

Seedhead window rapidly closing April 6, 2017

The window for Proxy + Primo applications to suppress annual bluegrass seedhead formation is rapidly closing across the state of Nebraska. The warm February accelerated GDD accumulation, but the cool and wet end to March had elongated the seedhead treatment window. Initial applications should be made as soon as possible and still may not be as effective as applications in March. Follow-up applications should be made 14 to 21 days after the first application.

Seedhead control can be hit or miss at the end of the initial Proxy application window. To assess the effectiveness of the application, include a check spot on an annual bluegrass patch. Simply place a board over a portion of a green, tee, or fairway, and monitor the prevalence of seedhead emergence this spring. The forecast models suggest the annual bluegrass seedhead peak will occur in mid to late-April. Finally, consider mixing a colorant with your Proxy or Proxy + Primo application to reduce the risk of phytotoxicity this spring.

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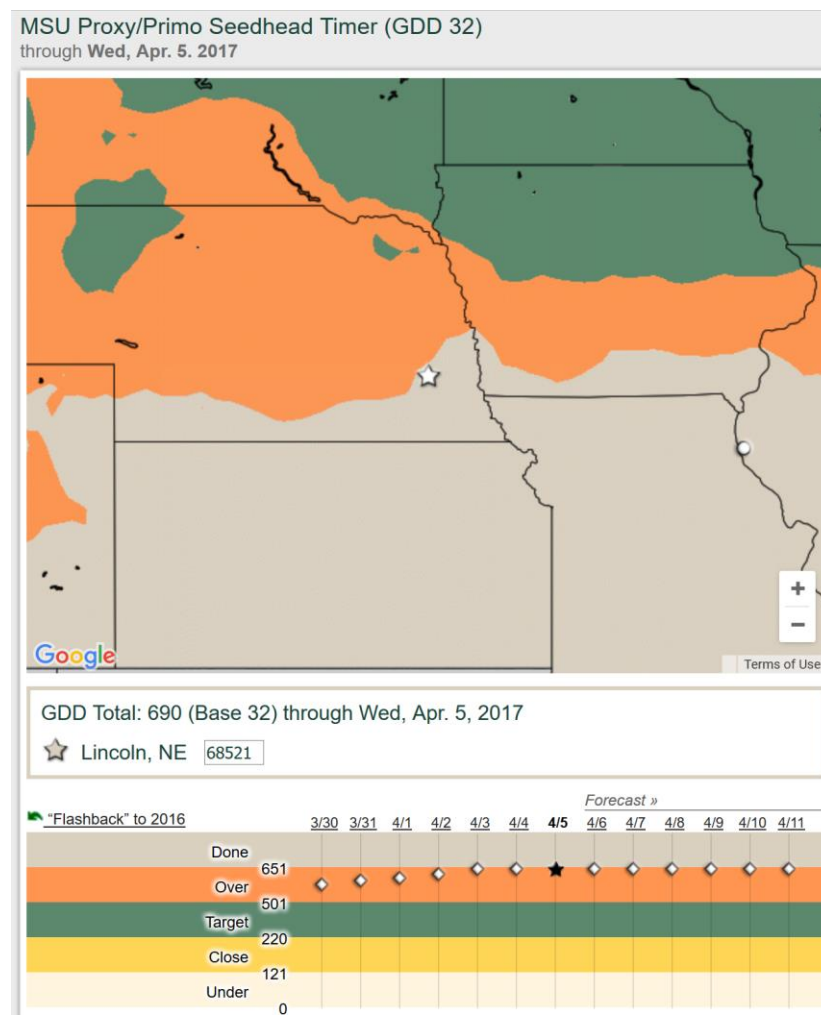


Figure 1. Seedheads can be an unsightly side effect of annual ecotypes of *Poa annua*. The MSU GDD Tracker (gddtracker.net) indicates the Proxy+Primo window is closing. The site also predicts maximum seedhead flush will occur in a couple weeks. Include a check plot in late spring Proxy apps to assess application effectiveness.