a sample of soil known to be free of herbicide residue must be obtained from near the treated field to serve as the untreated check. The samples should be dried and the clods broken so that the largest particles are no larger than a wheat kernel. Prepare at least two samples each of the untreated check soil and the test soil. Place the soil in pots or other containers with holes in the bottom for water drainage. The crop to be grown in the field should be used as one bioassay species. Preparing extra pots and testing a more susceptible species may be helpful in detecting residues. In each pot, plant 12 seeds of large-seeded crops like corn or soybeans, or 20 seeds of small-seeded crops like sugarbeet, cereals, or flax. Water the soil as needed for optimum germination and plant growth, but do not over-water. When the plants are about 2 inches tall, thin to about 6 large-seeded or 12 small-seeded uniform seedlings in each container. The containers should be placed in a warm place at about 70 to 75 F and in direct sunlight during the day. Observe the plants in the untreated check and test samples for 2 to 3 weeks after emergence. Some tangible measurements, such as plant height and leaf length, can be taken for evaluation, along with visual observation of abnormalities. Some herbicides, like atrazine\* and Sencor\*, have slow developing symptoms that appear after food reserves in the seed have been depleted so symptoms may not be apparent soon after emergence. The soil should be washed from the roots to observe root growth, especially for dinitroaniline herbicides such as Sonalan, Prowl\*, and Treflan\*. Window bioassays do not always provide accurate information on Glean\*, Ally\* or Classic\* carryover.

**Field Bioassay:** Using typical tillage, seeding practices and timings for the particular crop, plant strips of the desired crop variety across the field previously treated with the herbicide. Plant the strips perpendicular to the direction of application. The strips should also be located so that different field conditions are encountered, including differences in soil texture, pH, and drainage. If the crop does not show visible symptoms of injury, stand reduction, or yield reduction, the field can be seeded with the test crop in the growing season following the bioassay. If visible injury, stand reduction, or yield reduction occurs, the test crop should not be seeded, and the bioassay must be repeated the next growing season. Herbicide persistence into the next growing season restricts rotational crops. The following information explains degradation herbicide chemistries that are known to carryover.

### **General Rules for Herbicide Breakdown**

1. Herbicides are broken down in soil by microbial decomposition and chemical reactions like acid hydrolysis.
2. Soil microorganisms do not degrade herbicide molecules when herbicides are adsorbed to soil particles.
3. Greater herbicide adsorption to soil particles occurs in dry soils than in moist soils.
4. Acid hydrolysis affects primarily triazines and most sulfonylurea herbicides.
5. Chemical degradation of herbicides in soil is affected by soil pH. Acid hydrolysis nearly ceases at soil pH above 6.8.

### **Effect of pH on Herbicide Activity and Persistence**

Negative charges on soil particles and organic matter adsorb positive charged compounds or substances. Soil pH influences adsorption and availability of the following herbicides by determining the electrical charge of the herbicide chemistries: Imidazolinones, SU's, and Triazolopyrimidines (TPS).

Molecules become negatively (-) charged when a proton is removed or become positively (+) charged when a proton is added. Most herbicides become positively charged in acid (H+) pH conditions. Positively charged herbicide molecules are adsorbed to soil particles due to the attraction between (-) charges on soil particles and (+) charges on the herbicide molecule.

### **Breakdown of Imidazolinone (Imi) Herbicides: Assert, Plateau, Pursuit, Lightning, Raptor, and Scepter.**

In general, Imi herbicides leave a residue in soil for more than one year. Breakdown occurs by soil microbes rather than acid hydrolysis which are a chemical reaction. **Breakdown occurs more rapidly and herbicide activity increases as soil pH increases.** Rate of breakdown decreases in dry conditions.

Imi herbicides are:

1. Broken down by microbes – not broken down by hydrolysis.
2. Not degraded in anaerobic (waterlogged soil) conditions.
3. Not volatile nor photodegraded by sunlight.
4. Not leached beyond 12 inches.
5. Weakly bound to soil, but strongly bound to OM.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

6. Adsorbed more strongly as soil dries and through time. Sorption is reversible when soil becomes wet. Dry conditions through the year of application will cause Imi herbicide molecules to be adsorbed to soil OM and when adsorbed are NOT available for plant uptake and microbial degradation. Winter and spring precipitation reverses sorption and causes Imi molecules to be free for plant uptake and microbial breakdown. For sensitive crops like sugarbeet, the adsorption and desorption process may occur over several years causing crop injury from herbicide residues that become available each spring and summer.
7. Weakly adsorbed to soil at soil pH greater than 6.5.
8. Bound stronger to OM at soil pH below 6.5 and amount adsorption changes little from 6.5 to 8. At soil pH less than 6.5, small differences or reductions in pH (0.2 to 0.4 pH units) can **DOUBLE** amount adsorbed.

Soil pH is not uniform across fields and may fluctuate greatly. Soil pH may vary by one or even two pH units in a few feet. Crop injury from chemical residue may be expressed in high pH areas of the field. High soil pH can cause crop injury that does not fit a pattern and it can be used to explain injury situations that do not match sprayer application or misapplication.

At soil pH between 6.5 to 8, Imi herbicides are (-) charged molecules and are NOT adsorbed by OM that also has (-) charges. Therefore, molecules in a free state are available for plant uptake and microbial degradation.

In summary, Imi herbicide adsorption increases as OM matter increases and as soil pH decreases. All factors increasing microbial activity also increase Imi herbicide degradation (warm, moist soils). Degradation increases in soils with pH above 6.5 because herbicide molecules are not absorbed and are in a free state in soil solution for plant uptake and microbial breakdown.

#### **Breakdown of Sulfonylurea (SU) Herbicides:**

**Accent\*, Ally\*, Amber, Beacon, Classic\*, Escort, Glean\*, Maverick, Peak, and premixes containing active ingredients of the above herbicides: Basis, Basis Gold, Celebrity Plus, Exceed, Finesse, Rave, Spirit, Steadfast and Synchrony.**

**Short residual herbicides of Affinity\* BS/TM, Express\*, Harmony Extra\*, Harmony\* SG/XP, UpBeet are rapidly broken down by soil microbes**

In general, most SU herbicides leave residue in soil for more than one year and in some cases for several years. Breakdown occurs primarily by hydrolysis, a chemical reaction, rather than by soil microbes. Hydrolytic breakdown ceases at soil pH above 6.8. Rate of breakdown may decrease in dry conditions.

Exception: **Permit** (halosulfuron) and **Matrix** (rimsulfuron) are broken down faster by hydrolysis as pH increases above and below pH of 7.0. Herbicide breakdown is slowest in neutral soil pH of 7.0 for both herbicides.

Most SU herbicides are:

1. Neither volatile nor broken down by photodegradation.
2. Not leached.
3. Affected by soil pH. Water solubility greatly increases as pH increases.
4. Broken down primarily by acid hydrolysis. Microbial degradation is very slow with residual SU herbicides. Short residual SU herbicides (Affinity\* BS/TM, Express\*, Harmony\* SG/XP, and Harmony Extra\*) are rapidly broken down by microbes and hydrolysis.
5. Non-microbial hydrolysis for most residual SU herbicides ceases at soil pH above 6.8.
6. SU herbicides are more highly adsorbed to soil particles and OM at low soil pH.

SU herbicides are bound more tightly in the neutral form at low pH than in (-) charge form at high pH. SU herbicides are undissociated (neutral charge) in soil with pH less than 7.0. As soil pH increases above 7.0 more molecules will be (-) charged. The (-) charged molecules are in a free form and do not bind with (-) charged soil particles. In a free form they are available for plant uptake.

**However, even at low pH ranges, SU herbicides are so biologically active at low concentrations that plant response may still occur.**

SU herbicides carry over more in high pH soils (above 6.8) because acid hydrolysis ceases at pH levels above 6.8. Hydrolysis is a chemical reaction that takes place in the soil and is minimally affected by soil moisture, organic matter, soil texture, soil microbes, and soil compaction or aeration. Hydrolysis is affected by soil temperature and soil pH. As temperature increases, the chemical reaction (hydrolysis) increases at an exponential rate rather than a linear rate. Also, hydrolysis sharply increases at soil pH below 6.8.

Soil pH is not uniform across fields and may fluctuate greatly. Soil pH may vary by one or even two pH units in a few feet. Crop injury from chemical residue may be expressed in high pH areas of the field. High soil pH can cause crop injury situations that do not match sprayer application or misapplication.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

### **Breakdown of TPS Herbicides:**

**FirstRate and Python and premixes containing the active ingredients in above herbicides: Authority First, Gangster, Hornet, Sonic, SureStart, and TripleFLEX.**

In general, TPS herbicides leave a residue in soil for more than one year. Breakdown occurs by soil microbes rather than acid hydrolysis which are a chemical reaction. Breakdown occurs more rapid and herbicide activity increases as soil pH increases. Rate of breakdown decreases in dry conditions.

TPS herbicides are:

1. Degraded by microbes
2. Not Volatile, nor broken down by **hydrolysis**.
3. Adsorbed more tightly to OM than clay
4. Adsorbed more in low pH and less in high pH soils.
5. Lower in activity in low pH, more actively in high pH soils.

Soil pH below 7.0 increases binding to OM because more molecules are NOT (-) charged. As soil pH increases beyond 7.0, more molecules are (-) charged, as a result, fewer molecules will be bound to OM and free molecules are available for plant uptake and microbial degradation.

In summary, adsorption of TPS molecules increases as soil pH decreases. Activity and degradation of TPS herbicides increase as soil pH increases. Degradation increases in soils with high pH because herbicide molecules are not adsorbed and are in a free state in the soil solution and available for plant uptake and microbial breakdown. All factors that increase microbial activity also increase TPS herbicide degradation (warm, moist soils).

### **Breakdown of Triazine Herbicides:**

**Atrazine, Sencor, and Princep and all premixes containing the active ingredients list above.**

In general, triazines leave a residue in soil for more than one year and in some cases for several years. Breakdown occurs primarily by hydrolysis, a chemical reaction, rather than by soil microbes. Hydrolytic breakdown slows at soil pH above 6.8. Rate of breakdown may decrease in dry conditions.

Triazine herbicides are:

1. More active and persistent in high pH soils.
2. Not volatile, but broken down by photodegradation only when herbicide remains on soil surface for extended periods
3. Broken down slowly by microbial degradation.
4. Broken down primarily by hydrolysis
5. Hydrolysis ceases at soil pH above 7.5.

Triazines are broken down mainly through hydrolysis, which is a chemical reaction in the soil and is affected little by soil moisture content. Hydrolysis is affected more by soil pH than other factors. Hydrolysis is reduced in high soil pH. An exception is Bladex (cyanazine). Cyanazine contains a nitrile group C-N which is especially prone to microbial deactivation and allows more rapid breakdown than atrazine.

More triazine herbicides molecules are (+) charged at soil pH less than 7.5. Positive charged triazine molecules bind to (-) charges on soil and OM making them unavailable for plant uptake and microbial breakdown. At low soil pH, more herbicide molecules are adsorbed on the soil particles and not available for plant uptake. This is why pH sensitive herbicides like atrazine and Sencor can be used with less risk of crop injury in low pH soils. However, as pH fluctuates across the field, herbicide availability may radically fluctuate. Applying one rate across an entire field may result in variability in crop tolerance and weed control in various soil pH levels. Also, more molecules will be bound to soil and OM in dry conditions. As soil wets, triazine molecules will move into soil solution as water displaces triazine molecules.

At high soil pH the opposite reaction occurs. At soil pH greater than 7.5, triazine herbicide molecules donate protons (H\*) ( $H + OH = H_2O = \text{water}$ ). At pH greater than 7.5, more triazine molecules have a net neutral charge. More neutral triazine molecules do not bind to soil particles and OM and are free for plant uptake and microbial decomposition.

The persistence of phytotoxic levels of a herbicide for more than 1 year can be a problem with some herbicides used. Herbicide residues are most likely to occur following years with low rainfall because chemical and microbial activity needed to degrade herbicides are limited in dry soil. Crop damage from herbicide residues can be minimized by applying the lowest herbicide rate required for good weed control, by using band rather than broadcast applications, and by moldboard plowing before planting the next crop. Moldboard plowing reduces phytotoxicity of some herbicides by diluting the herbicide residue in a large volume of soil. Moldboard plowing is effective in reducing the residual effects of Treflan\*, Sonalan, Prowl\*, Nortron\*, atrazine\*, and Sencor\*.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

**Table 2. Crop Rotation Restrictions for North Dakota**

Herbicide	Alf- alfa	Bar- ley	Can- ola	Corn	Cra- mbe	CRP grss	Dry bean	Field pea	Flax	Oat	Edibl Leg. <sup>1</sup>	Pot- ato	Saff- lowr	Soy- bean	Sgr- beet	Sun- flwr	HRS/ Drm
	----- (months after application) -----																
<b>Herbicides that allow most crops to be planted the year following application:</b> 2,4-D, 2,4-DB*, Affinity*, Aim, Avenge, Axial XL, Basagran*, Betamix*, Buctril*, Cadet, Cobra, Discover, diquat*, Dual*, Ignite, Eptam*, Express*, FirstStep, GoldSky, Harmony*, Harness*, IntRRo*, linuron*, MCPA, Option, Orion, Outlook*, paraquat*, POST grass herbicides, PowerFlex, Resource, Rezult, Ro-Neet, Roundup*, Sequence, Sharpen, Starane/Flex, Status, Supremacy, Surpass*, Thistrol, Ultra Blazer, UpBeet, Verdict (v), Vida, Warrant.																	
<b>DO NOT USE IN ND = Beacon, Exceed, NorthStar, Scepter, Spirit, Steel.</b>																	
Accent*( $<0.68$ oz DF/A)	10j	8	18	0	18	18	10j	10j	18	8	10	18j	18	0.5	18a	10j	8
Ally* (c)	34d	10	34d	34e	34d	6	34e	34d	34e	10	34d	34d	34e	34d	34d	34e	1/10
Ally Extra* (0.2 oz) (e)	22	10	22	22	22	6	22	22	22	10	22	22	22	22	22b	22	1/10
<b>Amber</b>	4b	18c	B	22b	B	B	B	B	B	18c	B	B	B	36b	B	24b	0
<b>Assert</b>	15	NCS	12/15f	NCS	12/15	4	NCS	15	15	15	15	15	NCS	NCS	20	NCS	NCS
atrazine* (0.38 lb ai)	NCS	NCS	NCS	0	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	12	NCSb	NCS	NCS
atrazine* (0.38-0.5 lb ai)	2CS	NCS	2CS	0	2CS	2CS	2CS	2CS	NCS	2CS	2CS	NCS	2CS	12	2CSb	2CS	2CS
atrazine* (0.5-1 lb ai)	2CS	2CS	2CS	0	2CS	2CS	2CS	2CS	2CS	2CS	2CS	2CS	2CS	12	2CSb	2CS	2CS
<b>Authority Assist</b>	12	9.5	40b	10	40b	12	4	4	26	18	4/12 <sup>1</sup>	26	18	0	40b	18	4
<b>Authority First/Sonic</b>	12	12	24	10	30b	30b	12	12	30b	12	12	18	30b	0	30b	30b	4
<b>Authority MTZ</b>	12	4	24	10	18	12	12	18	18	18	18	12	18	0	36	12	4
<b>Axial TBC</b>	9	0.5	9	4	12	12	9	9	9	0.5	9	9	9	9	9	9	0.5
<b>Balance Flexx (j)</b>	10	6	18	0	18	18	18	18	18	6	18	6	6	6	18	10	6
Banvel* ( $<1.5$ pt) (h)	4	4h	4	0h	4h	4	4	4	4	4h	4	4	4	4	4	4	0h
<b>Beyond</b>	9	18t	18	8.5	18	9	0	9	18	9	9	18t	18	0	18t	9	3
<b>Boundary</b>	4.5	8	12	8	12	12	12	8	12	12	12	0	12	0	18	12	8
<b>BroadAxe</b>	12	4	24	10	24	12	0	0	10	12	0/12 <sup>1</sup>	12	10	0	24b	0	4
<b>Capreno<sup>i</sup></b>	18	10	18	0	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	10	18	18	4
<b>Callisto</b>	10	4	NCS	0	18	18	18	18	10	4	18	10	18	10	18	10	4
<b>Callisto Xtra</b>	NCS	NCS	NCS	0	18	18	18	18	NCS	18	18	NCS	18	NCS	18	NCS	NCS
<b>Camix</b>	18	4.5	18	0	18	18	18	18	18	NCS	18	NCS	18	NCS	18	18	NCS
<b>ClearMax</b>	9	18t	18	8.5	18	9	0	9	18	9	9	18t	18	0	18t	9	3
Curtail* / M*	10.5m	1	5	1	5	1	10.5m	18	5	1	18	18	10.5m	10.5m	5	10.5m	1
<b>Everest 2.0</b>	NCS	9	9	NCS	NCS	NCS	9	11	9	18	24	9	9	9	9	9	0/4
<b>Extreme</b>	4	9.5	40b	8.5	40b	4	4	4	26	18	4	26	18	0	40b	18	4
<b>Far-Go</b>	NCS	0	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	18	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	0
<b>Fierce</b>	18	18	18	0.25	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	0	18	18	1
<b>FirstRate</b>	9	30b	30b	9	B	9	9	9	30b	9	9	18	B	0	30b	30b	3
<b>Flexstar / GT 3.5</b>	18	4	18	10	18	18	0	10	18	4	18	18	18	0	18	18	4
<b>Gangster</b>	12	B	B	9	B	9	9	9	9	9	9	18	B	0	30b	30b	3
Glean*	B	16	B	B	B	4	B	B	B	10	B	B	B	B	B	B	0
<b>GoldSky</b>	9	0.25	9	9	9	B	9	9	9	0.25	9	9	9	4	9	9	0.25
<b>Halex GT</b>	10	4	10	0	18	18	18	18	10	4	18	10	18	10	18	10	4
Harness*	9	NCS	NCS	0	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	4
<b>Hornet</b>	10.5m	4	26b	0	B	12	10.5m	10.5m	26b	4	10.5m	18	B	10.5m	26b	18	4
<b>Huskie / Complete</b>	9	0.25	9	9	9	B	9	9	9	0.25	9/18 <sup>1</sup>	9	9	4	9	9	0.25
<b>Ignite 280</b>	6	2.33	0	0	2.33	2.33	6	6	6	2.33	6	2.33	6	0	0	6	2.33
<b>Impact</b>	9	3	9	0	18	18	18n	9	9	3	18	9	18	9	18	9	3
<b>Laudis</b>	10	4	10	0	18	18	10g	10	18	4	18	10	18	8	10g	18	4
<b>Lightning</b>	9.5	9.5	40b	8.5	40b	40	9.5	9.5	40b	18	9.5	26	18	9.5	40b	18b	4



<b>Lumax (&lt;3 pt/A)</b>	18	4.5	18	0	18	18	18	18	18	18	NCS	18	18	18	NCS	18	18	NCS
<b>Matrix*</b>	12	9/18p	18	0	18	18	10	18	18	18	9	18	0	18	4	18	10	9
<b>Maverick</b>	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	0

Herbicide	Alf- alfa	Bar- ley	Can- ola	Corn	Cra- mbe	CRP grss	Dry bean	Field pea	Flax	Oat	Edibl Leg. <sup>1</sup>	Pot- ato	Saff lowr	Soy- bean	Sgr- beet	Sun- flwr	HRS/ Durm
	----- (months after application) -----																
<b>Milestone (b)</b>	36b	B	24b	12b	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
<b>Nortron</b>	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	0	12	12
<b>Olympus</b>	B	B	B	22k	B	B	B	12k	B	24	22k	B	B	B	B	B	0
<b>Osprey</b>	10	1	10	12	10	10	3	3	10	10	10/3	10	10	3	10	1	0.25
<b>Paramount</b>	24b	10	10	10	10	10	24b	24b	24b	10	24b	24b	24b	10	24b	10	0
<b>Permit / Sandea</b>	9	2	15	1	B	2	9	9	B	2	9	9	B	9	36	18	2
<b>Plateau</b>	36	24	48b	36	36	0	36	36	36	24	36	48b	36	18	48b	36	12
<b>PowerFlex</b>	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	5	9	9	1
<b>PrePare</b>	NCS	9	9	NCS	NCS	NCS	9	11	9	18	24	9	9	9	9	9	0/4
<b>Prequel</b>	10j	9	18	0	18	18	18j	18	18	9	18	6	18	10	18j	18	9
<b>Prowl EC / H2O</b>	NCS	NCS	NCS	0s	NCS	NCS	0	0	NCS	NCS	0	0	NCS	0	2CS	0	NCS
<b>Pulsar</b>	9	0.67	9	0	12	12	9	9	9	0.67	9	9	9	9	9	9	0.67
<b>Pursuit</b>	4	9.5	40b	8.5	40b	4	4	4	26	18	4	26	18	0	40b	18	4
<b>Python</b>	4	4	26b	0	26b	12	4	4	26b	4	4	12	26b	0	26b	18	4
<b>Raptor / Beyond</b>	9	18t	18	8.5	18	9	0	9	18	9	9	18t	18	0	18t	9	3
<b>Raze</b>	NCS	9	9	NCS	NCS	NCS	9	11	9	18	24	9	9	9	9	9	0/4
<b>Reflex</b>	18	4	18	10	18	18	0	10	18	4	18	18	18	0	18	18	4
<b>Require Q</b>	10j	9	10j	0	18	18	10	18	18	9	18	0	18	10	10j	10	9
<b>Resolve*(&lt;1.1 oz DF/A)</b>	10j	9	10j	0	18	18	10	18	18	9	18	0	18	10	10j	10	9
<b>Resolve Q</b>	18j	9	18j	0	18	18	10	10	10	9	18	0	18	10	18j	10	9
<b>Rimfire Max</b>	10	10	10	10	12	12	10	10	10	10	10	12	10	10	10	10	0
<b>Sencor* (u)</b>	4	8u	12	4	12	4	12	8	12	12	8	4	12	4	18	12	8u
<b>Sharpen (1 fl oz) (v)</b>	4	0	4	0	4	4	4	0	4	0	0/1	4	4	0-1	4	4	0
<b>Sharpen (2 fl oz) (v)</b>	5	0	5	0	5	5	5	1	5	0	0/2	5	5	1-2	5	5	0
<b>Sharpen (3 fl oz) (v)</b>	6	0	6	0	6	6	6	3	6	0	2/3	6	6	2-3	6	6	0
<b>Sonalan</b>	NCS	NCS	0	NCS	0	13w	0	0	NCS	NCS	0	NCS	NCS	0	2CS	0	NCS
<b>Spartan / Charge</b>	12	4	24	10	24	12	0	0	10	12	0/12 <sup>1</sup>	12	10	0	24b	0	4
<b>Starane Flex</b>	9	0	9	3	9	0	9	9	9	0	9	9	9	9	9	9	0
<b>Status (h)</b>	4	4	4	0.25	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1
<b>Steadfast (&lt;0.76 oz/A)</b>	10j	8	18	0	18	18	10j	10j	18	8	10j	18j	18	0.5	18a	10j	8
<b>Stinger*</b>	10.5	0	0	0	0	0	10.5m	18	0	0	18	18	10.5m	10.5m	0	10.5m	0
<b>SureStart / TripleFlex</b>	18	NCS	26b	0	26b	26b	12/18	NCS	26b	NCS	NCS	18	26b	NCS	26b	18	4
<b>Surpass*</b>	9	NCS	NCS	0	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	NCS	4
<b>Tordon (1.5 oz)</b>	2CS	NCS	2CS	2CSx	2CS	1	2CS	2CS	NCS	NCS	2CS	2CS	2CS	2CS	2CS	2CS	NCS
<b>Treflan* (y)</b>	0	NCS	0	NCS	0	18/21	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	2CS	0	NCS
<b>Valor / Chateau</b>	See page 6																
<b>WideMatch*</b>	10.5	0	4	0	4	0	10.5	10.5z	4	0	18	18	10.5	10.5	0	10.5	0
<b>Wolverine</b>	9	0.25	9	9	9	B	9	9	9	0.25	9/18 <sup>1</sup>	9	9	4	9	9	0.25

\*Or generic equivalent.

<sup>1</sup> Edible legumes = chickpea (garbanzo bean) / lentil.

NCS = Next cropping season after herbicide application.

2CS = Second cropping season after herbicide application.

MAA = months after application.

**Field Bioassay Instructions** - Refer to label or paragraph Y6 in the narrative section.

- a** Soil pH <7.5 = 11 MAA for sunflower. Soil pH >7.5 = 18 MAA for sunflower. Soil pH <6.5 = 10 MAA for sugarbeet and all crops not listed. Soil pH >6.5 = 18 MAA for sugarbeet, potato, and all crops not listed + cumulative precipitation in 18 MAA period > 28 inches.
- B or b** = Bioassay. Do not plant until field bioassay indicates it is safe. Crop rotation after atrazine\* is rate and soil pH dependent. Python, Hornet, and SureStart = 26 month rotation + successful field bioassay.  
FirstRate = 30 month rotation + successful field bioassay. Lightning and Pursuit = 40 month rotation + successful field bioassay.
- c** Do not use on soil with pH greater than 7.9. Barley and oat can be planted 6 months after application west of highway 83.
- d** Requires soil pH of 7.9 or less and a 34 month minimum rotation interval and 28 inches of cumulative precipitation.
- e** Requires soil pH of 7.9 or less, 22 months and 22 inches of precipitation west of Hwy 1 or 34 months and 34 inches of precipitation east of Hwy 1. These restrictions apply to Ally Extra\* at rates greater than 0.2 oz DF/A.
- f** Clearfield (imidazolinone resistant) canola varieties may be planted the season after application.  
Conventional canola varieties may be planted the following season after application at 1 pt/A in ND counties of Cavalier, Pembina, Ramsey, Rolette, Towner, and Walsh and MN counties of Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake, and Roseau.
- g** Cumulative precipitation between application and planting of dry beans and sugarbeet is 20 inches. 10 MAA rotation interval applies to all dry bean types except red kidney and cranberry (18 MAA). Thorough tillage must precede planting of sugarbeet.
- h** Any rotational crop may be planted 120 days following application of Banvel\* at 1.5 pt/A or less, excluding days when ground is frozen. For all crops and rates greater than 1.5 pt/A allow 45 days per 1 pt/A of Banvel\* used excluding days when ground is frozen.
- i** Crops with a 10 month rotation restriction require 15 inches of cumulative precipitation after application. Crops with an 18 month rotation restriction require 30 inches of cumulative precipitation after application. Soil at 7.5 pH or above requires crop rotation to be delayed from 10 months to 18 months and from 18 months to 24 months.
- j** Requires 15 inches of cumulative precipitation during the growing season following application. An 18 month restriction applies to Accent\*, Resolve\*, Prequel, and Steadfast applied above rates indicated or if drought follows application. Refer to label for crop rotation restrictions if rates greater than those indicated are used.
- k** Requires 24 inches of accumulated precipitation.
- m** Do not plant dry bean, dry pea, soybean or sunflower for 18 months on soil with less than 2% OM and rainfall less than 15 inches during the 12 MAA OR may be planted 12 MAA if risk of injury is acceptable. Perform a field bioassay prior to planting for areas that receive less than 15 inches of rainfall and have less than 2% OM. Do not plant lentil, potato or any other broadleaf crop grown for seed for 18 months unless risk of injury is acceptable.
- n** Dry bean can be planted after 9 months at Impact rates of 0.5 fl oz/A or less.
- p** Barley can be planted 9 months after application in Cass, Grand Forks, Pembina, Towner, Trail, and Walsh counties of ND. In all other counties of ND allow an 18 month rotation restriction before planting barley.
- s** Corn can be planted only if Prowl\*/H20 are applied PRE. DO NOT APPLY PPI.
- t** Rotation to barley is: 9 months east of Hwy 83 and 18 months west of Hwy 83.  
Rotation to potato is: 9 months: soil pH >6.2 and rainfall is >18 inches/year or 18 months: soil pH <6.2 and rainfall is <18 inches/year  
Rotation to sugarbeet: 18 months: soil pH >6.2 or 26 months if soil pH is less than 6.2.
- u** Must add 2 months if soil pH is 7.5 or above. Wheat and barley can be planted 4 MAA following lentil or soybean.
- v** Do not include time when soil is frozen. Sunflower and safflower are the most sensitive crops.  
For Verdict: Fall seeded cereals can be planted 4 months after application. All crops can be planted the spring following application.
- w** CRP grasses may be planted 13 MAA under the following conditions:  
1. By label this is deemed as a non-standard rotation.  
2. Dow assumes no liability for injury.  
3. Fall is recommended as the best time to plant CRP grasses.  
4. A field bioassay is recommended prior to planting CRP grasses.
- x** Do not plant corn or sorghum until soil samples analyzed for Tordon residue indicates no detectable levels present. Restriction is based on non-legal herbicide residue that may be found in corn and sorghum and not on crop safety.
- y** Oats, sorghum, and annual or perennial grass crops may be planted at least 12 MAA in areas that received 20 inches or more of precipitation during the growing season. CRP grasses may be planted 18 MAA if Treflan\* is spring-applied or 21 MAA if fall-applied.
- z** For rotation to field pea in 10.5 months, precipitation must be greater than 7 inches during the 10.5 months following application and greater than 5.5 inches of precipitation from June 1 to August 31 following application. Otherwise allow 18 months.

*\*Or generic equivalent.*

## **PREEMERGENCE CONTACT OR TILLAGE SUBSTITUTION HERBICIDES**

Roundup\* is applied postemergence to annual weeds but before conventional sugarbeet emergence for weed control at 0.75 to 1.5 lb ae/A. Roundup\* must be used in combination with a nonionic surfactant of at least 50% active ingredient at 0.25 to 1% v/v. Addition of ammonium sulfate at 8.5 to 17 lb/100 gallons of spray solution will improve the consistency of weed control with Roundup\*, especially when weeds are under environmental stress. Add ammonium sulfate to the water slowly and wait until it is completely dissolved before adding glyphosate or surfactant. Roundup\* at 0.56 lb ae/A controls foxtail spp., volunteer small grain, wild oats and downy brome when applied to plants less than 4 inches tall. The 0.56 lb ae/A rate will not control wild buckwheat, Russian thistle, or kochia. Roundup\* should be used at 0.75 lb ae/A for control of winter wheat or winter rye seeded as a cover crop. Use the higher rate on larger weeds, more resistant weeds, or if the plants are under moisture stress. When low rates of Roundup\* are used, apply in 3 to 10 gallons of water per acre by ground or in 3 to 5 gpa by air. Delay tillage for at least 3 days after treatment. Apply Roundup\* at 0.75 lb ae/A when quackgrass is at least 8 inches tall (3 to 4 leaf stage) and actively growing. Apply Roundup\* at 1.125 to 2.0 lb ae/A when Canada thistle is actively growing and at or before the bud stage. Fall treatment of Canada thistle and quackgrass can be done after a light frost, but plants should be at least 5 inches tall. Do not till until 3 or more days after treatment. Roundup\* can be used in the spring before or after planting but before emergence of barley, corn, oats, soybeans, dry beans, forages, potatoes, sugarbeet, wheat, and sorghum (milo), or in the fall when these crops will be planted the next growing season.

Generic paraquat\* products at 1.35 to 2.7 pt/A or Gramoxone Inteon at 2 to 4pt/A, nonselective contact herbicides, can be used alone or in combination with a residual herbicide as a substitute for tillage. They may be applied before or after planting but before crop emergence. Apply in 5 to 10 gallons per acre of water by air or in 20 to 40 gallons per acre of water by ground. Add nonionic surfactant to the spray solution at 0.25 % v/v. Paraquat\* is corrosive to exposed aluminum spray equipment and aircraft structures so rinse equipment immediately after use. Paraquat\* is toxic so avoid contact with the skin. Small amounts could be fatal if swallowed. Paraquat\* is a restricted use herbicide.

Ignite 280 may also be applied prior to emergence of sugarbeet for control of most grass and broadleaf weed species. Apply Ignite 280 at 29 to 36 fl oz/A plus ammonium sulfate at 3 lbs/A. For maximum weed control apply Ignite in a minimum spray volume of 15 GPA, although 20 to 40 GPA is best.

## **PREEMERGENCE (PRE) SOIL APPLIED AND PREPLANT INCORPORATED (PPI) HERBICIDES**

Good weed control with preemergence herbicides depends on many factors including rainfall after application, soil moisture, soil temperature, soil type, and weed species. For these reasons, preemergence herbicides applied to the soil surface sometimes fail to give satisfactory weed control. Herbicides which are incorporated into the soil usually require less rainfall after application for effective weed control than unincorporated herbicides. Weeds emerging through a preemergence herbicide treatment may be controlled by rotary hoeing or harrowing without reducing the effect of the herbicide unless the harrow or rotary hoe removes the herbicide from a treated band.

The reasons for using a PRE or PPI herbicide in sugarbeet include the following:

- 1) To reduce early season weed competition.
- 2) To make postemergence herbicides more effective by increasing weed susceptibility and by reducing the total weed population.
- 3) To provide weed control if unfavorable weather prevents timely cultivations or postemergence herbicide applications.
- 4) To provide a herbicide residual in soil to control late germinating weeds.
- 5) A PRE or PPI herbicide followed by postemergence herbicides often will improve weed control, especially kochia, compared to PRE or PPI herbicides alone or postemergence herbicides alone.

**INCORPORATION OF HERBICIDES:** Many herbicides applied before crop and weed emergence need to be incorporated to give optimum weed control. Included in this group are Far-Go, Ro-Neet SB and Eptam. Weed control from Nortron\* generally is improved by incorporation. Far-Go, Ro-Neet SB and Eptam should be incorporated immediately after application regardless of whether the liquid or granular formulation is used. Nortron\* may be used preemergence but incorporation usually improves weed control, especially on fine-textured soils or with limited rainfall after application. Incorporation may reduce weed control if heavy rains follow application and incorporation may increase sugarbeet injury compared to surface application. Experience indicates that lack of rainfall is more common than excess rainfall following planting.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

An estimate of the efficiency of an incorporating tool can be obtained by operating the tool through flour or lime which has been spread thickly over the soil. A thorough incorporation should cover most of the flour or lime and give uniform mixing through the soil.

Several tillage tools have been used successfully for the incorporation of herbicides. Some herbicides require more thorough incorporation than others and the incorporation method should be matched to the herbicide. Far-Go, Ro-Neet SB and Eptam require a thorough incorporation and should be incorporated by one of the following methods or a method which will incorporate similarly.

a) A tandem disk should be set at a depth of 4 to 6 inches for Eptam or Ro-Neet SB, a disk is not recommended for Far-Go incorporation. Operating speed should be 4 to 6 mph. Tandem disks with disk blades spaced 8 inches or less and disk blade diameter of 20 inches or less have given good herbicide incorporation. Larger disks often give streaked incorporation and poor weed control.

b.) Field cultivators of various types may be used. These should have overlapping sweep shovels with at least three rows of gangs and the operating depth should be 4 to 6 inches for Eptam and Ro-Neet SB or 3 to 4 inches for Far-Go. A harrow should follow the field cultivator. The operating speed necessary to achieve a satisfactory incorporation will vary somewhat depending on the type of field cultivator but the speed usually will be 6 to 8 mph.

c) Field cultivators with Danish tines plus rolling crumblers behind have given good herbicide incorporation. These tools should be operated 4 inches deep and at 7 to 8 mph or faster. Adequate incorporation with one pass may be possible with these tools if soil conditions are ideal for herbicide incorporation. However, a second incorporation may be good insurance against poor weed control.

d) Power driven rototiller-type equipment will give adequate incorporation when set to operate at a depth of 2 to 4 inches at the manufacturer's recommended ground speed.

A single incorporation with a power driven rototiller is sufficient for Far-Go, Ro-Neet or Eptam. However, a second tillage at right angles to the initial incorporation should be done if the disk or field cultivator is used. The second incorporation has two purposes: a) Most of the herbicide left on the surface after the first incorporation will be mixed into the soil with the second tillage, and b) the second tillage will give more uniform distribution of the herbicide in the soil which will improve weed control and may reduce crop injury. Nortron\* does not require

deep incorporation. A tillage tool operating at a minimum depth of 2 inches will give adequate incorporation if the tool mixes the herbicide uniformly through the soil.

<u>Incorporation soil-applied herbicides</u>	<u>Herbicide treatment</u>
Deep incorporation Required. Tillage tool	Eptam, Ro-Neet Eptam + Nortron
Shallow incorporation Required. Tillage tool 2 inches deep.	Ro-Neet + Nortron
Shallow incorporation usually improves weed control compared to no incorporation.	Nortron.
<u>Relative safety to sugarbeet of soil-applied herbicides</u>	<u>Herbicide treatment</u>
Low risk of injury.	Ro-Neet, Nortron*, Fall Eptam, Eptam + Ro-Neet, Pyramin, Far-Go
Moderate risk of injury	Ro-Neet + Nortron*
High organic matter, high Clay content soils only.	Spring Eptam + Nortron*

*\*Or generic equivalent*

**THE SOIL ORGANIC MATTER TEST:** Certain herbicides are partially adsorbed and inactivated by soil organic matter, so knowledge of the organic matter level will serve as a guide in selecting an effective herbicide and an effective herbicide rate. Herbicides such as Ro-Neet SB, Eptam, and Nortron\* require higher rates to give good weed control in high organic matter soils. On the other hand, crop safety may be marginal on low organic matter soils. Herbicides also are adsorbed to the clay fraction in a soil, so clay content affects herbicide performance more than clay content. However, organic matter level generally Sugarbeet has marginal tolerance to Eptam so the rate must be adjusted on various soils to give good weed control without crop injury. The following discussion on selecting an Eptam rate only gives guidelines. Other factors such as method of incorporation also affect Eptam performance (immediate and thorough incorporation gives best weed control). Rates must be adapted for individual conditions. The suggested spring-applied Eptam rate is 2 to 3 lb/A. The 3 lb/A rate should give good weed control without crop injury on a soil with a silty clay texture and more than 5% organic matter. The minimum rate of 2 lb/A may injure sugarbeet on a sandy loam or coarser-textured soil with less than 3% organic matter. The Eptam rate should be adjusted within the 2 to 3 lb/A range when the soil is intermediate between the two extremes. Eptam at 2.5 lb/A should give good weed control and little crop injury on clay loams or finer-textured soils with more than 4% organic matter.

**FALL APPLICATION OF HERBICIDES:** Certain herbicides may be applied in the fall for weed control the following spring. Included in this group are Far-Go, Eptam, and Ro-Neet SB. Fall treatments should be applied after October 15 and until soil freeze-up. Application of herbicide treatments after October 15 when soil temperature has cooled minimizes herbicide loss by volatilization. Applications made more than 3 weeks before soil freeze-up can result in poor weed control. Both granular and liquid formulations of the herbicides are registered for use in the fall. Fall applications of granular formulations generally have performed more effectively than the liquid formulations, especially under heavy crop residue or cloddy situations.

The use of fall herbicides a) eliminates the need for deep spring tillage thus improving the seedbed, b) may give less sugarbeet injury than spring herbicides and c) allows planting in the spring with no delay for herbicide application. On the negative side, fall herbicides a) may increase soil erosion over winter, b) give more variable broadleaf weed control than when spring applied, c) may require a higher rate and thus cost more than spring herbicides, and d) limit crop choice in the spring.

EPTAM (EPTC) preplant incorporated in the spring at 2 to 3 lb ai/A or fall applied at 4 to 4.5 lb/A gives good control of annual grasses and certain broadleaf weeds. Eptam sometimes causes sugarbeet stand reduction and temporary stunting.

However, no yield reduction will result if enough sugarbeet remain to obtain an adequate plant population after thinning. Eptam should be used with extreme caution on sugarbeet grown in loam or coarser-textured soils with 3% or less organic matter because predicting a safe Eptam rate is difficult on such soils. See previous sections on soil organic matter test, fall application of herbicides and herbicide incorporation for more details.

RO-NEET SB (cycloate) spring applied at 3 to 4 lb ai/A or fall applied at 4 lb/A gives weed control similar to Eptam. Eptam tends to give better weed control than Ro-Neet SB on fine-textured, high organic matter soils or under relatively dry conditions while Ro-Neet SB gives better control than Eptam when spring rainfall is adequate to excessive. Ro-Neet SB causes less sugarbeet injury than Eptam and is safer for use on more coarse textured, low organic matter soils. Ro-Neet SB should be incorporated immediately and thoroughly the same as Eptam.

EPTAM + RO-NEET SB have less potential for sugarbeet injury than Eptam alone and are less expensive per acre than Ro-Neet SB alone. The rate of application of the mixture must be adjusted for soil texture and organic matter.

Suggested fall applied rates are; Ro-Neet SB alone at 4 lb/A on soils with less than 3 percent organic matter, Eptam + Ro-Neet SB at 1 + 3 lb/A on loam or coarser soils with 3 percent organic matter, 1.5 + 2.5 lb/A on loam to clay loam soils with 3 to 4 percent organic matter, 2 + 2 lb/A on clay loam soils with 3.5 to 4.5 percent organic matter, and 2.5 + 2.5 lb/A on clay or clay loam soils with over 4.5 percent organic matter. Suggested spring applied rates are; Ro-Neet SB alone at 3 lb/A on loam or coarser soils with 3 percent or less organic matter. Eptam + Ro-Neet SB at 1 + 2.5 lb/A on loam or coarser soils with 3 to 3.5 percent organic matter, 1.5 + 2.5 lb/A on loam to clay loam soils with 3.5 to 4.5 percent organic matter, and 2 + 2 lb/A on clay loam or finer soils with 4 percent or more organic matter. These rates may need to be adjusted on certain fields or with certain incorporation tools based on individual experience. Eptam, Ro-Neet SB or Eptam + Ro-Neet SB require immediate incorporation for best weed control.

FAR-GO (triallate) spring or fall applied at 1.5 pt/A or 15 lb 10G/A controls wild oat with excellent safety on sugarbeet. Far-

Go should be incorporated immediately after application with a tillage tool set 3 to 4 inches deep. Deep and thorough incorporation generally will provide the best wild oat control. A second incorporation will often improve wild oat control and a three-day or longer delay between the first and second incorporation may further improve control.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

A single incorporation in the fall followed by spring seedbed preparations is sufficient for fall applied Far-Go.

Far-Go should be applied in the fall when temperatures are consistently below 50 F. This generally snow cover or until the soil is frozen too hard for occurs after October 15. Far-Go may be applied until incorporation. Far-Go will control wild oat that has developed resistance to ACCase inhibitor postemergence herbicides for grass control.

NORTRON\* (ethofumesate) at 2 to 3.75 qt/A gives good control of several broadleaf and grassy weeds. Nortron\* is especially effective on redroot pigweed and waterhemp but is weak on yellow foxtail. Nortron\* is the best available herbicide for control of UpBeet-resistant kochia. Nortron\* generally gives less sugarbeet injury than Eptam especially on more coarse-textured, low organic matter soils. Nortron\* may be applied preemergence but incorporation generally improved weed control in tests in North Dakota and Minnesota. Operating the tillage tool 1, 2, or 4 inches deep gave similar weed control with slightly better control at 2 and 4 inches compared to 1 inch. Preemergence Nortron\* will give good weed control when relatively large amounts of rain follow application. The exact amount of rain needed is not known but field observations on fine-textured, high organic matter soils indicate that at least 1 inch of rain is needed to give best results from preemergence Nortron\*. More coarse-textured, low organic matter soils probably would require less rain for Nortron\* activation than fine-textured, high organic matter soils. Nortron\* often has a residue the year following use on sugarbeet. Crops most likely to be damaged by Nortron\* residue are wheat, barley, and oats. Moldboard plowing usually will eliminate crop injury. Nortron\* should be applied in a band to reduce cost and reduce potential crop injury from residues the following year.

Nortron\* may form an insoluble deposit on the sides of a partially full container. This deposit may plug screens and nozzles. Sprayers should be cleaned immediately after use to avoid drying of spray solution. Partially empty containers of Nortron\* should be filled with water to prevent drying in the container. Mark or record the level of remaining Nortron\* before adding the water.

DUAL MAGNUM (S-metolachlor) was fully registered only in 2003 on sugarbeet for fall or spring preemergence or preplant incorporated applications and as a postemergence lay-by treatment. Excessive sugarbeet injury was observed in 2003 in some fields from spring preemergence and preplant incorporated Dual Magnum. As a result, Syngenta changed the Dual Magnum label from a conventional Section 3 label

to an indemnifiable 24C label for all uses on sugarbeet except the lay-by application. This means that anyone who uses fall-applied or spring applied, preemergence or preplant incorporated Dual Magnum on sugarbeet must sign a form that releases Syngenta from any liability for sugarbeet injury from Dual Magnum. Postemergence lay-by Dual Magnum at 1.33 to 1.67 pt/A still has the Section 3 registration so Dual Magnum can be used lay-by without signing a release from liability. Dual Magnum for sugarbeet should be spring applied at 1.33 to 1.67 pt/A on medium-textured soils or on fine soils with less than 3% organic matter and at 1.67 to 2.0 pt/A on fine soils with 3% or greater organic matter. Fall-applied Dual Magnum should be applied after soil has cooled, preferably after October 15, at 1.67 to 2.0 pt/A on medium-textured soils or at 2.0 pt/A on fine-textured soils. Dual Magnum gives good control of pigweed species and annual grasses. Dual Magnum residues will not carry over from one spring until the next spring.

### **COMBINATIONS OF SOIL APPLIED HERBICIDES**

nearly always give improved weed control compared to the use of individual herbicides. Unfortunately the risk of sugarbeet injury also increases with herbicide combinations so selecting the proper rate for each herbicide combination and each farming situation is very important and also sometimes difficult.

All agricultural pesticides which are tank mixed should be registered for use as a tank mixture by the Environmental Protection Agency. Agricultural pesticides may be tank mixed if all pesticides in the mixture are registered by the Environmental Protection Agency on the crop being treated and not prohibited by one of the labels.

However, users of non-labeled mixtures must assume liability for any possible crop injury, inadequate weed control, and illegal residues. Nortron\* is sometimes weak on grasses; thus Nortron\* could be used in combination with a grass herbicide such as Eptam or Ro-Neet SB. Nortron\* in combination with Eptam or Ro-Neet SB sometimes has caused serious sugarbeet injury especially on lighter soils. Nortron\* plus spring applied Eptam has been especially damaging and this treatment only should be used on silty clay soils with over 6% organic matter. Spring applied Nortron\* over fall applied Eptam has given less sugarbeet injury than combinations applied in the spring

*\*Or generic equivalent*

**Table 3. RELATIVE CONTROL OF WEEDS WITH PREEMERGENCE OR PREPLANT INCORPORATED HERBICIDES<sup>a</sup>**

Weed	Dual Magnum	Eptam	Far-Go	Nortron*	Ro-Neet SB
Buffalobur	P	G	N	F	G
Nightshade, Eastern black	P	F-G	N	F-G	F-G
Barnyardgrass	G	G-E	N	P	G
Cocklebur, common	N	P	N	P	P
Canada thistle	N	N	N	N	N
Foxtails (pigeongrass)	G	G-E	N	F-G	G-E
Kochia	P	F	N	F-G	P
Ladysthumb (smartweed)	P	P	N	G	P
Lambsquarters	F	F-G	N	P-F	F-G
Mallow, common	P	F-G	N	P	F-G
Pigweed, redroot	G-E	F-G	N	G-E	F-G
Pigweed, prostrate	G-E	F-G	N	F-G	F-G
Ragweed, common	P-F	F	N	P	F
Russian thistle	P-F	P	N	F-G	P
Sunflower, volunteer	P	N	N	P	N
Wild buckwheat	P	P-F	N	F-G	P-F
Wild mustard	P	P	N	P-F	P
Wild oat	P-F	G	G-E	F-G	G
Herbicide persistence after 12 months	N	N	N	O	N

E = Excellent, G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor, N = None, O = Often

<sup>a</sup>This table is a general comparative rating of the relative effectiveness of herbicides to certain weeds.

Under very favorable weather conditions, control might be better than indicated. Under unfavorable conditions, some herbicides rated well or fair might give erratic or unfavorable results.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

## POSTEMERGENCE HERBICIDES

BETANEX\* (desmedipham), BETAMIX\* (phenmedipham), and PROGRESS\* (desmedipham & phenmedipham & ethofumesate) are postemergence herbicides for the control of annual broadleaf weeds. Betanex\* and Betamix\* occasionally cause sugarbeet injury. The conventional rates of Betanex\* and Betamix\* are 0.75 to 7.4 pt/A (0.12 to 1.2 lb ai/A) and conventional rates of Progress\* are 0.5 to 3.3 pt/A (0.12 to 0.75 lb/A). Several factors should be considered when selecting a rate of Betanex\*, Betamix\* or Progress\*.

1) Sugarbeet growth stage: Sugarbeet with four true leaves is less susceptible to injury than smaller sugarbeet and sugarbeet gains additional tolerance as plants become larger than the four leaf stage. Betanex\*, Betamix\* or Progress\* at 0.12 to 0.33 lb/A can be applied to sugarbeet with less than four leaves and up to 0.5 lb/A on sugarbeet with four leaves. Applications totaling 0.5 lb/A or less should be followed by a second application in 5 to 7 days if living weeds are present after 5 days and if the sugarbeet plants were not injured significantly. Split application with reduced rates has reduced sugarbeet injury and increased weed control compared to single dose, full rate application. Sugarbeet becomes rather tolerant of Betanex\*, Betamix\* and Progress\* after the plants reach the six- to eight-leaf stage but weeds become more difficult to control as they become larger. Betanex\*, Betamix\* or Progress\* up to 0.75 to 1.2 lb/A can be used on large weeds and six to eight-leaf sugarbeet. Betanex\*, Betamix\* and Progress\* should be applied at least 75 days prior to harvest.

2) Environmental Conditions: Betanex\*, Betamix\* and Progress\* give the greatest weed control and sugarbeet injury with high temperatures, high soil moisture, and high relative humidity. Recent flooding or a sudden change from cool and cloudy to hot and sunny weather will increase the risk of sugarbeet injury. Risk of sugarbeet injury is reduced by starting application in late afternoon or later so that temperatures will be dropping rather than increasing after application. The control of weeds can be improved by applying higher rates of Betanex\*, Betamix\* or Progress\* on the morning of a hot day. However, sugarbeet should have six to eight leaves before using this technique. The sugarbeet leaves may be damaged but death of six to eight leaf plants is unlikely and sugarbeet usually recovers from early season leaf burn without yield loss. The most effective rate of Betanex\*, Betamix\* and Progress\* can change rapidly during a growing season. For example, Betanex\* at 1.5 pt/A may be best with two-leaf sugarbeet, good moisture, and warm temperatures but Betanex\* at 3 pt/A may be required for best results a few days later with larger weeds, dryer soil, and cooler conditions. Generally, rates must be adjusted during the spraying season.

3) Use of Soil Applied Herbicides: Sugarbeet and weeds that have been treated with a soil applied herbicide are more susceptible to Betanex\*, Betamix\* and Progress\* than sugarbeet and weeds that have not been treated. Eptam and Ro-Neet SB precondition sugarbeet and weeds more than Nortron\* or Pyramin. Rates of Betanex\*, Betamix\* and Progress\* should be lower when applied to fields previously

treated with a soil applied herbicide than when applied to untreated fields.

4) Micro-rate: A discussion of the micro-rate program may be found in the following section on combinations of postemergence herbicides.

5) Application Method: Research has indicated that Betanex\* and Betamix\* applied at 200 psi spray pressure were more phytotoxic to cotyledon to 2 leaf weeds and sugarbeet than Betanex\* and Betamix\* applied at 40 psi. Weed control was greater with 15 to 20 gpa at 200 psi than with 8.5 gpa at 200 psi. Betanex\* or Betamix\* applied to plants approximately 4 to 6 inches tall were more phytotoxic at 40 psi than at 200 psi.

Field observations suggest that aerial applications of Betanex\* or Betamix\* give results similar to applications at 200 psi. Similar results would be expected from Progress\*.

Progress\* (desmedipham + phenmedipham + ethofumesate) applied POST gives increased control of some weeds and greater risk of sugarbeet injury than Betamix\*. Progress\* gives better control of kochia and wild buckwheat than Betamix\*. Betanex\* gives better redroot pigweed control than Progress\* or Betamix\*. The active ingredients of Progress\* are premixed in a 1:1:1 ratio.

### **Determining the equivalent rates of Progress\* as compared to Betanex\* or Betamix\*.**

The following procedure can be used to determine the appropriate rate of the premix, Progress\*.

1. Determine the appropriate or normal rate of Betanex\* or Betamix\* that would be used alone for a given situation.
2. Multiply the normal rate of Betanex\* or Betamix\* in pt/A by 0.75 to determine the rate of Progress\* in pt/A so that the total pounds per acre of Progress\* is approximately equal to the normal pounds per acre of Betanex\* or Betamix\*.

Example:

1. Normal rate = 2.0 pt/A of Betamix\*.

2.  $2.0 \text{ pt/A} \times 0.75 = 1.5 \text{ pt/A}$  of Progress\*  
to substitute for 2.0 pt/A of Betamix\* alone.

Sugarbeet becomes more tolerant to herbicides as sugarbeet size increases. Herbicides and herbicide combinations vary in potential for herbicide injury. The following groups of herbicide treatments listed by a sugarbeet leaf stage indicate that the treatments usually can be applied safely to sugarbeet in the given leaf stage or to larger sugarbeet. Leaf stage refers to the number of true leaves and does not consider cotyledonary leaves. Herbicide rates are broadcast. Treatments should be repeated in 5 to 7 days if necessary for adequate weed control.

*\*Or generic equivalent*



Table 4. RELATIVE CONTROL OF WEEDS WITH POSTEMERGENCE HERBICIDES<sup>a</sup>

	Roundup* (POST Only to RR varieties)	Betanex*	Betamix*	Progress*	Stinger*	Up Beet + MSO	Betamex* + Stinger*	Betamix* + Stinger*	Betanex*, Betamix* or Progress* + UpBeet	Bnex*, Bmix* or Progress* + UpBeet + Stinger	Assure II*, Poast, or Select*	Dual Magnum (Lay-by) or Outlook (Lay-by)
Barnyardgrass	E	P	P	P	P	N	P	P	P	P	E	G
Buffalobur	G-E	G	G	G	F-G	-	G-E	G-E	G	G-E	N	P
Canada thistle	G-E	N	N	N	G-E	N	G-E	G-E	P	G-E	N	N
Cocklebur	E	P	P-F	F	E	N	E	E	F-G	E	N	N
Lambsquarters	P-E	G	G	G-E	P-F	P	G-E	G-E	G-E	G-E	N	F
Common sunflower	G-E	P	P	P	G-E	F	E	E	G	E	N	N
Eastern black nightshade	P-G	F-G	F-G	G	F-G	F	G-E	G-E	G	E	N	P
Foxtails (pigeongrass)	E	P	F	F-G	P	F-G	P	F	F-G	F-G	E	G
Giant ragweed	F-E <sup>c</sup>	P	P	P	G-E	N	E	E	P-F	E	N	P
Kochia	F-E	P-F	F	F-G	N	P-E <sup>c</sup>	F	F-G	P-G	P-G	N	P
Ladysthumb (smartweed)	P-E	P	P	F-G	P-F	F	G-E	G-E	G	G-E	N	P
Lanceleaf sage	E	P	P	P-F	F	P	F-G	F-G	P-F	F-G	N	N
Marshelder	G-E	G	G	G	E	N	E	E	G	E	N	N
Mallow, common	P-G	P	P	P	P	G	P	P	G-E	G-E	N	P
Mallow, Venice	G-E	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	F-G	G	N	N
Nightflowering catchfly	G	P	P	F	P	-	P	P	G-E	G-E	N	P
Pigweed, prostrate	E	G-E	G	G	P	F	G-E	G	G-E	G-E	N	G-E
Pigweed, redroot	E	G-E	G	G	P	F	G-E	G	G-E	G-E	N	G-E
Ragweed, common	G-E <sup>c</sup>	F	F	F-G	G-E	F	G-E	G-E	F-G	G-E	N	P-F
RR canola	N	N-P	N-P	N-P	N	F <sup>d</sup>	N-P	P	P-F <sup>d</sup>	P-F <sup>d</sup>	N	N
RR corn	N	N-P	N-P	N-P	N	F <sup>d</sup>	N-P	N-P	F <sup>d</sup>	F <sup>d</sup>	G-E <sup>b</sup>	N
RR soybean	N	N-P	N-P	N-P	G-E	F <sup>d</sup>	G-E	G-E	F <sup>d</sup>	G-E	N	N
Russian thistle	G	P	P	P	P-F	N-P	G	G	P	G	N	P-F
Waterhemp	G-E <sup>c</sup>	G	F-G	F-G	N	P-F <sup>c</sup>	G	F-G	F-G	G	N	F-G
Wild buckwheatb	G-E	P-F	F	F-G	F-G	F	G	G-E	F-G	G-E	N	P
Wild mustard	G-E	G-E	G-E	G	P	G-E	G-E	G-E	E	E	N	P
Wild oat	G-E	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	E	P-F

E = Excellent, G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor, N = None

<sup>a</sup> This table is a general comparative rating of the relative effectiveness of herbicides to weeds. Under very favorable conditions, control might be better than indicated. Under unfavorable conditions or with herbicide resistant weeds, some herbicides rated good to excellent might give erratic or unfavorable results.

<sup>b</sup> Only use Assure II\*, Select Max, or Select\*

<sup>c</sup> Resistant biotypes will not be controlled.

<sup>d</sup> Apply first application to small crops (canola – 2 lf stage; corn – 2-3 collar stage; soybean – 1<sup>st</sup> trifoliolate stage) and a second application 10-14 days later.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

Table 5. Suggested rates for Betanex\*, Betamix\* and Progress\* with consideration of sugarbeet size, application method, and the presence of soil applied herbicide. The rates are conservative and assume adequate soil moisture, healthy unstressed sugarbeet, and that the weeds emerge about the same time as the sugarbeet. Betanex\* or Betamix\* should be applied in late afternoon or evening and another application should be made 5 to 7 days later if needed. Rates in the table may need to be increased for a dry, cool environment or reduced for a hot, wet environment.

Sugarbeet stage	Betanex*, Betamix* Broadcast Rate							
	No soil herbicide				With soil herbicide			
	Low pressure (<100 psi)		High pressure or aerial		Low pressure (<100psi)		High pressure or aerial	
	(lb/A)	(pt/A)	(lb/A)	(pt/A)	(lb/A)	(pt/A)	(lb/A)	(pt/A)
Cotyledon-2 leaf	0.25	1.5	0.16	1.0	0.16	1.0	0.12	0.75
2 leaf	0.33	2.0	0.25	1.5	0.25	1.5	0.16	1.0
4 leaf	0.5	3.0	0.4	2.5	0.33	2.0	0.25	1.5
6-8 leaf	0.75	4.6	0.75	4.6	0.5	3.0	0.5	3.0

Progress\* gives increased control and greater risk of sugarbeet injury than Betamix\*. In order to limit the risk of sugarbeet injury, the total pounds per acre of active ingredient in Progress\* should be equal to the normal total pounds per acre of active ingredient of Betanex\* or Betamix\* that would be applied alone for a given situation. See the following table.

Sugarbeet stage	Progress* Broadcast Rate							
	No soil herbicide				With soil herbicide			
	Low pressure (<100 psi)		High pressure or aerial		Low pressure (<100psi)		High pressure or aerial	
	(lb/A)	(pt/A)	(lb/A)	(pt/A)	(lb/A)	(pt/A)	(lb/A)	(pt/A)
Cotyledon-2 leaf	0.25	1.1	0.16	0.7	0.16	0.7	0.12	0.5
2 leaf	0.33	1.5	0.25	1.1	0.25	1.1	0.16	0.7
4 leaf	0.5	2.2	0.4	1.8	0.33	1.5	0.25	1.1
6-8 leaf	0.75	3.3	0.75	3.3	0.5	2.2	0.5	2.2

**Sugarbeet Injury from Betanex\* or Betamix\*.** Sugarbeet in the mid-four-leaf stage (second pair of true leaves half expanded) is significantly more resistant to Betanex\* and Betamix\* than smaller sugarbeet. Sugarbeet becomes even more tolerant after the mid-four-leaf stage. However, research and field experience has shown that waiting for most of the sugarbeet plants to reach the mid-four-leaf stage prior to the first application of Betanex\* or Betamix\* often results in less than optimum weed control. Weeds become more tolerant to Betanex\* and Betamix\* as they become larger and unfavorable weather may prevent the first timely application. Generally, the best combination of weed control, safety to sugarbeet, and low cost is obtained when Betanex\* or Betamix\* is first applied at the cotyledon to two-leaf-stage of sugarbeet using reduced rates of 0.12 to 0.25 lb/A. Another treatment of Betanex\* or Betamix\* at 0.16 to 0.33 lb/A generally will be needed 5 to 7 days after the first. The need for additional treatments will be affected by continuing germination of weeds and level of control achieved by the first two treatments.

POAST (sethoxydim) at 0.5 to 1.5 pt/A plus adjuvant will control annual and perennial grasses. Research at North Dakota State University has indicated that methylated seed oil adjuvants often give better grass control than other adjuvants when used with Poast. The improved grass control is observed most often with dry soil, large grass, or reduced rates of Poast. Addition of fertilizer to the spray solution often will increase grass control from Poast plus oil adjuvant. See the Poast label for rates for various grass weeds. Cultivation between 14 and 21 days after application will improve quackgrass control.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

Addition of ammonium sulfate at 2.5 lb/A or UAN at 2 to 4 qt/A to Poast plus oil adjuvant may improve control of wild proso millet, green foxtail, yellow foxtail, giant foxtail, barnyardgrass, and woolly cupgrass if the water carrier is high in carbonates or bicarbonates.

Poast should be applied at least 60 days prior to harvest with nozzles that deliver 0.1 gal/minute or less at 40 psi (examples, 4001E for banding or 8001XR for broadcasting). Poast band applied through two nozzles per row will give control similar to one nozzle per row if all nozzles are the same size. Poast applied at high spray pressure (over 100 psi) often gives better grass control than applications at 40 psi. However, the risk of damaging spray drift is much greater from high pressure than from low pressure applications.

SELECT\* (clethodim) at 6 to 8 fl oz/A or Select Max at 12.8 to 17 fl oz/A postemergence will control annual and perennial grasses. Retreatment of quackgrass regrowth may be needed. Select\* should be used with an oil adjuvant at 1% v/v for best grass control. Select\* should be applied in 5 to 40 gallons per acre of spray solution at 30 to 60 psi by ground and in 3 to 10 gallons per acre by air. Drought and/or cold may reduce grass control. Use of Betanex\*, Betamix\*, Progress\* as a tank-mix or within one day prior to Select\* may reduce grass control. However, research in eastern North Dakota and Minnesota indicated that grass control from Select\* was reduced less than grass control from Poast or Assure II by tank-mixing Betanex\* or Betamix\* with the grass herbicides. Select\* should be applied at least 40 days prior to harvest.

ASSURE II\* (quizalofop) at 7 to 10 fl oz/A plus an oil adjuvant will control annual grasses while 10 to 12 fl oz/A is needed for quackgrass. Assure II\* is especially effective on quackgrass compared to other similar herbicides although retreatment may be necessary. Assure II\* is less effective on yellow foxtail and barnyardgrass than on other annual grasses so a minimum of 8 fl oz/A should be used on yellow foxtail. See the label for weed sizes and rates for specific grasses. Suggested spray volumes on the label are from 10 to 40 gpa at 25 to 60 psi by ground and 3 to 5 gpa by air. The maximum use rate per season is 25 fl oz/A. Various stresses to grass weeds may reduce grass control from Assure II\*. Assure II\* should be applied at least 45 days prior to harvest.

STINGER\* (clopyralid) at 0.25 to 0.67 pt/A postemergence controls several broadleaf weeds and volunteer crops. Stinger\* at 0.25 to 0.5 pt/A is most effective when applied to common cocklebur, giant ragweed, volunteer sunflower, wild sunflower, marshelder, volunteer alfalfa and volunteer soybeans up to the six-leaf stage, and common ragweed up to the five-leaf stage. Stinger\* at 0.5 pt/A is most effective on wild buckwheat in the three to five-leaf stage before vining begins. Stinger\* at 0.5 to 0.67 pt/A is most effective on Canada thistle in the rosette to pre-bud growth stage, but rosette application often gives better control than later application. Stinger\* must be applied to sugarbeet in the two to eight-leaf stage and at least 45 days prior to harvest. Wheat, barley, oats, grasses, field corn, or sugarbeet can be planted anytime after Stinger\* application. Do not plant alfalfa, canola, popcorn, sweet corn, or safflower for 10.5 months after application.

Do not plant dry bean, soybean, or sunflower for 10.5 months after application, or 18 months after application if soils contain less than 2% organic matter and natural precipitation is less than 15 inches during the 12 months after treatment. Do not plant other crops including pea, lentil, potato, and broadleaf crops grown for seed for 18 months after application. A field bioassay is suggested before seeding sensitive crops on soils with 2% or less organic matter and less than 15 inches annual precipitation. Stinger is a slow acting herbicide. The full effects of the herbicide may not be evident until 30 or more days after application.

UPBEET (triflurosulfuron) is a postemergence herbicide that should be used in combination with other broadleaf herbicides such as Betanex\*, Betamix\*, Progress\* or Stinger\*. UpBeet provides improved control of several broadleaf weeds such as kochia, redroot pigweed, prostrate pigweed, common mallow, Venice mallow, velvetleaf, nightshade, nightflowering catchfly, ladythumb (smartweed), wild mustard and sunflower. UpBeet will antagonize grass control from Poast, Select\* or Assure II\* similar to the antagonism caused by Betanex\*, Betamix\* or Progress\*.

#### **COMBINATIONS OF POSTEMERGENCE HERBICIDES**

give more broad spectrum and greater total weed control compared to individual herbicides. The risk of sugarbeet injury also increases with combinations so combinations should be used with caution.

All agricultural pesticides which are tank mixed should be registered for use as a mixture by the Environmental Protection Agency. Pesticides may be tank mixed if all pesticides in the mixture are registered by the EPA on the crop being treated and not prohibited by any label. However, users of non-labeled mixtures must assume liability for any possible crop injury, inadequate weed control, and illegal residues.

A tank-mixture of one of the grass control herbicides (Poast, Select\*, Assure II\*) plus an adjuvant plus one of the broadleaf control herbicides (Betanex\*, Betamix\* or Progress\*) will often give less grass control than the grass herbicide plus adjuvant. The broadleaf herbicide antagonizes the grass control from the grass herbicide but broadleaf control is not reduced by the presence of a grass herbicide. Stinger\* does not antagonize grass control. Antagonism of grass control by a broadleaf herbicide may not be significant if the environment and the condition of the grass favors excellent weed control. Antagonism is less likely to be a problem with small grass, optimum soil moisture, and a grass that is actively growing. A grass species that is very susceptible to the grass herbicide chosen will be antagonized less than a more tolerant grass species. For example, antagonism of Poast would be greater on wild oat and volunteer grain than on green or yellow foxtail while antagonism of Assure II\* would be greater on yellow foxtail than on wild oat and volunteer grain.

Antagonism will be less if an adjuvant is included in the mixture of grass herbicide plus broadleaf herbicide as compared to not using an adjuvant. However, excessive sugarbeet injury may occur from conventional rates of a broadleaf herbicide plus an adjuvant.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

Antagonism can be nearly eliminated by applying the grass herbicide plus adjuvant 24 hours before the broadleaf herbicide or by applying the broadleaf herbicide 3 to 5 days before the grass herbicide. Also, research results indicated that a full rate of grass herbicide plus a broadleaf herbicide (no adjuvant) applied twice at a 7-day interval gave grass control nearly equal to a single application of a full rate of grass herbicide plus adjuvant.

Stinger\* plus Betamix\* or Betanex\* split applied gave better control of common lambsquarters, Russian thistle, wild buckwheat, ladythumb (smartweed), eastern black nightshade, common cocklebur, lanceleaf sage and buffalobur than Betamix\* or Betanex\* alone or Stinger\* alone. Stinger\* alone controlled common sunflower, Canada thistle, and common and giant ragweed as well as Stinger\* plus Betamix\* or Betanex\*. Sugarbeet injury from Stinger\* plus Betanex\* or Betamix\* generally is similar to the total of % injury from Stinger\* alone plus Betanex\*/Betamix\* alone. Sugarbeet injury from Stinger\* at 0.5 pt/A averaged over 25 experiments in 1989 and 1990 was 3%. The highest observed injury was 8%. Therefore the risk of additional sugarbeet injury is low from adding Stinger\* to Betanex\* or Betamix\*.

UpBeet plus Betanex\*, Betamix\* or Progress\* has provided improved control of redroot pigweed, prostrate pigweed, kochia, common mallow, nightshade, ladythumb (smartweed), Venice mallow, nightflowering catchfly, wild mustard and velvetleaf compared to Betanex\*, Betamix\* or Progress\* alone. UpBeet generally has little effect on sugarbeet injury. A three-way combination of Betanex\* plus UpBeet plus Stinger\* has given good to excellent control of all common broadleaf weeds in sugarbeet research conducted in North Dakota and Minnesota.

NORTRON\*(ethofumesate) at 4 fl oz/A applied postemergence in combination with Betanex\*, Betamix\* or Progress\* often will increase control of broadleaf weeds such as kochia, common lambsquarters and redroot pigweed. Crop rotation restrictions on the herbicide labels limit postemergence Nortron\* to no more than 12 fl oz/A total during the growing season. Thus, POST Nortron can be applied three times at 4 fl oz/A or four times at 3 fl oz/A in combination with Betanex, Betamix or Progress.

Micro-rate or Mid-rate programs use low rates of herbicides in combination applied three or more times at a 5 to 7 day interval starting when weeds are just emerging. The micro-rate treatment is Betanex\*/Betamix\*/Progress\* plus UpBeet plus Stinger\* plus methylated seed oil (MSO) adjuvant at 8 to 12/8 to 12/5.7 to 8.7 fl oz/A plus 0.125 oz/A plus 1.3 fl oz/A at 1.5 % v/v. The MSO is essential to increase weed control from low herbicide rates used. The mid-rate treatment includes Betanex\*/Betamix\*/Progress\* at 12 to 16/12 to 16/8.7 to 11.6 fl oz/A after sugarbeet has four leaves along with the same rate of UpBeet, Stinger\* and MSO. The amount of methylated seed oil adjuvant used per acre will vary with spray volume. Use at least 1.5 pt/A at low sprays volumes and no more than 1.0 qt/A is needed at high spray volumes. The adjuvant is essential to increase weed control from the low herbicide rates. Assure II\* at 4 fl oz/A or Select\* at 2 fl oz/A or Select Max at 3 fl oz/A or Poast\* at 5.3 fl oz/A can be added to the micro-rate to improve grass control. Only use Select\* and Select Max and increase rates 2 to 4 fl oz/A or apply alone at high rates

to control ACCase-resistant wild oat. Kochia that was resistant to UpBeet has been observed in many fields and Progress\* is the best alternative to UpBeet for kochia control. However, Progress\* plus UpBeet plus Stinger\* plus methylated seed oil at the micro-rate generally will not provide satisfactory control of ALS resistant kochia. The standard micro-rate often does not provide adequate control of lanceleaf sage. Increasing the Stinger\* rate from 1.3 fl oz/A to 2.6 fl oz/A in the micro-rate usually will result in adequate lanceleaf sage control. However, sugarbeet injury also may be increased.

The micro-rate and mid-rate should be applied a minimum of three times. Three applications of the micro-rate generally have given better weed control than two applications of conventional rates. Three applications of conventional rates sometimes gave better weed control than three applications of the micro-rate. Four micro-rate applications frequently have given better weed control than three micro-rate applications. Broadcast application of the micro-rate is encouraged since precise application is easier with broadcast rather than band application. If banding is done, the band width should be 11 inches or wider and wind velocity should be low.

Precipitation and nozzle plugging was a common problem with ground application of the micro-rate. The problem has occurred with conventional rates but nozzle plugging is more common with the micro-rate. No problems were reported with aerial application.

Several factors have been identified that may reduce nozzle plugging. 1) Start with a clean sprayer, spray out each tank load immediately after mixing, spray until tank is empty, flush sprayer between loads, clean screens frequently and never allow spray solution to set in the sprayer. The amount of precipitate in the spray solution increases with time. Frequent cleaning will slow or prevent the buildup of a layer of residue inside the sprayer. 2) Allow the spray tank water to warm before mixing the herbicides. Precipitation is less in warm water than in cold water. 3) Increase the pH of the spray tank water to pH 8 to 9 by using ammonia, Quad 7 or other pH increasing agents. A 2% solution of household ammonia at 1 gal/100 gallons of water will give about pH 9. The ammonia should be added slowly as the tank fills so the water pH does not go over pH 9.5. Raising the pH too high can cause increased precipitation. 4) Pre-mix the UpBeet in hot water or in water with pH 8 to 9. Put UpBeet in the spray tank first and be sure it is dissolved before adding, in order, Betanex\*/Betamix\*/Progress\*, Stinger\* and methylated seed oil adjuvant. 5) Add a grass herbicide. Tests using a single nozzle and a small volume of spray solution indicated that Assure II reduced precipitation more than Poast or Select\* but all had a beneficial effect. 6) Gentle agitation of the spray solution resulted in less precipitate than vigorous agitation.

The first application of the micro-rate must be to small weeds, generally between 14 and 21 days after planting. The largest sugarbeet plants in the field should be in the early two-leaf stage at first application. Postemergence herbicides for sugarbeet do not provide sufficient soil residual to prevent later emergence of weeds.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

A residual soil applied herbicide can reduce late weed emergence or the postemergence herbicides must be repeatedly applied to control late-emerging weeds. A uniformly high population of sugarbeet will help reduce late emergence of weeds after the sugarbeet plants become large enough to shade the soil.

Some points of comparison between micro-rate and conventional-rate applications follow.

- 1) The micro-rate is less costly than conventional-rates but the micro-rate may need to be applied one more time than conventional rates to achieve similar weed control.
- 2) Generally, UpBeet, Stinger\*, a grass herbicide and Betanex\* or Betamix\* or Progress\* are all needed for broad spectrum control regardless of whether the application is micro-rate or conventional rate.
- 3) The conventional rates provide more consistent weed control than the micro-rate especially on ALS-resistant kochia and in dryer environments.
- 4) Early and timely application is more important with the micro-rate but the conventional rates are more likely to cause sugarbeet injury. Conventional rates should be applied no earlier than late afternoon to reduce the risk of sugarbeet injury while the micro-rate can be applied all day.
- 5) The micro-rate can be combined with a grass control herbicide plus oil adjuvant without significant antagonism to grass control. Conventional rates should not be applied with an oil adjuvant due to the risk of unacceptable sugarbeet injury. The grass herbicides need an oil adjuvant to be fully effective so grass herbicides plus oil adjuvant should be applied separately from conventional rates.
- 6) Conventional rates of Betanex\*/Betamix\*/Progress\* should be adjusted for sugarbeet size, application method, and the presence of soil-applied herbicides. See the table's three pages previous in this paper for suggested rate adjustment.
- 7) All weeds must be totally controlled at sugarbeet planting through tillage or PRE Roundup\* for the micro-rate to be fully effective. Weeds that get a head start on the sugarbeet plants may not be effectively controlled by the micro-rate.

### **GDD FOR TIMING POST HERBICIDE TREATMENTS**

A growing degree day (GDD) equation to predict sugarbeet development was developed by Carlyle Holen during his PhD thesis project. The NDAWN internet site at <<http://ndawn.ndsu.nodak.edu/sugarbeetgdd-form.html>> uses the GDD equation to calculate GDD and predict sugarbeet growth stages for dates after the planting date. Numerous weather stations are monitored by NDAWN so the weather station closest to the sugarbeet field can be used.

The American Crystal Agricultural Staff recorded sugarbeet planting dates and sugarbeet growth stages from 23 fields in 2004. The prediction equation, on average, gave predicted sugarbeet growth stages similar to the observed growth stages. However, some observed growth stages from individual fields differed significantly from the predicted.

Most of the variability was due to variation in the time from planting to emergence. Many factors besides temperature influence germination and emergence such as soil moisture and planting depth so some variability in prediction of emergence by the GDD equation would be expected.

Trevor Dale and Karen Renner at Michigan State University conducted research on the number of GDD that should be accumulated between POST herbicide applications in sugarbeet. Their research plus research in ND-MN suggests that the number of GDD between POST applications should be from 175 to 225. A spray interval of 200 to 225 GDD for low to moderate weed populations and 175 to 200 GDD for high weed populations is a good starting point. Use 175 to 200 GDD for hard-to-control weeds such as kochia, lanceleaf sage and mapleleaf goosefoot.

A visual observation of the sugarbeet growth stage to select the time for the first POST herbicide application will be safer than using the prediction equation. After the first application, the NDAWN site can be used to determine accumulated GDD and schedule subsequent POST applications.

### **RELATIVELY SAFE POSTEMERGENCE TREATMENTS AT FOUR GROWTH STAGES OF SUGARBEET, BROADCAST RATES.**

Sugarbeet in the cotyledon to early two-true-leaf stage.

- 1) Grass herbicide + oil adjuvant.
- 2) Betanex\* or Betamix\* at 0.75 to 1.5 pt/A.
- 3) Betanex\* or Betamix\* at 0.75 to 1.5 pt/A + Grass herbicide (no oil adjuvant).
- 4) Stinger\* + Betanex\* or Betamix\* at 0.25 pt + 0.75 to 1.5 pt/A.
- 5) Progress\* at 0.5 to 1.1 pt/A.
- 6) UpBeet plus any treatment above.
- 7) The micro-rate program.

Sugarbeet in the two-true-leaf stage.

- 1) Betanex\* or Betamix\* at 1.0 to 2.0 pt/A.
- 2) Betanex\* or Betamix\* at 1.0 to 2.0 pt/A + Grass herbicide (no oil adjuvant).
- 3) Stinger\* at 0.25 to 0.5 pt/A.
- 4) Stinger\* + Betanex\* or Betamix\* at 0.25 + 1.0 to 2.0 pt/A.
- 5) Progress\* at 0.7 to 1.47 pt/A.
- 6) UpBeet plus any treatment above.

Sugarbeet in the mid-four-leaf stage.

- 1) Betanex\* or Betamix\* at 1.5 to 3.0 pt/A.
- 2) Betanex\* or Betamix\* at 1.5 to 3.0 pt/A + grass herbicide + oil adjuvant.
- 3) Stinger\* at 0.25 to 0.67 pt/A.
- 4) Stinger\* + Betanex\* or Betamix\* at 0.25 to 0.5 + 1.5 to 3.0 pt/A.
- 5) Progress\* at 1.1 to 2.2 pt/A.
- 6) UpBeet plus any treatment above.

Sugarbeet in the six leaf stage.

- 1) Betanex\* or Betamix\* at 3.0 to 4.6 pt/A.
- 2) Betanex\* or Betamix\* at 3.0 to 4.6 pt/A + grass herbicide + oil adjuvant.
- 3) Progress\* at 2.2 to 3.3 pt/A.
- 4) UpBeet + any treatment above.

Application of the listed treatments at the proper leaf stage of sugarbeet does not guarantee that sugarbeet will not be injured because environmental conditions and sugarbeet varieties can affect postemergence herbicide performance.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

High temperatures with good soil moisture and especially a sudden change from cool, cloudy, and wet conditions to hot and sunny can increase the phytotoxicity of postemergence sugarbeet herbicides. When existing or predicted weather conditions would be expected to cause increased sugarbeet injury, then a herbicide treatment with less risk of sugarbeet injury should be used. For example, a rate of 1.5 to 2.0 pt/A of Betanex\* should be substituted for 3.0 pt/A of Betanex\* on 4-leaf sugarbeet when the environment would be expected to cause increased sugarbeet injury.

### **ROUNDUP READY SUGARBEET (Only USDA/APHIS approved seed)**

ROUNDUP\* (glyphosate) may be applied from emergence to 30 days before harvest to Roundup Ready sugarbeet. Roundup\* will control most annual and perennial weeds. Refer to labels for adjuvant use. Apply with AMS for most consistent weed control. Apply with 8.5 to 17 pounds of ammonium sulfate per 100 gallons of spray solution. Always add a nonionic surfactant at 0.25 % v/v to 1.0 % v/v, depending upon formulation, unless prohibited to improve control of lambsquarters and other hard to wet species. Glyphosate is marketed under many different brand names. The pounds of acid equivalent (ae) per gallon of product range from 3 lb ae/gallon to 5 lb ae/gallon in different brands so be aware of the formulation being used and be sure the formulation is registered for RR sugarbeet. The total amount of Roundup\* that can be applied to sugarbeet at various times is listed in the tables. Roundup\* may be applied up to four times POST to sugarbeet with at least 10 days between applications. Apply Roundup\* in 5 to 20 gpa by ground or in 3 to 15 gpa by air.

The initial Roundup\* application should be applied to 1 to 2 inch weeds or 2 to 4-leaf stage of sugarbeet at 1.125 lb ae/A. Sequential applications should be applied 14 to 21 days after the previous application.

SEQUENCE (glyphosate-K & S-metolachlor) may be applied only to Roundup Ready sugarbeet from 2-leaf to canopy closure. Sequence may be applied from 2 to 8-leaf sugarbeet at the maximum rate of 2.5 pt/A on course soils and 3.0 pt/A on medium and fine soils in a single application. The maximum rate of Sequence that may be applied from 8-leaf to canopy closure is 2.5 pt/A for a single application. Sequential applications must be separated by 10 days. Additional Roundup\* may be included but do not exceed single and multiple Roundup\* application rates within each growth stage according to the label. Add AMS at the minimum rate of 8.5 lbs/100 gallon of spray solution. The PHI for Sequence is 60 days. Do not exceed 7.0 pt/A of Sequence and four postemergence applications per season. Reduced weed control was observed with Sequence compared to a tank-mixture of glyphosate and S-metholachlor in 2010 research.

### **FROST AND SUGARBEET INJURY**

Field and greenhouse research on the interaction between frost and postemergence sugarbeet herbicides was conducted by Chris Mayo as his PhD thesis research. A programmable frost chamber was used in the greenhouse research and a portable outdoor frost chamber with compressors powered by two large diesel engines was used for the field research.

The outdoor frost chamber was built by Richard Watkins of American Crystal Sugar Company and was loaned to NDSU-U of MN for the research. Most of the research was conducted with Betanex\*, Betamix\* or combinations of herbicides that included Betanex\* or Betamix\* since these are the postemergence sugarbeet herbicides most likely to injure sugarbeet. Herbicide was applied from 5 to 53 hours before and from 5 to 53 hours after the frost event.

The interaction observed between postemergence sugarbeet herbicides and frost was not as large as expected. The frost treatments caused sugarbeet injury, generally about 5% plant death, and the herbicide treatments caused sugarbeet stunting. In the greenhouse, frost did not increase the amount of injury from the herbicides. Larger plants were injured less than smaller plants and a time interval between herbicide treatments as small as 24 hours would result in less sugarbeet injury. Thus, in the greenhouse, treating plants with herbicide as little as 12 hours after a frost caused less injury than treating plants before a frost, probably because the plants grew and became more tolerant when the herbicide treatment was delayed.

In the field experiments, frost plus herbicide caused more injury than frost alone or herbicide on non-frosted sugarbeet. Herbicide applied as little as 12 hours after the frost caused less sugarbeet injury than herbicides applied before the frost. Herbicides applied after the frost caused injury similar to the same treatments on non-frosted sugarbeet.

The conclusion from both greenhouse and field research is that treating sugarbeet with postemergence herbicides after a frost will cause less sugarbeet injury than treating before the frost. Herbicides applied after a frost would be expected to cause injury similar to the same herbicide treatments on non-frosted sugarbeet.

### **LAY-BY HERBICIDES**

TREFLAN\* (trifluralin) at 1.5pt/A is registered for use on sugarbeet when the sugarbeet is 2 to 6 inches tall and well rooted. Exposed beet roots should be covered with soil before application. Emerged weeds are not controlled. Treflan\* may be applied over the tops of the sugarbeet and incorporated with a harrow, rotary hoe, or cultivator adjusted to mix the herbicide in the soil without excessive sugarbeet stand reduction. Use of Treflan\* can reduce the emergence of late season weeds which often cause problems in sugarbeet. Occasional girdling of sugarbeet plants from Treflan\* has been observed. This girdling usually does not cause significant yield loss. Soil residue harmful to wheat or barley is not likely the year after application. However, barley is more tolerant of Treflan\* than wheat and should be grown following layby Treflan\* and a dry year.

DUAL MAGNUM (S-metolachlor) at 1.33 pt/A on medium-textured soils or 1.67 pt/A on fine textured soils is registered as a layby treatment for sugarbeet. Dual Magnum should be applied after sugarbeet has four true leaves. Dual Magnum can be applied more than once but the total applied must not exceed 2.6 pt/a. Rain or sprinkler irrigation after application is needed for activation.

*\*Or generic equivalent*

OUTLOOK\* (dimethenamid-P) at 18 to 21 fl oz/A on medium- to fine-textured soils may be used as a lay-by treatment on sugarbeet when the sugarbeet has 4 to 8 leaves. Outlook may be applied once or sequentially but the total must not exceed 21 fl oz/A per season. Rain or irrigation is needed for activation. Weeds that emerge prior to activation will not be controlled.

### HAND WEEDING

Proper use of herbicides can provide very good control of most common weeds in sugarbeet. However, herbicides rarely give 100% weed control even under optimum conditions and herbicides occasionally will provide only fair to poor weed control for a variety of reasons. Unfavorable environment, improper timing of application, rates too low for the situation, very high weed populations, and late season weed emergence are some of the most common reasons for disappointing weed control.

Hand weeding is an effective and widely used supplement to herbicides and cultivation for weed control in sugarbeet. Some advantages of hand weeding are:

1. Hand weeding will reduce losses due to weed competition. Losses due to weed competition are proportional to weed density. At some low weed density, the value of the increase in yield from weed control will be equal to the cost of the weed control. This economic threshold is very difficult to predict because many factors impact yield loss due to weed competition. Weed density, weed species biology, date of crop and weed emergence, rainfall, soil temperature, row width, date of weed removal, previous herbicide use and the planned method of weed control, all can affect the economic threshold of weeds in sugarbeet. However, competition experiments in sugarbeet suggest that one or fewer weeds per 100 feet of sugarbeet row will be lower than the economic threshold regardless of other factors. The economic threshold weed density often will be greater than one weed per 100 feet of row but a lower economic threshold is unlikely.
2. Hand weeding will prevent weed seed production and reduce weed densities in the future. Hand weeding densities of weeds that are below the economic threshold may be beneficial if the field has a relatively low level of weed seed in the soil. However, a few more weed seed produced in a field already loaded with seed would be of little consequence.
3. Hand weeding can prevent seed production by weeds that are resistant to the herbicides that were applied and slow the buildup of herbicide resistant weeds.
4. A weed-free field is more attractive than a weedy field.

### Evaluation of Weeding and Thinning by Hand Labor in Sugarbeet

Each year a few disputes arise between sugarbeet growers and hand labor that weed and thin sugarbeet. Generally the disputes involve the relative quality of the work performed and the fair price for the work performed. The evaluation of quality and relative value of hand labor performed can be quite complicated.

A definition of an ideal result from hand weeding and hand thinning may be useful as a target. The ideal result will be defined here as 35,600 uniformly spaced sugarbeet plants per acre (150 plants per 100 feet of 22-inch rows) with zero weeds left alive. The ideal result will rarely be achieved for a variety of reasons, some of which follow.

Reasons why weed free fields with 35,600 plants per acre may not be achievable: The beginning sugarbeet population may be less than 35,600 plants per acre before the hand weeding and hand thinning.

1. The beginning sugarbeet population may be less than 35,600 plants per acre before the hand weeding and hand thinning.
2. Hand labor cannot be expected to find and remove 100% of the weeds in the field in a single operation.
3. Hand removal of weeds will also result in some removal of sugarbeet plants so hand weeding a field with a dense weed population may result in a less than ideal sugarbeet population.
4. Some weeds may emerge after the weeding is done
5. Some sugarbeet plants die after thinning is done.

The ideal result from hand weeding and hand thinning will only be achieved rarely. However, a very good level of hand weeding and hand thinning can be achieved. Some considerations in evaluating the quality of the hand weeding and hand thinning follow.

1. Not over 1% of the original weeds in the field should survive after a single hand weeding. Skilled labor may do better than this with low weed densities in small sugarbeet or with low weed densities that have become taller than the sugarbeet canopy. A higher percentage of weeds will be missed with high weed populations in large sugarbeet, especially with small, late-emerging weeds.
2. Most sugarbeet growers will not be willing to pay labor enough to do finger weeding of weeds growing close to sugarbeet plant. Therefore, some sugarbeet stand loss from weeding must be expected. Sugarbeet stand loss from weeding will be greater in a weedy field than in a clean field since more weeds will be close to sugarbeet plants in a weedy field. Sugarbeet plants growing within 0.5 inch around each sugarbeet plant would be unhoeable without removing the sugarbeet plant.

$$\frac{\text{1200 inches in 100 ft}}{\text{inches between beets}} = \text{beet plants/100 ft}$$

$$\frac{\text{1.0 inch unhoeable per beet plant}}{\text{inches per beet plant}} = \text{portion of row that cannot be hoed without removing the sugarbeet plant.}$$

$$\text{Portion unhoeable} \times \text{weeds per 100 ft} = \text{beets per 100 ft removed by hoeing.}$$

The following table was developed using the formulas above.

**Table 6. Mathematical estimate of surviving sugarbeet plants after hoeing with various levels of weeds assuming all weeds were hoed out and a starting sugarbeet population of 150 plants per 100 ft of row.**

Starting weeds per 100 ft row	Starting beets per 100 ft row	Ending beets per 100 ft row
25	150	147
50	150	144
100	150	138
200	150	125
400	150	100
800	150	50

\*Or generic equivalent

The numbers in Table 6 indicate that a population of 200 weeds per 100 feet of row or less can be hand weeded in a starting beet population of 150 plants per 100 feet of row with a very adequate remaining sugarbeet population of 125 plants per 100 feet of row or more left after weeding. Hoeing of weed populations of more than 200 weeds per 100 feet of row would result in less than desirable sugarbeet populations.

Table 6 indicates that hand labor cannot be expected to remove dense weed populations without a detrimental effect on sugarbeet populations. Herbicides should be used to lower the weed populations so that hand weeding can be done and an adequate population can be maintained. Increasing density of seeding in a weedy field would increase the probability of retaining an adequate population of sugarbeet.

An estimate of the hours required to hand weed a field can be determined by counting weed population and using the following formula developed by Dr. Steve Miller at the University of Wyoming using student labor. Skilled labor may work faster than indicated in the formula.

Time for hand weeding in hours per acre	=	2 hrs per acre for walking and looking	+	0.5 hr per 1000 weeds for weeding
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As expected, higher weed populations will take longer for weeding and the cost per acre would be higher. In 22-inch rows, one weed per 25 feet of row could be removed in 2.5 hours per acre while one weed per foot of row would take 14 hours per acre according to the formula.

Disputes between sugarbeet growers and hand labor who do thinning and weeding can be reduced by the following actions.

1. Count sugarbeet and weed populations in the field before and after the hand weeding and hand thinning.
2. Leave a small unweeded, unthinned check area.
3. Establish a block of weeded and thinned sugarbeet as an example before the labor starts work.
4. Make clear the expectations on final sugarbeet population and final weed population before the labor begins. The expectations should be reasonable after considering the starting weed and sugarbeet populations.

### CONTROL OF LIVING COVER CROP

Production of sugarbeet in association with a living cover crop will reduce soil erosion and will protect small sugarbeet plants from damage caused by wind. Living cover crop can be fall seeded or spring seeded. Winter rye is more winter hardy than winter wheat so winter rye is the better choice for a fall seeded cover crop that will still be alive in the spring in eastern North

Dakota and Minnesota. A spring seeded cover crop in eastern North Dakota and Minnesota normally would be seeded a few days to a few hours before the sugarbeet. Barley and oats are good choices for a spring seeded crop since seed is relatively inexpensive and early spring growth is vigorous. The research conducted was with barley.

Living cover crops are potentially beneficial. However, a cover crop will compete with sugarbeet just like a weed. Timely control and proper seeding rate are important to minimize sugarbeet yield loss from competition. Fall seeded winter rye is much more competitive than spring seeded barley but the rye also provides more protection from wind damage and soil erosion.

Research in eastern North Dakota and Minnesota has shown that winter rye as a cover crop fall seeded at 22 lb/A caused more sugarbeet yield loss than winter rye seeded at 15 or 7.5 lb/A. Barley as a cover crop spring seeded at 48 lb/A caused more sugarbeet yield loss than barley seeded at 24 or 12 lb/A. Sugarbeet yield loss from the highest tested seeding rates probably was from increased competitive ability of higher populations of rye and barley and from the lower level of control by herbicides in the plots with higher populations of cover crop. Therefore, seeding rates of about 15 lb/A of winter rye or 24 lb/A of barley are suggested as a compromise between reducing competition and optimizing protection from the cover crop.


Living cover crop must be controlled on time to avoid sugarbeet yield loss from competition. Winter rye growing near the sugarbeet row must be controlled at or before sugarbeet seeding. A band application of Roundup would be an effective method of control. A one-week delay in controlling winter rye after seeding sugarbeet caused a loss in sugarbeet yield in research. Living rye between the sugarbeet rows should be controlled by the time that the sugarbeet reaches the two-leaf stage. Sugarbeet still needs protection from wind at this small growth stage so the rye could be treated with one of the postemergence grass herbicides and then left uncultivated until the sugarbeet plants are large enough to be safe from wind damage. The field could be cultivated after the sugarbeet plants were safe from wind to remove rye plants not fully controlled by the herbicide and emerged weeds.

Spring seeded barley growing near the sugarbeet row should be controlled by the time the barley has three leaves. Barley between the rows should be controlled by the time the sugarbeet has four leaves and the barley has 4 to 5 leaves. Barley between the rows could be controlled by cultivation or by a postemergence grass herbicide. The postemergence grass herbicide option would allow an extended period of protection since the dead and dying cover crop will provide some protection.

*\*Or generic equivalent*



Table 7. WEED CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS

Herbicide	Product/A (lb ai/A)	Weeds	When to Apply	Remarks																																								
Roundup*	(0.75 to 3.0 lb ae) <b>See Remarks for product amounts with various formulations.</b>	Emerged grass and broadleaf weeds.	Preplant or any time prior to crop emergence.	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>0.75 lb ae</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>1.125 ae</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>1.5 ae</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>2.25 ae</u></th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>lb ae/gal</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>lb ai/gal</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;">-----</th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>fl oz/A</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>=</td> <td>32</td> <td>48    64    96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.75</td> <td>5</td> <td>=</td> <td>25</td> <td>38    51    77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/4.17</td> <td>5.4/5.1</td> <td>=</td> <td>24</td> <td>36/35    48    72/69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.5</td> <td>5.5</td> <td>=</td> <td>22</td> <td>32    44    64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.72</td> <td>6.3</td> <td>=</td> <td>20</td> <td>30    40    61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>6.1</td> <td>=</td> <td>20</td> <td>30    40    57</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Non-selective, non-residual, systemic, foliar herbicide. Add AMS fertilizer at least at 4 lb/100 gal or more for hard water. Apply in 5 to 15 GPA spray volume, unless tank-mixed with a contact herbicide, then apply 15 to 40 GPA spray solution. Total maximum for preplant or PRE per season = 3.7 lb ae</p>		<u>0.75 lb ae</u>	<u>1.125 ae</u>	<u>1.5 ae</u>	<u>2.25 ae</u>		<u>lb ae/gal</u>	<u>lb ai/gal</u>	-----	<u>fl oz/A</u>	3	4	=	32	48    64    96	3.75	5	=	25	38    51    77	4/4.17	5.4/5.1	=	24	36/35    48    72/69	4.5	5.5	=	22	32    44    64	4.72	6.3	=	20	30    40    61	5	6.1	=	20	30    40    57
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paraquat* (3 SL)	<b>1.35 to 2.7 pt</b> (0.5 to 1)	Emerged annual grasses and broadleaf weeds.		Non-selective, non-residual, contact, foliar herbicide. Apply with NIS. Apply in 15 to 40 GPA spray volume.																																								
<b>Gramoxone Inteon</b> (paraquat)	<b>2 to 4 pt</b> (0.5 to 1.0)																																											
<b>Ignite 280</b> (glufosinate)	<b>29 to 36 fl oz</b> (0.53 to 0.66)																																											
<b>Harmony GT XP SG</b> (thifensulfuron)	<b>0.3 to 0.6 oz</b> <b>0.45 to 0.9 oz</b> (0.225 to 0.45 oz)	Emerged annual broadleaf weeds	45 days prior to planting	Selective, non-residual, systemic, foliar herbicide. Apply with MSO plus UAN or AMS fertilizer. Can effectively control Roundup Ready sugarbeet.																																								
<b>Far-Go</b> (triallate)  Far-Go EC 	<b>1.5 qt</b> <b>15 lb 10G</b> (1.5)	Wild oat.	Spring PPI. Fall incorporated after October 15 until freeze-up or snow cover.	Incorporate immediately after application with a tillage tool set 3 to 4 inches deep. A second incorporation at an angle to the first will improve wild oat control. One pass in the fall followed by spring seed-bed preparation is sufficient for fall application.																																								
<b>Eptam</b> (EPTC)	<b>2.3 to 3.4 pt</b> (2 to 3)	Annual grasses and some broadleaf weeds.	PPI.	Some sugarbeet stand reduction and temporary stunting may occur from Eptam. Weak on wild mustard.																																								
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<b>Eptam (EPTC) + Ro-Neet SB</b> (cycloate)	<b>1.1 to 2.3 pt + 2.7 to 3.3 pt</b> (1 to 2 + 2 to 2.5)		PPI.	Less sugarbeet injury than from Eptam alone and less expensive than Ro-Neet alone. Refer to narrative for suggested rates for various soil textures and organic matter.																																								
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<b>Ro-Neet SB</b> (cycloate)	<b>4 to 5.3 pt</b> (3 to 4)	Annual grasses and some broadleaf weeds.	PPI.	Sugarbeet has better tolerance to Ro-Neet SB than to Eptam.
	<b>5.3 pt</b> (4)		Fall. After October 15 until freeze up.	Weak on wild mustard. Weed control poor on fine textured, high organic matter soils.
Nortron* (ethofumesate)	<b>6 to 7.5 pt</b> (3 to 3.75)	Good pigweed and fair to good kochia control.	PPI or PRE.	Incorporation generally improves weed control. Band application reduces cost and risk of carryover into the next year.
	<b>3 to 4 fl oz</b> (0.09 to 0.125)			
Stinger* (clopyralid)	<b>0.25 to 0.66 pt</b> (0.09 to 0.25)	Cocklebur, sunflower, marshelder, wild buckwheat, ragweed, and Canada thistle.	POST. Sugarbeet: cotyledon to 8 leaves.	Stinger may be tank-mixed with Betanex*, Betamix*, or Progress. May be mixed with Roundup* + AMS to improve control of volunteer soybean, ragweed, and wild buckwheat. Refer to narrative for rotation restrictions. Allow a 45 day PHI.
<b>UpBeet</b> (triflusaluron)	<b>0.25 to 1.0 oz</b> (0.125 to 0.5 oz)	Annual broadleaf weeds.	POST. Weeds: Cotyledon to 2-leaf.	Apply two or more times in combination with Betanex*, Betamix*, or Progress*. Do not exceed 2.5 oz/A/season. May be mixed with Roundup* + MSO + AMS to improve control of common mallow, redroot, and velvetleaf. Allow a 60 day PHI.
<b>Betanex</b> <b>Phen-Des 8+8</b> (desmedipham & phenmedipham)	<b>0.75 to 7.5 pt</b> (0.06 to 0.6 & 0.06 to 0.6)	Annual broadleaf weeds.	POST. Sugarbeet: Cotyledon up to 8-leaf stage.	Risk of sugarbeet injury is increased by morning or midday application and by certain environments. Split application with reduced rates has reduced sugarbeet injury and increased weed control compared to single full dose application. Do not add MSO or any adjuvant when applying full rates. Any of these products may be mixed with Roundup* + AMS, however preliminary research shows possible antagonism when mixed with Roundup*. Allow a 75 day PHI.
<b>Betanex</b> <b>Alphanex</b> (desmedipham)	<b>0.75 to 7.5 pt</b> (0.12 to 1.2)		Broadleaf weeds: Cotyledon up to 4-leaf stage.	
<b>Progress</b> <b>BnB Plus</b> (desmed & phenmed & ethofumesate)	<b>0.56 to 5 pt</b> (0.04 to 0.38 & 0.04 to 0.38 & 0.04 to 0.38)			

<p><b>See herbicide brand options listed with individual herbicides</b> (desmedipham or desmedipham &amp; phenmedipham or desmedipham &amp; phenmedipham &amp; ethofumesate + triflusaluron + clopyralid + MSO adjuvant)</p>	<p><b>MICRO-RATE PROGRAM</b> <b>8 to 12 or 8 or 12 or 5.7 to 8.7 fl oz + 0.125 oz + 1.3 fl oz + 1.5% v/v</b> (0.08 to 0.122 + 0.004 + 0.03 + 1.5% v/v) <b>MID-RATE PROGRAM</b> <b>12 to 16 or 12 to 16 or 8.7 to 11.6 fl oz + 0.125 oz + 1.3 fl oz + 1.5% v/v.</b> (0.125 to 0.16 + 0.004 + 0.03 + 1.5% v/v)</p>	<p>Annual broadleaf weeds and fair to good annual grass control. <b>Generally provides poor control of ALS resistant kochia.</b> Increasing Stinger* rate from 1.3 to 2.6 fl oz will improve control of lanceleaf sage with some risk of increased sugarbeet injury.</p>	<p>POST. Sugarbeet: Apply a minimum of three times with <b>subsequent treatments at 5 to 7 day intervals.</b> Micro-rate can be applied starting at cotyledon sugarbeet stage. Mid-rate can be applied starting at 4-leaf sugarbeet stage.</p>	<p>Use mid-rate for difficult weed problems or when application has been delayed. A herbicide for grass control at 1/3 to 1/2 normal rate can be added. <b>Nozzle plugging from herbicide precipitation in the spray tank can be reduced by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mixing in warm water</b></li> <li>- <b>Raising water pH to 8 or 9</b></li> <li>- <b>Premixing UpBeet</b></li> <li>- <b>Use of a grass herbicide, and</b></li> <li>- <b>Frequent sprayer cleaning.</b></li> </ul> <p>Allow a 75 day PHI.</p>
<p><b>Assure II Targa</b> (quizalofop)</p>	<p><b>8 to 10 fl oz</b> (0.88 to 1.1 oz)</p>	<p>Annual grasses, quackgrass, and volunteer grass crops.</p>	<p>POST. Sugarbeet: Cotyledon to PHI. Weeds: annual grass weeds and vol. wheat or barley 2 to 6 inches tall.</p>	<p>Apply with oil adjuvant at 1% v/v but not less than 1 pt/A. Oil adjuvant at more than 1 qt/A is not needed. See Select Max label for detailed adjuvant recommendations. Apply with AMS or UAN fertilizer for greater control of certain grass species. Only Assure II, Targa, Select*, or Select Max should be used to control volunteer Roundup Ready corn. Include an oil adjuvant with Select to control volunteer corn. NDSU research indicates less antagonism of grass control with Select* tank-mixed with Betanex* or Betamix* than Poast or Assure II*. Allow a 45 day PHI for Assure II. Allow a 60 day PHI for Poast. Allow a 40 day PHI for Select* / Select Max.</p>
<p>Select* (clethodim)</p>	<p><b>6 to 8 fl oz</b> (1.5 to 2 oz)</p>			
<p><b>Select Max (1 EC)</b> (clethodim)</p>	<p><b>9 to 16 fl oz</b> (1.1 to 2 oz)</p>			
<p><b>Poast</b> (sethoxydim)</p>	<p><b>0.5 to 1.5 pt</b> (0.1 to 0.3)</p>			
<p>Treflan* (trifluralin)</p>	<p><b>1.5 pt</b> (0.75)</p>	<p>Late emerging annual grass and some broadleaf weeds.</p>	<p>POST. Sugarbeet: 2 true leaf to 6 inches tall and well-rooted prior to incorporation.</p>	<p>Must be incorporated. Beet roots must be covered with soil before application. Emerged weeds not controlled. May be applied over the tops of sugarbeet.</p>
<p>Dual Magnum* (S-metolachlor)</p>	<p><b>1.33 to 1.67 pt</b> (1.25 to 1.6)</p>		<p>POST. Sugarbeet: 4 or more true leaves.</p>	<p>Emerged weeds not controlled. Rain or sprinkler irrigation needed for activation. May be applied more than once but total applied must not exceed 2.6 pt/A for Dual Magnum* or 24 fl oz/A for Outlook*.  Lay-by Dual Magnum* or Outlook* should not be applied where PPI or PRE Norton* was used because sugarbeet injury may be severe. May be mixed with Roundup* + AMS to provide residual weed control. Allow a 60 day PHI, except the PHI is 95 days for Outlook* applied to 9-leaf through 12-leaf sugarbeet.</p>
<p>Outlook* (dimethenamid-P)</p>	<p><b>18 to 21 fl oz</b> (0.84 to 0.98)</p>		<p>POST. Sugarbeet: 2 to 8 true leaves.</p>	

**Roundup Ready Sugarbeet (Plant only when approved by USDA/APHIS for 2012)**

Herbicide	Product / A (lb ae / A)	Weeds	When to Apply	Remarks																																										
Roundup* (glyphosate) [Only registered brands may be applied to Roundup Ready sugarbeet]	<p><b>Maximum single application up to 8-leaf stage = 1.125lb ae</b></p> <p><b>Maximum single application from 8 leaf sugarbeet to canopy closed= 0.75 lb ae</b></p> <p>See Remarks.</p>	Annual and perennial grass and broadleaf weeds	<p>POST.</p> <p>Sugarbeet: emergence to canopy closure.</p> <p>Weeds: 1-2 inches in height.</p>	<p><b>Apply postemergence only to Roundup Ready sugarbeet varieties.</b></p> <p>Only use registered glyphosate brands</p> <p align="center"><u>0.75 lb ae</u>   <u>0.98 lb ae</u>   <u>1.125 lbae</u></p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>lb ae/gal</u></th> <th><u>lb ai/gal</u></th> <th></th> <th><u>fl oz/A</u></th> <th></th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>=</td> <td>32</td> <td>41</td> <td>48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.75</td> <td>5</td> <td>=</td> <td>25</td> <td>33</td> <td>38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/4.17</td> <td>5.4/5.1</td> <td>=</td> <td>24</td> <td>31/30</td> <td>36/35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.5</td> <td>5.5</td> <td>=</td> <td>22</td> <td>28</td> <td>32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.72</td> <td>6.3</td> <td>=</td> <td>20</td> <td>26</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>6.1</td> <td>=</td> <td>20</td> <td>25</td> <td>30</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Max. single app. from sugarbeet emergence to 8 leaves = <b>1.125 lb ae.</b>                      Maximum from sugarbeet emergence to 8 leaves = <b>1.96 lb ae.</b>                      Max. single application from 8 leaves to closed canopy = <b>0.75 lb ae.</b>                      Maximum from 8 leaves to closed canopy = <b>1.55 lb ae.</b>                      Maximum from sugarbeet emergence through harvest = <b>3.38 lb ae.</b>                      Maximum total for year = <b>6lb ae.</b>                      Add AMS fertilizer at 4 lb/100 gal, or more for hard water.                      Refer to labels for tank mix restrictions.                      Allow a 30 day PHI</p>	<u>lb ae/gal</u>	<u>lb ai/gal</u>		<u>fl oz/A</u>			3	4	=	32	41	48	3.75	5	=	25	33	38	4/4.17	5.4/5.1	=	24	31/30	36/35	4.5	5.5	=	22	28	32	4.72	6.3	=	20	26	30	5	6.1	=	20	25	30
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Sequence (glyphosate-K & S-metolachlor)	<b>2.5 to 3.0 pt</b> (0.7 to 0.84 & 0.94 to 1.125)	Annual and perennial grass and broadleaf weeds with limited residual activity	<p>POST.</p> <p>Sugarbeet: 2 true leaves to canopy closure.</p>	<p>Maximum rate (2 to 8 lf sugarbeet) = 2.5 pt/A on course soils &amp; 3.0 pt/A on medium to fine soils. Maximum rate (8 lf to canopy closure) = 2.5 pt/A. Include additional Roundup* as allowed. Seasonal maximum = 7 pt/A. Allow 60 days PHI.</p>																																										

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Rates are shown as formulated product/A (top line) and lb/A active ingredient in parentheses. Some herbicides have more than one type formulation; in this case refer to lb active ingredient per acre and check herbicide label for formulated product/A.

**Table 8. HERBICIDES FOR SUGARBEET**

<b>Trade name and manufacturer</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Formulation (lb/gal or % ai)</b>	<b>Reentry interval (hours)</b>	<b>Preharvest interval (days)</b>	<b>\$/unit</b>
Alphanex (UPI)	desmedipham	1.3 EC	24	75	80/gal
Arrow (MANA)	clethodim	2 EC	24	40	125/gal
Assure II (DuPont)	quizalofop	0.88 EC	12	45	145/gal
Betamix (Bayer)	desmedipham & phenmedipham	0.65 & 0.65 EC	24	75	95/gal
Betanex (Bayer)	desmedipham	1.3 EC	24	75	105/gal
BnB Plus (UPI)	desmedipham & phenmedipham & ethofumesate	0.6& 0.6 & 0.6 EC	48	75	90/gal
Brawl (Tenkoz)	S-metolachlor	7.62 EC	24	60	112/gal
Charger Basic (Winfield)	S-metolachlor	7.62 EC	24	60	110/gal
Clethodim 2 EC (Albaugh)	clethodim	2 EC	24	40	120/gal
Clopyr Ag (UPI)	clopyralid	3 SL	12	45	410/gal
Dual Magnum (Syngenta)	S-metolachlor	7.62 EC	24	60	120/gal
Eptam (Gowan)	EPTC	7 EC	12	-	44/gal
Establish (Tenkoz)	dimethenamid-P	6 EC	12	60/95	170/gal
Ethofumesate 42 SC (Solera)	ethofumesate	4 EC	12	90 (POST)	-
Ethofumesate SC (Willowood USA)	ethofumesate	4 EC	12	90 (POST)	-
Ethotron SC (UPI)	ethofumesate	4 EC	12	90 (POST)	-
Far-Go (Gowan)	trilalate	4 EC 10 G	12	-	45/gal 1.12/lb
Gramoxone Inteon (Syngenta)	paraquat	2 SL	12	-	34/gal
Harmony SG (DuPont)	thifensulfuron	75 SG	4	-	32/oz
Ignite 280 SL (Bayer)	glufosinate	2.34 SL	12	-	55/gal
Intensity (Loveland)	clethodim	2 EC	24	40	100/gal

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Nortron SC (Bayer)	ethofumesate	4 EC	12		105/gal
Outlook (BASF)	dimethenamid-P	6 EC	12	60/95	170/gal
Phen-Des 8+8 (UPI)	desmedipham & phenmedipham	0.65 & 0.65 EC	24	75	85/gal
Poast (BASF)	sethoxydim	1.5 EC	12	60	82/gal
Progress (Bayer)	desmedipham & phenmedipham & ethofumeaste	0.6 & 0.6 & 0.6 EC	48	75	105/gal
Propel (Rosens)	dimethenamid-P	6 EC	12	60/95	170/gal
Ro-Neet SB (Helm Agro)	cycloate	6 EC	12	-	60/gal
Roundup* and others (many companies)	glyphosate	3, 3.75, 4, 4.17, 4.5, 4.72, 5	12	30	12-45/gal
Section (Winfield)	clethodim	2 EC	24	40	170/gal
Select Max (Valent)	clethodim	0.97 EC	24	40	140/gal
Sequence (Syngenta)	glyphosate-K & S-metolachlor	2.25 & 3.0 SC	24	60	50/gal
Shadow (Arysta)	clethodim	2 EC	24	40	130/gal
Sortie (Helena)	dimethenamid-P	6 EC	12	60/95	170/gal
Spur (Albaugh)	clopyralid	3 SL	12	45	430/gal
Stinger (Dow)	clopyralid	3 SL	12	45	480/gal
Targa (DuPont)	quizalofop	0.88 EC	12	45	125/gal
Treflan* and others (several companies)	trifluralin	EC G	12	-	22-28/gal 0.90 to 0.95/lb
Trigger (Albaugh)	clethodim	2 EC	24	40	120/gal
UpBeet (DuPont)	triflusulfuron	50 DF	4	60	75/oz
Volunteer (Tenkoz)	clethodim	2 EC	24	40	140/gal

*\*Or generic equivalent*