

"Weed Control from Green to Rough"





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ANNUAL BLUEGRASS (*Poa annua* L.)
DESCRIPTION, ADAPTATION, CULTURE AND CONTROL
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TURFGRASS SPECIES	HERBICIDE	TYPE OF APPLICATION	COMMENTS
Kentucky bluegrass	benfen	preemergence	Apply early spring and late summer prior to germination of annual bluegrass.
	DCPA	preemergence	Apply early spring and late summer prior to germination of annual bluegrass.
	linuron ^(a)	postemergence	Apply spring and late summer to turf with small patches (4 in. dia.) of annual bluegrass for selective control.
	calcium arsenate ^(a)	prepost	Apply early spring and late summer until selective control of annual bluegrass occurs.
	maleic hydrazide + chlorflurenol	postemergence	Apply early fall after seed germination of annual bluegrass for gradual removal.
	endothal	postemergence	Apply late summer; selective recovery of the Kentucky bluegrass requires 3 to 4 weeks.
Creeping bentgrass	bemolide	preemergence	Apply late summer prior to germination of annual bluegrass. Repeated use may result in bentgrass injury, especially during mid-summer.
	lead arsenate ^(a)	prepost	Apply early spring and late summer until selective control of annual bluegrass occurs.

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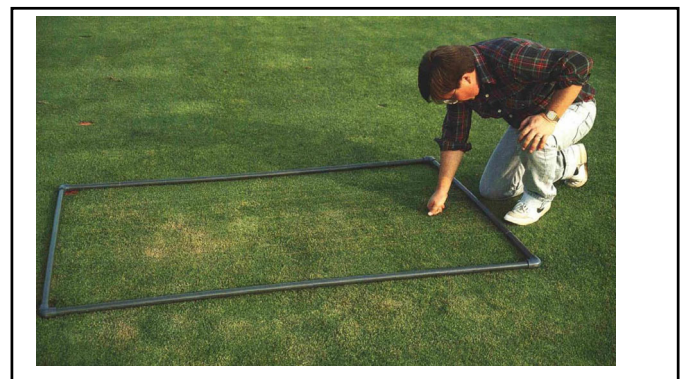
**Influence of Cultural Factors on Species Dominance
 in a Mixed Stand of Annual Bluegrass/Creeping Bentgrass**
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**Influence Of Cultural Factors On Species Dominance
 In Annual Bluegrass / Creeping Bentgrass**
The persistence of annual bluegrass cannot
 be easily isolated to any one management practice
 but depends on the overall cultural program.

PGR's, N fertility, overseeding, irrigation and clipping treatments for 3 years on a mixed stand of AB and CB.

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Summary

- The results of this investigation indicate that cultural practices play a significant role in enhancing or deterring the encroachment of annual bluegrass into creeping bentgrass. Clipping removal reduced the encroachment of annual bluegrass into creeping bentgrass and also reduced the reservoir of annual bluegrass seed in the soil. High N fertility increased annual bluegrass in one year of the study but did not prove to be a significant factor over time. Treatment with mefluidide, in combination with high N fertility or when returning clippings, increased annual bluegrass populations.

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Clipping removal

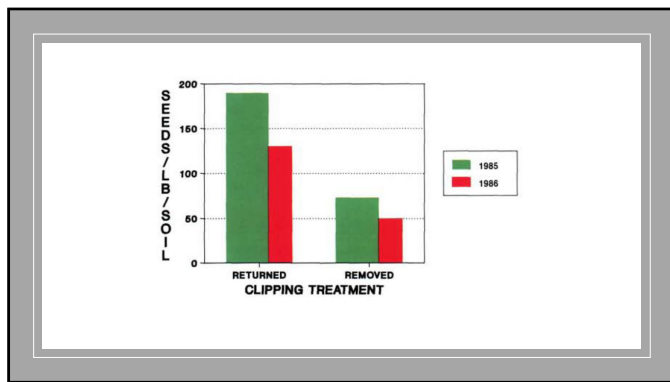
From Literature

- Removal of clippings from a polystand of AB and Kentucky bluegrass can significantly suppress AB invasion when compared to returning clippings (1). Pierce et al. (20) found clipping removal to significantly increase CB population in a mixed stand of AB and CB.

Dissertation results

- Significantly more viable AB seeds were found in the soil where clippings were returned. In 1985 clippings-returned plots had 420 viable AB seeds kg⁻¹ of soil compared to 160 seeds for the clippings-removed. In 1986 clipping-returned plots contained 130 seeds compared to 50 seeds kg⁻¹ of soil for the clipping-removed plots. Although the amount of viable AB seeds where clippings were removed was still quite high, these plots, when averaged across years, contained 60% fewer viable AB seeds than where clippings were returned.

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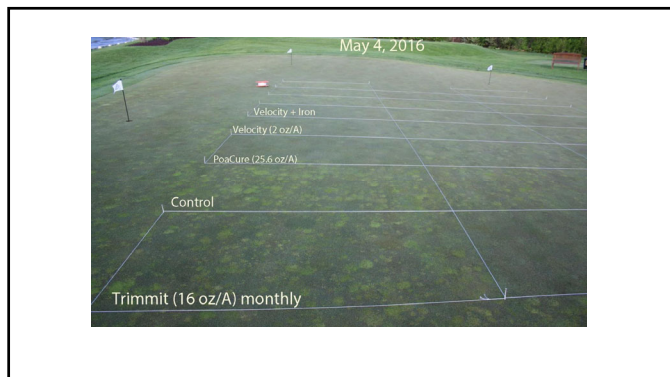


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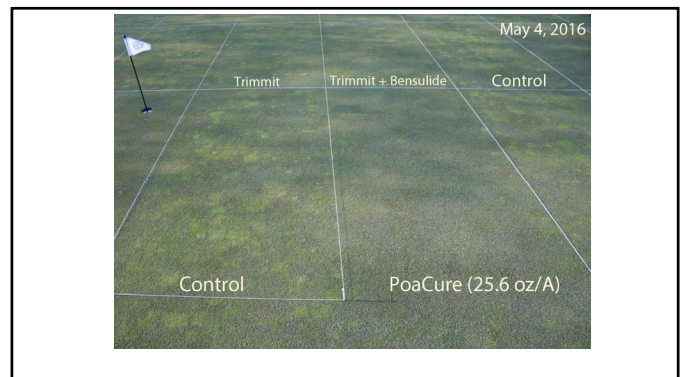
PoaCure

- methiozolin
- Provides PRE and POST control of *Poa annua*
- Controls *Poa trivialis* (label approval pending)
- Golf Course only at this point

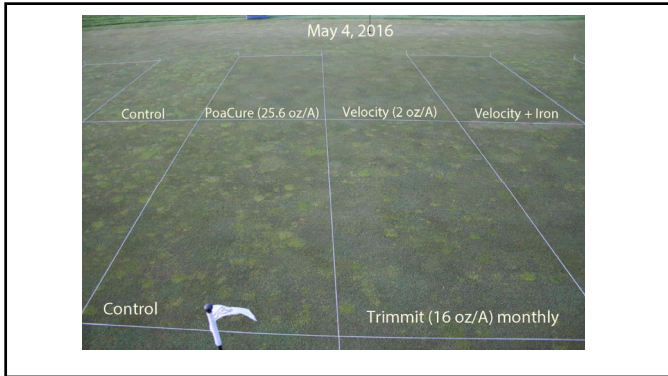
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PoaCure Words of wisdom from Bruce Branham, Ph.D., University of Illinois
"I recommend starting with 2 apps in the fall at 0.6 oz/M (label recommends 1.2 oz/M) applied two weeks apart. Start between 9/15 and 10/15. Apply two more times the next spring. (some data indicate a spring start date results in better control). The following fall, you can repeat the program while potentially going to 3 fall applications depending on the level of control achieved the previous year and your level of comfort with the product. (lots of poa = lots of bare ground). I always like to start slowly. Remember, this is just like crabgrass, you'll have to do something every year, at least for quite awhile, until you've not only controlled the visible Poa but have knocked down the seed bank."

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Cost:
 \$250/16 Fl oz or \$5000 for 20-16 oz bottles = \$15.63 oz.
 Applying at 0.6 oz/M = \$9.39/M per application
 X 4 applications in a 12-month period = \$37.50/M or \$1,634/Acre

Other points of interest:
 Be careful when using a single MOA approach to any pest. Rotation of chemistries with Poa is problematic.

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Herbicide-Resistant Annual Bluegrass (<i>Poa annua</i>) Globally		
Country	Active Ingredients	Site of Action
France, Belgium, USA, Japan, Czech Republic, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Norway	atrazine, simazine, diuron, cyanazine	Photosystem II
USA (Oregon)	ethofumesate	Lipid inhibitors
USA (North Carolina, Tennessee)	pendimethalin, prodiamine, dithopyr	Microtubule inhibitors
USA (California)	glyphosate	EPSP synthase inhibitors
Belgium	paraquat	PSI electron diverter

Ian Heap, International Survey of Herbicide Resistant Weeds, January, 2015. Weed Science Society of America.

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- **Bispyribac sodium (Velocity; Group 2) availability is in question (stopped being made in 2017)**
- **Amicarbazone (XONERATE; Group 6) or ethofumesate (Prograss; Group 16) are good *P. annua* herbicides and not labeled for greens.....**
- **Mesotrione (Tenacity; Group 27) is herbicidal on bentgrass**

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Long-Term Efficacy of Annual Bluegrass Control Strategies on Golf Course Putting Greens

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Abstract
 Annual bluegrass (Poa annua L.; ABG) is among the most common weeds of highly-maintained turf in the United States. Though many labeled active ingredients exist for control in golf course fairways, few labeled options exist for putting greens. Further, ABG has demonstrated resistance to several herbicide modes of action commonly used on fairways turf. The use of a systems approach (rotating cultural and chemical controls with diverse modes of action) could limit the

Core Ideas

- Aeration of golf course putting greens in the summer rather than in the early fall does not decrease annual bluegrass cover.
- Monthly applications of iron sulfate were ineffective at reducing annual bluegrass.
- Methiozolin, paclobutrazol, or bispyribac-sodium provided the greatest reduction of annual bluegrass when used over multiple years.

"The effectiveness of season-long treatments will vary depending on location, but methiozolin (WSSA Group 30 herbicide), paclobutrazol (Type II, Class B PGR), or bispyribac-sodium (WSSA Group 2 herbicide) reduced ABG populations. These three options with diverse mechanisms could be incorporated into an integrated ABG management system that also included mechanical removal, interseeding of improved creeping bentgrass cultivars, the reduction of tree shade on putting greens, and careful management of N and P"

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Table 6. Annual bluegrass (ABG) cover at spring seedhead production during and after 4 years of season-long applications of herbicides, iron sulfate, growth regulators, or combination treatments to creeping bentgrass/ABG maintained at putting green height in West Lafayette, IN.

Treatment	Application/year and rate	May 2014 ¹	May 2015	May 2016	April 2017	May 2018
		% cover ²				
Iron sulfate	6 @ 704 oz/acre	74 a ³	49 a	22 ab	9 bc	27 a
Iron sulfate + bispyribac-sodium	6 @ 704 oz/acre + 4 @ 2 oz/acre	69 ab	32 bc	7 c	6 c	11 bc
Methiozolin	4 @ 25.6 oz/acre	66 b	26 c	7 c	6 c	6 c
Paclobotrazol	6 @ 16 oz/acre	63 b	31 bc	14 bc	12 ab	10 bc
Paclobotrazol + bensulfide	6 @ 16 oz/acre + 2 @ 240 oz/acre	73 a	42 ab	17 ab	13 ab	14 b
Bispyribac-sodium	4 @ 2 oz/acre	70 ab	41 ab	15 bc	9 bc	8 c
Nontreated	-	65 b	51 a	24 a	14 a	22 a
P-value		0.0206	0.0005	0.0040	0.0037	< 0.0001

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APPLIED TURFGRASS SCIENCE—BRIEFS

Field evaluation of preemergence activity of plant growth regulators on annual bluegrass

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1 | INTRODUCTION

Plant growth regulators (PGRs) have been widely used in the turfgrass industry for growth reduction of annual bluegrass (Poa annua L.). PGRs have been used to reduce germination activity, as well as pre-emergence seedling establishment (Barnes, 1971; Gosselin & Brinkman, 1991; Haley & Hensman, 1995), but neither pre-emergence nor pre-emergence PGRs have been evaluated for pre-emergence activity in the greenhouse or in the field. The objective of this study was to determine if the pre-emergence activity of PGRs could be used to reduce ABG emergence under field conditions. If tested PGR treatments have pre-emergence activity, then ABG cover may be reduced.

2 | MATERIALS AND METHODS

Experiments were conducted at the Golf Courses and Turfgrass Research Facility (GTRF) and the Golf Course Research Facility (GCRF) at the University of Tennessee. The study was conducted at two locations: the GTRF (1.5 ha) and the GCRF (1.5 ha). The study was conducted at two locations: the GTRF (1.5 ha) and the GCRF (1.5 ha). The study was conducted at two locations: the GTRF (1.5 ha) and the GCRF (1.5 ha).

“Results of this study suggest flurprimidol and paclobutrazol have preemergence activity on AB under field conditions, but not prohexadione-Ca. Despite the preemergence benefit of these PGRs, golf course superintendents should not use them exclusively to control AB. However, one may expect reduction in AB seed germination (15-18%) and reduced AB cover by incorporating Class-B PGRs, especially paclobutrazol, into the management program.”

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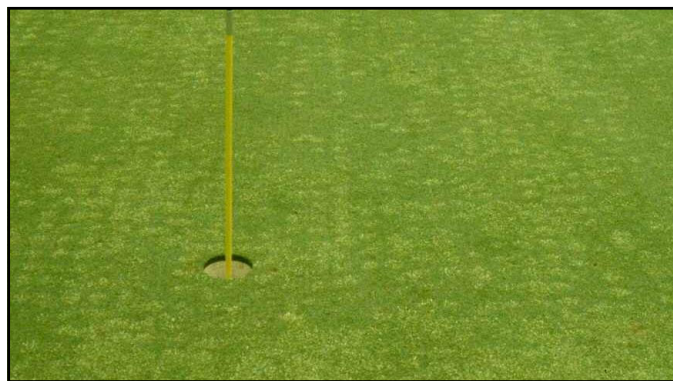


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Smucker RWTD00 Drift Free Sponge Dauber

Fill with 2-4% solution of glyphosate

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POA ANNUA	POA ANNUA RATINGS OF BENTGRASS CULTIVARS GROWN ON A GREEN 1/ 1999-2002 DATA					RATINGS OF CREEPING BENTGRASS CULTIVARS GROWN ON A GREEN 2009-13 DATA	
	NAME	W11	W12	2/	3/	MEAN	PA1
	SYN 96-2	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	
	I-93	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	
	PENN A-4	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	
	PENN G-1	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	
	ISI AP-5	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	
	PENN A-1	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	
	PENN A-2	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	
	PENN G-6	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	
	SYN 96-1	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	
	SYN 96-3	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	
	ART-CR3-1	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	
	BENGAL (BAR AS SFUS2)	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	
	BRIGHTON (SRX 1120)	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	
	CHENHMAN	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	
	IMPERIAL	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	
	PICK CB 13-94	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	
	BAR CB SUS3	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	
	CESTRY	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	
	PROVIDENCE	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	
	SET-A&E	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	
	SR 1119	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	
	SRX 183AA	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	
	PENNCR0SS	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	
	PENNLINS	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	
	SRX 1M3H	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	
	YESPER (PICK MVB)	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	
	BACKSPIN	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	
	SR 7200	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	
	BAVARIA	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	
	LSD VALUE	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	

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Annual bluegrass populations in mixed stands with bentgrass cultivars seeded September 2013 (NJ)

		-2014-		-2015-
		30 Jun	10 Oct	May 1
		**	***	***
Cultivar	Species			
Proclamation	A. stolonifera	17 d	13 de	16 de
Shark	A. stolonifera	18 cde	17 cd	16 de
007	A. stolonifera	28 ab	20 c	22 cd
Pinup	A. stolonifera	26 abc	22 c	21 cd
Barracuda	A. stolonifera	24 bcd	28 b	32 bc
L-93	A. stolonifera	26 abc	36 a	48 a
Pennncross	A. stolonifera	32 a	39.4 a	49 a
LSD _{0.05}		8	5	13

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Response of annual bluegrass populations Post traffic (NJ)

		---2015---		-----2016-----		-----2017-----		-----2018-----	
		Nov 2	Apr-27	Nov-04	Apr 14	Nov 3	May 7	Oct 30	
Cultivar	Species								
Proclamation	A. stolonifera	36 c	30 e	13 bc	16 c	5 c	14 d	3 c	
Shark	A. stolonifera	43 bc	34 cde	8 cd	12 c	5 c	12 d	2 c	
007	A. stolonifera	37 c	32 de	7 cd	14 c	5 c	14 d	2 c	
Pinup	A. stolonifera	37 c	30 e	8 cd	20 c	9 bc	14 d	2 c	
Barracuda	A. stolonifera	52 b	41 cd	12 bc	20 c	8 bc	20 cd	4 c	
L-93	A. stolonifera	55 b	53 ab	17 b	34 b	15 b	41.3 b	13 b	
Pennncross	A. stolonifera	76 a	63 a	16 b	43 b	16 b	47 b	15 b	
LSD _{0.05}		12	11	8	11	9	10	8	

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Current understanding of the *Poa annua* life cycle

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Abstract

Poa annua L. is a common component of turfgrass systems both as a weed and a desirable species. Since first classified by Carl von Linné in 1753, nearly 50 taxa of *P. annua* have been described, with delineations made on the basis of plant morphology and not life cycle. Yet, peer-reviewed turfgrass literature has recognized only two of these taxa over the past 50 yr. *P. annua* L. var.

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Summary

- Chemical control
- Seedhead control
- Spot or hand weeding
- Cultivation
- Cultivar selection

"Management is possible; eradication is unlikely"

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Pre, post or both for better annual grass control?


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Grassy Weeds

- **Crabgrass***
- **Foxtail***
- **Goosegrass(*)**
- **Grassy sandbur***
- **Barnyardgrass***
- Quackgrass
- Bromegrass
- Nimblewill

Preemergence control possible; **preferred method*




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Broadleaf Weeds


- **Prostrate spurge***
- **Henbit***
- **Prostrate Knotweed***
- Dandelion
- Plantain
- Ground Ivy

Preemergence control possible; **preferred method*



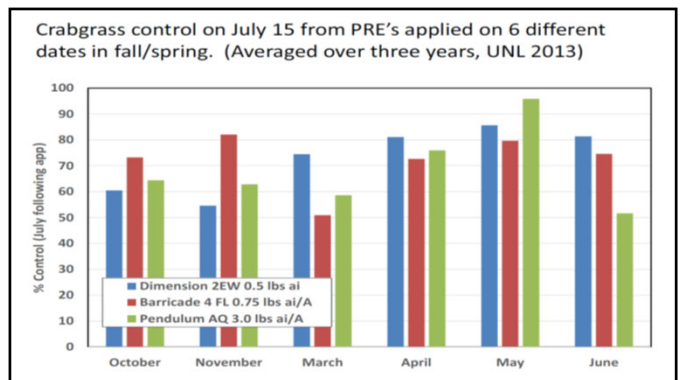
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When to apply preemergence herbicides

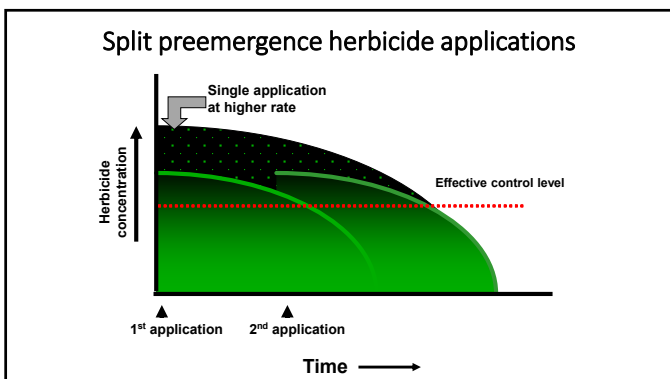


- Soil temperatures exceed 50° F
- Occurs first:
 - In landscape beds
 - Thinned turfgrass
 - Near sidewalks
 - Better to apply early than late

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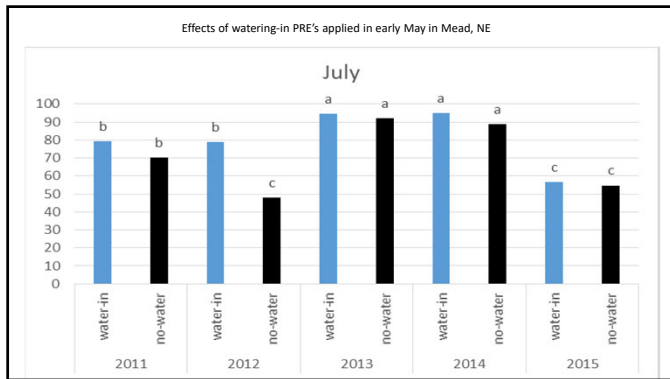
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Preemergence Herbicide "efficacy"



- Less than adequate control
- Timing and application rates are correct, so...?
- Reasons for "failure"
 - Poor turf conditions
 - Tough weeds/lots of them
 - High rainfall/irrigation
 - Non-Uniform application
 - Insufficient early irrigation/rainfall

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Effective Use of Preemergence Herbicides

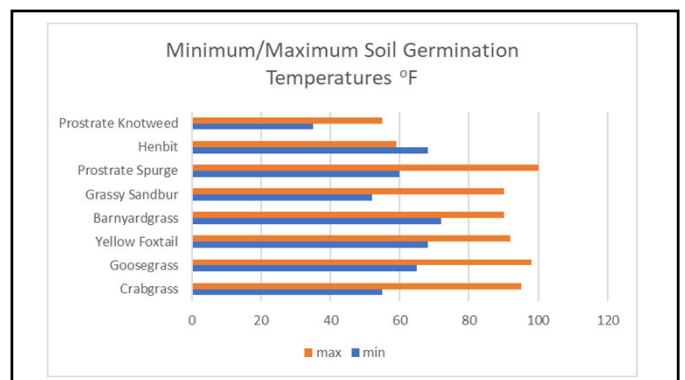
- Start with heathy turf
- Better to apply too early
- App timing is flexible within reason (earlier/split apps)
- Water in
- Uniform application is essential
- Label rates
- Split applications can provide extended season control

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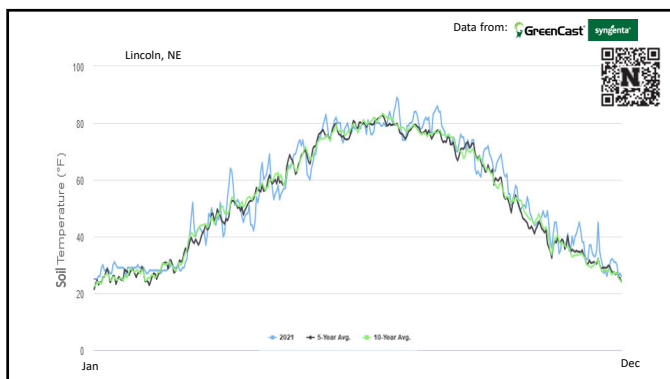
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- Barnyardgrass 72° to 90°F
- Grassy Sandbur 52 F to 75 F
- Prostrate Spurge 60°F to 100°F
- Henbit 68 and 59
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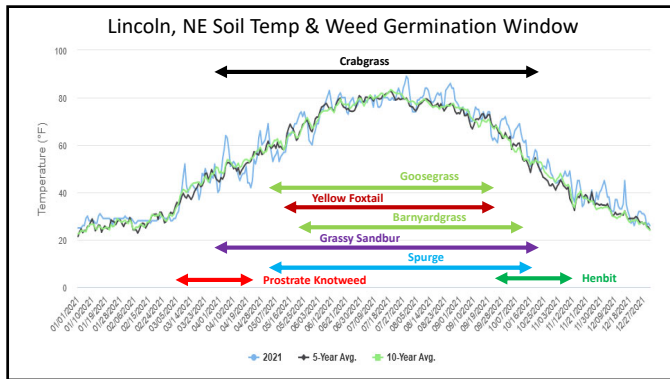


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First Attempt: 2022

- Barricade (prodiamine), Dimension (dithiopyr) and Pendulum (pendimethalin) applied at full rate on May 1 or June 1, 2022
- Same applied at 1/2 rate on May 1 FB same on June 15
- Drive XLR8 (quinclorac) applied at full rate on June 1
- Drive XLR8 applied with each pre on June 1
- 2 locations in proximity, one with heavy crabgrass and one with heavy yellow foxtail
- Data collected on cover and converted to % control based on untreated

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-----% Control-----

			July 9, 2022		August 29, 2022	
			Crabgrass	Foxtail	Crabgrass	Foxtail
			0h	0g	0f	0g
Untreated Check			100a	45cde	94a	51bcd
Dimension 2EW	2 pt/a	1-May	92ab	13fg	68a-d	13fg
Barricade 4FL	30 fl oz/a	May 1	90ab	18efg	76abc	42b-f
Pendulum Aquacap	4.2 pt/a	May 1	95ab	24efg	89a	43b-f
Drive XLR8; Dimension	64; 2 oz/s; pt/a	May 1-June 15	92ab	13fg	68a-d	13fg
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Drive XLR8 + MSO	64 fl oz/a	June 1	83ab	32def	69a-d	43b-f
			31fg	23efg	20ef	35c-f
			27g	15fg	17ef	17efg
			90ab	98a	45b-e	88a
			85abc	88a	43cde	63abc
			83ab	93a	46b-e	66ab
			73bcd	78ab	34ef	66ab

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			27g	15fg	17ef	17efg
			90ab	98a	45b-e	88a
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Drive XLR8 + MSO	64 fl oz/a	June 1	83ab	32def	69a-d	43b-f
			31fg	23efg	20ef	35c-f
			27g	15fg	17ef	17efg
			90ab	98a	45b-e	88a
			85abc	88a	43cde	63abc
			83ab	93a	46b-e	66ab
			73bcd	78ab	34ef	66ab

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Drive XLR8; Dimension	64; 2 oz/s; pt/a	May 1-June 15	92ab	13fg	68a-d	13fg
Drive XLR8; Barricade	64; 30 oz/s; pt/a	May 1	90ab	18efg	76abc	42b-f
Drive XLR8; Pendulum	64; 4.2 oz/s; pt/ac	May 1	95ab	24efg	89a	43b-f
Drive XLR8 + MSO	64 fl oz/a	June 1	83ab	32def	69a-d	43b-f
			31fg	23efg	20ef	35c-f
			27g	15fg	17ef	17efg
			90ab	98a	45b-e	88a
			85abc	88a	43cde	63abc
			83ab	93a	46b-e	66ab
			73bcd	78ab	34ef	66ab

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Second Attempt: 2023

- More treatments; more products
- **Foxtail** only
- 2 locations, one managed as utility turf (monthly mow at 4" HOC, no irrigation, 50-60% foxtail) or irrigated rough/lawn (3.5 HOC weekly, irrigated, 25-30% foxtail)

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Untreated Check			
Dimension 2ew	2 pt/a	May 1	
Dimension 2ew	1 pt/a	May 1 June 1	
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Barricade 4fl	15 fl oz/a	May 1 June 1	
Pendulum Aquacap	4.2 pt/a	May 1	
Pendulum Aquacap	2.1 pt/a	May 1 June 1	
Specticle	6 oz/a	May 1	
Specticle	3 oz/a	May 1 June 1	
Dimension 2ew	2 pt/a	June 1	
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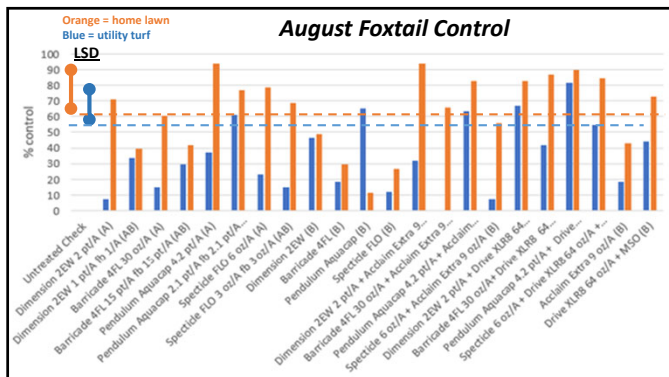
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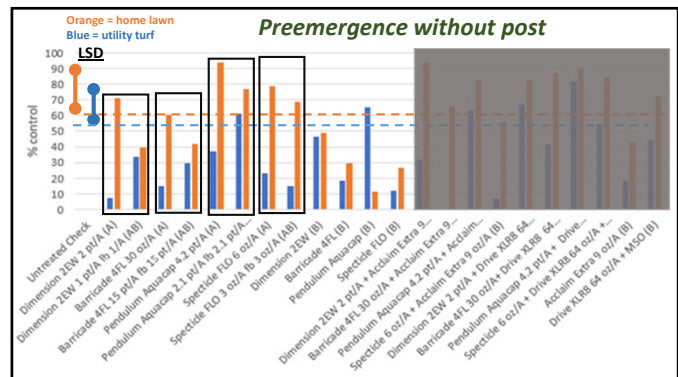
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Barricade 4fl	30 fl oz/a	June 1
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late apps, full rate pre's, w post, post alone

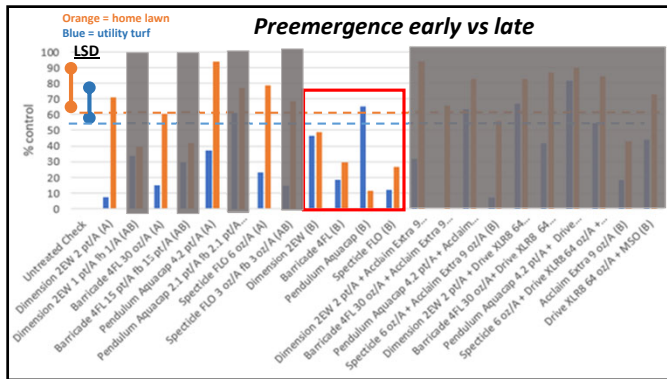
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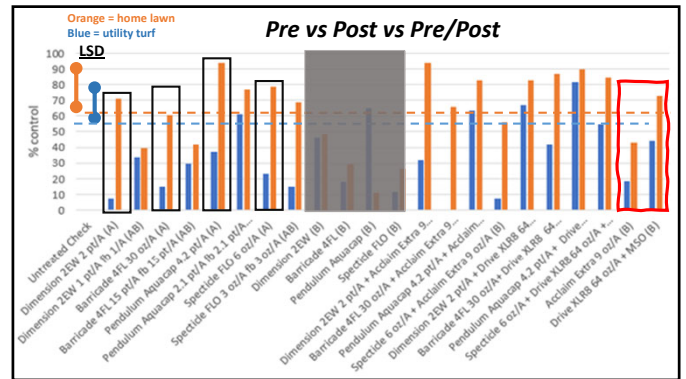
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Summary 2022/2023

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- Split apps with lower rates were problematic **in both years**
- Foxtail populations were near 100% resulting in poor control and questionable data for objective; **similar in 2023 in one location**
- Use of post emergence annual grass herbicides (quinclorac (Drive XLR8); mesotrione (Tenacity); topramezone (Pylex) provides added benefit in timing flexibility and broadleaf activity; **Acclaim and Drive XLR8 in 2023 with similar results**

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GameOn

- 2,4-D + fluroxypyr + halauxifen-methyl
- broad spectrum, fast acting
- reduced non target injury - 2,4-D choline

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Trial Info

- Location: Mead, NE (John Seaton Anderson Turf Research Farm)
- Kentucky bluegrass with heavy dandelion and white clover
- GameOn Specialty Herbicide @3, 3.5 and 4.0 pt/A
 - 2 Industry standards
 - 1 experimental
- UTC
- Application date: October 2
- Image taken in the spring

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Mature Prostrate Knotweed Control 2019

		6 WAT	9 WAT	13 WAT	17 WAT
GameOn	2 pt/a	88.8a	96.3a	100a	100a
GameOn	3 pt/a	96.3a	100a	100a	100a
GameOn	4 pt/a	96.3a	100a	100a	100a
Untreated		0c	0c	0c	0c

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NativeKlean

- 2,4-D + aminopyralid
- targets broadleaf weeds, including invasive and noxious weeds and woody plants, in native or natural grass areas that are not regularly mowed or maintained
- residual control for more than three months
- native or natural forbs will be injured or controlled
- Economical niche product

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Organic/natural weed control options

- Preemergence
 - Corn gluten meal
 - Distiller grains
- Postemergence
 - multiple
- Non-selective
 - multiple

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Selective postemergence trial

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Materials and Methods

Spring Applications: May 4 and May 31, 2018 (4 weeks after initial treatment)
Fall Applications: September 13 and October 5, 2018

Product	Active Ingredient	Rate
Untreated Check	N/A	N/A
Iron X	26.52% Iron HEDTA	25.2 oz/M
A.D.I.O.S.	Sodium chloride + NIS	1 lb product/gallon
ICT Halo	Eugenol, Clove Oil	10 oz/M
Fiesta Weed Killer	26.52% Iron HEDTA	12.6 fl oz/M or 25.2 fl oz/M
Fiesta Weed Killer + Xiameter OPX-0309	26.52% Iron HEDTA and Silicon Adjuvant	12.6 oz/M
Natria Lawn Weed and Disease Control	26.52% Iron HEDTA	25.2 fl oz/M
Trimec Classic	2,4-D	4 pt/A
Borax	Boric Acid	Spray to runoff
EcoSmart Weed & Grass Killer	Rosemary Oil	Spray to runoff
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- ### Conclusions
- Trimec Classic was always numerically the top performer for both trials
 - Products containing **iron HEDTA** and **ICT Halo** often were statistically as effective as Trimec Classic
 - Iron X
 - Fiesta Weed Killer (full rate or w/ Xiameter)
 - Natria Lawn Weed and Disease Control
 - When using most organics, multiple applications will be required
 - Unpublished UNL study showed significantly diminished effectiveness if no reapplication is made

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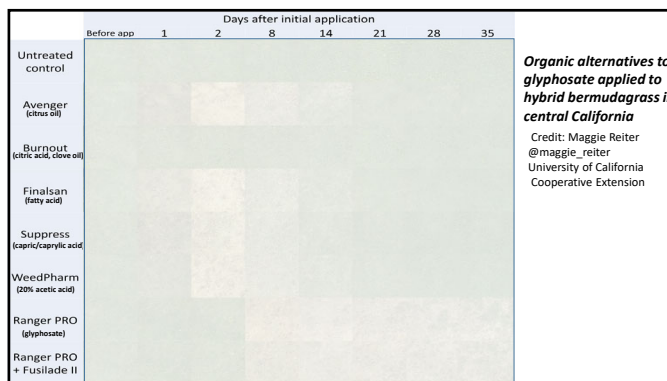
Cost Analysis

Product	Rate	Cost per 1000 sq. ft.
Untreated Check	N/A	--
Iron X	25.2 oz/M	\$102.00
A.D.I.O.S.	1 lb product/gallon	\$202.74
ICT Halo (name changed to Branch Creek Weed Shield)	10 oz/M	\$6.58
Fiesta Weed Killer	25.2/12.6 fl oz/M	\$16.73/\$8.37
Fiesta Weed Killer + Xiameter OPX-0309	12.6 oz/M	\$38.78
Natria Lawn Weed and Disease Control	25.2 fl oz/M	\$17.85
Trimec Classic	4 pt/A	\$0.61
Borax	Spray to runoff	\$5.00/ 64 oz
EcoSmart Weed & Grass Killer	Spray to runoff	\$25/ 64 oz
AgraLawn Weed and Crab Killer	Shake on foliage	\$23/ 2 lb
Fiesta Weed Killer	12.6 fl oz/M	\$8.37

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Organic glyphosate alternatives (non-selective)

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Comparison of Acetic Acid to Glyphosate for Weed Suppression in the Garden

control weeds globally (Maki et al., 1989). With conventional tillage systems, glyphosate is commonly applied before planting (Reed and Shaw, 1992) and has been successful at suppressing weeds with minimal impact on vegetable yields (Riordan, 1995). Several studies have indicated the effectiveness of glyphosate in controlling weeds in crop production systems (Chapman, 2006; Griffin et al., 2006; Nieren et al., 2001; Shaw and Arnold, 2002). However, others have compared glyphosate with non-herbicidal weed control methods (Chapman et al., 2006; Patten and Klueber, 2012; Tong, 2004). Research in the use of annual produce covered with mulch before planting has shown similar weed control throughout the growing season in field and laboratory research comparing the efficacy of weed suppression treatments applied in the fall for a spring maize crop in winter-orchard weed control (Maki et al., 1989). With conservation tillage systems, glyphosate is commonly applied before planting (Reed and Shaw, 1992) and has been successful at suppressing weeds with minimal impact on vegetable yields (Riordan, 1995).

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Results indicated that glyphosate, when compared with AA, is the more effective weed suppression method.

- Although all three AA treatments (5%, 20%, and 30%) initially damaged weeds faster than glyphosate, AA did not control weeds for an extended period like glyphosate.
- The 20% and 30% AA applications required 3 to 4 treatments for equivalent control to glyphosate.

Weed control product	Product name	Concn in spray solution	Product source or manufacturer
Acetic acid (5%)	Great Value distilled white vinegar	Undiluted	Wallace, Germantown, IL
Acetic acid (20%)	Natural 20% vinegar	Undiluted	Famous Direct Chemicals, Long Island, NY
Acetic acid (30%)	Natural 30% vinegar	Undiluted	Famous Direct Chemicals
Glyphosate	Four Seasons 41% glyphosate plus	1:40 w.v.	Ragan and Mauer, Poundsdale, LA

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Organic weed control synopsis


- Pro's
 - Marginally viable options available, with research ongoing
 - Market or regulatory niche products
- Con's
 - Product cost
 - Labor cost
 - Contact vs systemic
 - More applications
 - Selectivity
 - Efficacy

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