Weed Control in Reduced Tillage Corn

Star-of-Bethlehem control in no-till corn. Young, Bryan G., John F. Fietsam, and Scott A. Nolte. This study was designed to determine the effectiveness of corn herbicides for burndown control of star-of-Bethlehem. The study was conducted at an off-station location in Marion, IL. Herbicide applications preceded the crop and were applied 28 days before the planned planting date (28EPP). Weed control was rated 14 days after application and could not be rated at planting as planting was delayed and star-of-Bethlehem in the nontreated plots was dying naturally by that time. Plots were 10 ft wide, 30 ft long arranged in a randomized complete block design with 4 replications. The herbicides were broadcast applied with a CO₂ pressurized sprayer using 8003 flat fan tips at 40 PSI in 20 GPA water.

Application information is listed below.

Date Apr-11-02
Treatment 28EPP
Air temperature (F) 78
Soil moisture normal

star-of-Bethlehem

leaf no. 5-6 height (inch) 6-8

deadnettle, purple

leaf no. 16-20 height (inch) 6-12

Paraquat controlled 97 to 99% of star-of-Bethlehem at 14 days after treatment. The only other herbicides evaluated that provided at least 70% control of star-of-Bethlehem were metribuzin (75%) and atrazine (70%). Glyphosate controlled only 39 to 55% of star-of-Bethlehem with no significant increase in control when the glyphosate rate was increased from 0.375 to 0.75 lb ae/A. Tank mixing 2,4-D ester or thifensulfuron with glyphosate did not increase star-of-Bethlehem control. This research indicates paraquat is the only effective herbicide option for burndown control of star-of-Bethlehem prior to planting corn. (Dept. of Plant, Soil and General Agriculture, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale).

Table. Star-of-Bethlehem control in no-till corn. (Young, Fietsam and Nolte)

Control 14 days after treatment April 25 **OTGUM** LAMPU Application **Treatment**^a Rate Time 14 14 (lb/A) % % Nontreated 0 0 39 38 Glyphosate+AMS 0.375+2.0% 28EPP Glyphosate+AMS 0.75+2.0% 28EPP 48 75 Glyphosate+AMS 1.13+2.0% 28EPP 55 80 Glyphosate+AMS 1.5+2.0% 90 28EPP 50 2,4-De 0.5 28EPP 48 35 2,4-De 1.0 54 43 28EPP 2,4-De 1.5 48 28EPP 54 2.4-De 75 2.0 28EPP 68 Paraquat+NIS 0.5+0.25% 28EPP 97 97 Paraquat+NIS 0.75+0.25% 28EPP 99 99 Paraquat+NIS 1.0+0.25% 28EPP 99 99 Atrazine+COC 28EPP 70 95 2.0+1.0% Isoxaflutole+COC 0.117+1.0% 28EPP 44 66 Mesotrione+COC+28%N 51 86 0.188+1.0%+2.5% 28EPP Flumetsulam&clopyralid+COC+28%N 0.058&0.156+1.0%+2.5% 28EPP 31 21 Rimsulfuron&thifensulfuron+COC+28%N 0.0313&0.0157+1.0%+2.5% 36 40 28EPP 75 95 Metribuzin+COC 0.25+1.0% 28EPP Thifensulfuron+NIS 0.028+0.25% 28EPP 41 40 Glyphosate+thifensulfuron+AMS 0.75+0.028+2.0% 28EPP 39 55 2,4-De+thifensulfuron+NIS 1.0+0.028+0.25% 28EPP 56 66 Paraguat+thifensulfuron+NIS 0.75+0.028+0.25% 28EPP 99 99 Glyphosate+2,4-De+AMS 0.375+0.5+2.0% 28EPP 59 51 Paraquat+2,4-De+NIS 0.75+0.5+0.25% 28EPP 99 99 LSD 20 14 0.01 0.01

^aGlyphosate was Roundup UltraMax from Monsanto.

AMS = spray grade ammonium sulfate.

NIS = Activator 90, a nonionic surfactant from Loveland Industries, Inc.

COC = Prime Oil crop oil concentrate, a petroleum based additive with 17% emulsifier from Agriliance.

^{28%}N = 28% urea ammonium nitrate.