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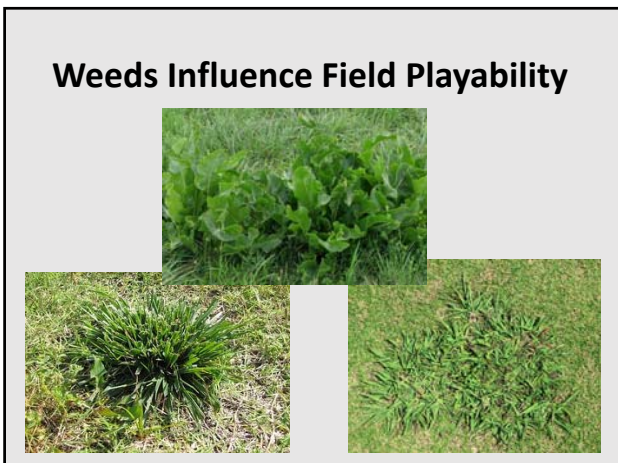
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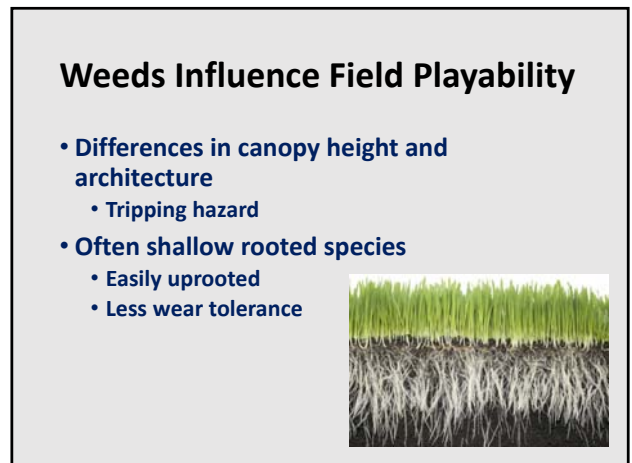
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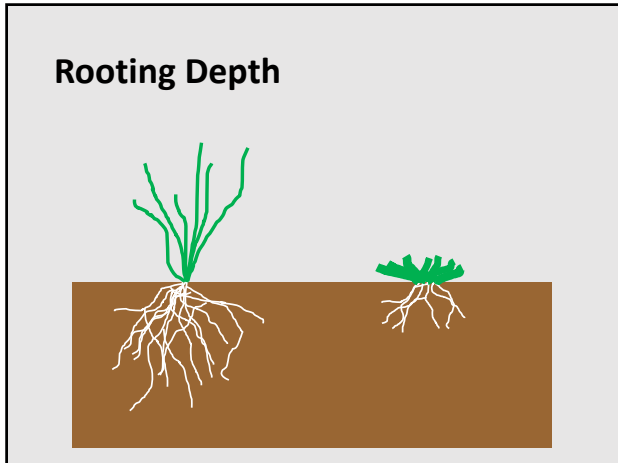
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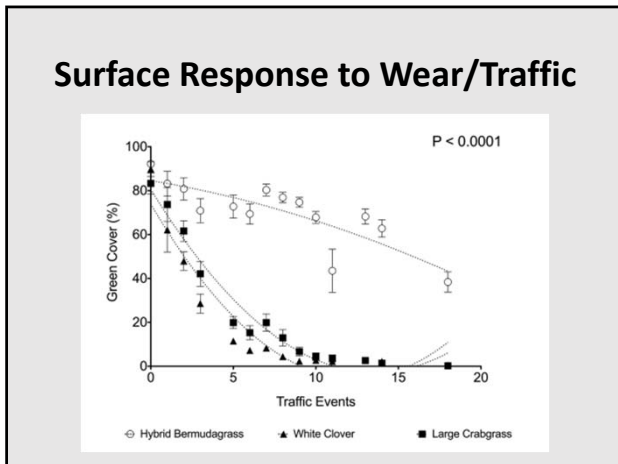
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Large Crabgrass, White Clover, and Hybrid Bermudagrass Athletic Field Playing Quality in Response to Simulated Traffic

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- Traffic imposed using Cady traffic simulator
- Evaluated green cover, surface hardness, and rotational resistance

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Canopy Resilience of Turfgrass

- Most utilized turfgrass playing surfaces
 - Kentucky bluegrass and hybrid bermudagrass
- Rhizomes sustain less injury from wear and traffic
 - Protected within the soil profile
- Most common athletic field weeds are annuals
 - Lower canopy resistance; less dense
 - No rhizomes or stolons
 - Fleshier foliage

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Surface Response to Wear/Traffic

Surface type	Surface hardness ^{1,2}							
	2012				2013			
	0 events ³	6 events	12 events	18 events	0 events	6 events	12 events	18 events
Hybrid bermudagrass	48	69	61	68	47	66	64	56
White clover	97	134	120	134	64	117	146	115
Large crabgrass	92	121	120	130	61	125	153	125
LSD _{0.05} ⁴	8	8	8	8	4	9	8	7

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Increased Surface Hardness

- Perennial turfgrass species often exhibit dense and deep root systems
- Prolific root systems and the presence of stolons and rhizomes fracture soil and help reduce the accumulation of surface hardness

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Surface Response to Wear/Traffic

Surface type	Rotational resistance†					
	2012			2013		
	0 events‡	9 events	18 events	0 events	9 events	18 events
Hybrid bermudagrass	53	49	64	46	52	52
White clover	34	35	35	40	50	40
Large crabgrass	34	33	40	40	50	42
LSD _{0.05} §	4	4	4	3	NS	4



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Most weeds have preferred environments
 • May indicate underlying agronomic problems



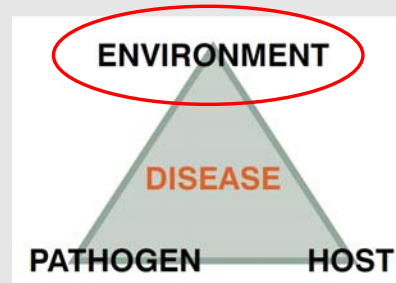
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Weed Ecology

- Most weeds have preferred environments
 - May indicate underlying agronomic problems
- Changes to cultural practices or agronomic conditions can reduce weed pressure
- Further emphasizes use of IPM strategies

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Disease Triangle



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High Soil Moisture/Poor Drainage

- Moss
- Virginia buttonweed
- Purple and yellow nutsedge
- Buckhorn plantain

Virginia buttonweed
(Diodia virginiana)



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Yellow Nutsedge



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Soil Compaction

- Common chickweed
- Goosegrass
- Prostrate knotweed
- Buckhorn plantain
- Pineappleweed

pineappleweed
(*Matricaria discoidea*)



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Does variability within natural turfgrass sports fields influence ground-derived injuries?

Chase M. Straw, Christine O. Samson, Gerald M. Henry & Cathleen N. Brown

- Collaboration with UGA Biomechanics Lab and Rec Sports
- Men's and Women's Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, Soccer, and Lacrosse

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GEORGIA FOOTBALL

August 7, 2018

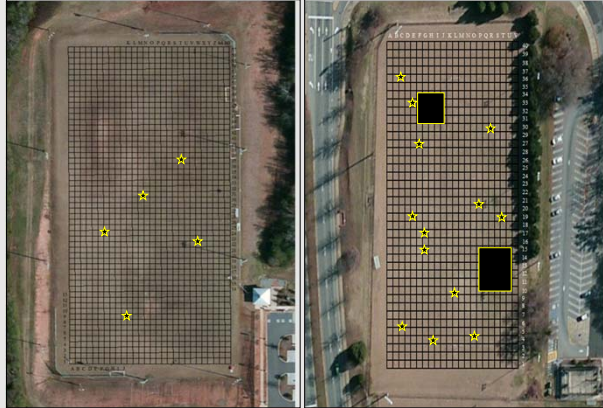
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105	402
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109	472 - 534
110	534 - 642

101 405

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Injury Locations



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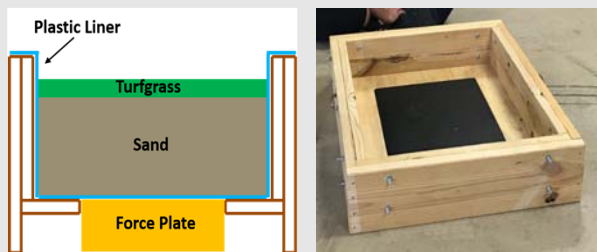
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- Correlations were made between field conditions and injuries
- However, “real time” data is necessary to further identify conditions that may lead to an increase in injury occurrence

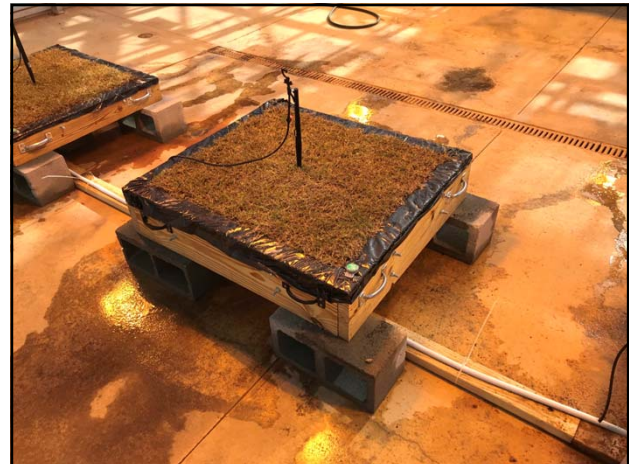
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Ground Reaction Platforms



Determine the impact of field surfaces and the underlying soil profile on athletes

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Ground Reaction Platforms

Potential use:

- Compare natural turfgrass vs. synthetic turf
- Evaluate impact of surface hardness, soil compaction, soil moisture, etc.
- Evaluate profile materials – sand, soil, etc.
- Compare turfgrass species and cultivars
- Determine impact of weeds

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Ground Reaction Platforms

- Collaboration with UGA Biomechanics Lab
- University-level male and female athletes will be recruited to perform maneuvers on the platforms, such as:

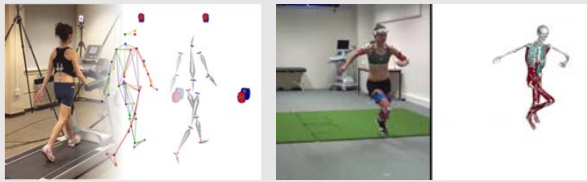
- Walking
- Running
- Jumping
- Cutting



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Data Collection

- The force plate will be used in conjunction with an eight-camera motion capture system to collect kinetic and kinematic data
- Reflective markers are attached to the lower limbs of participants conducting maneuvers



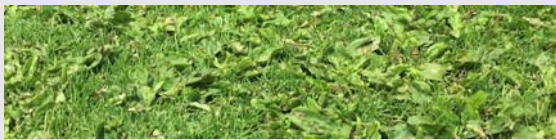
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Influence of Species Composition

- Evaluate the impact of weed pressure on player safety and field playability
- Examine the influence of weed species composition on field longevity and performance
- Ground reaction platform and field trials



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Inertial Sensor-Based Slip Detection



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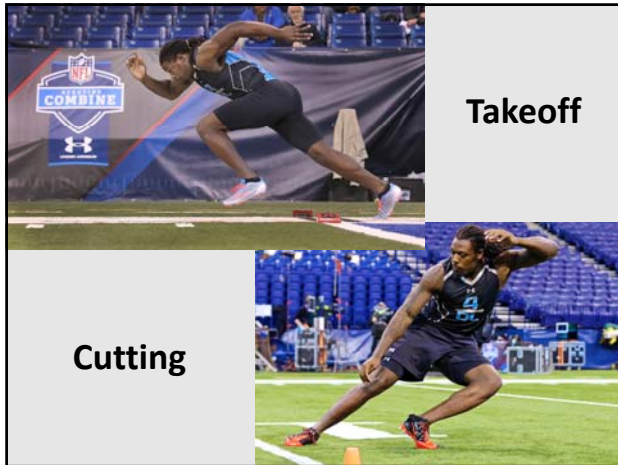


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Common Weed Species



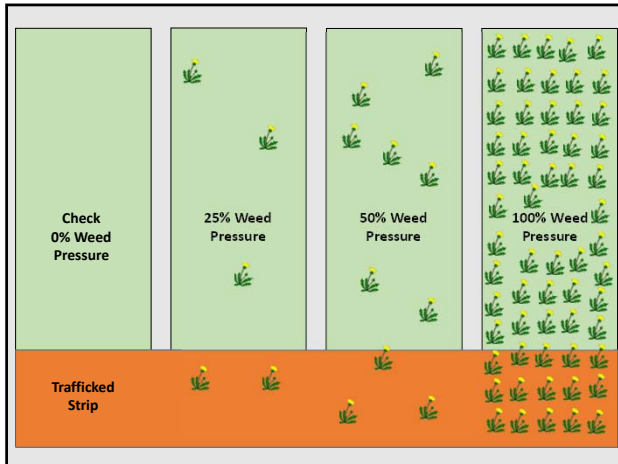
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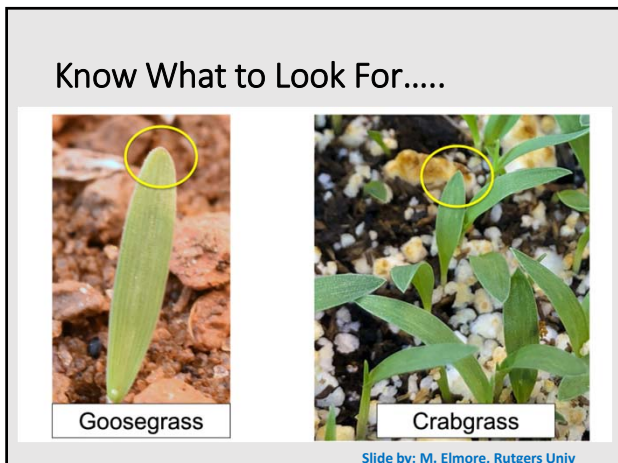


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Keys to Successful Weed Control

- Correct weed ID
 - Knowledge of weed biology
 - Annual vs perennial
- Use of cultural practices to reduce weed populations
- Proper herbicide selection, timing, and application

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Weed Lifecycles

- Summer annuals
 - Germinate in spring; grow in summer; die in fall
- Winter annuals
 - Germinate in fall; grow in spring; die in summer
- Perennials
 - Ability to overwinter; resume growth year to year

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Annual Weeds

- Most common
 - Annual bluegrass
 - Crabgrass spp.
 - Goosegrass
- Other grass weeds
- Broadleaf weeds



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Annual Weeds

- Establishment through seeds
- Cultural practices
 - Reduce weed seed bank
 - Collect clippings during seed set
 - Decrease germination
 - Adjustments in mowing height



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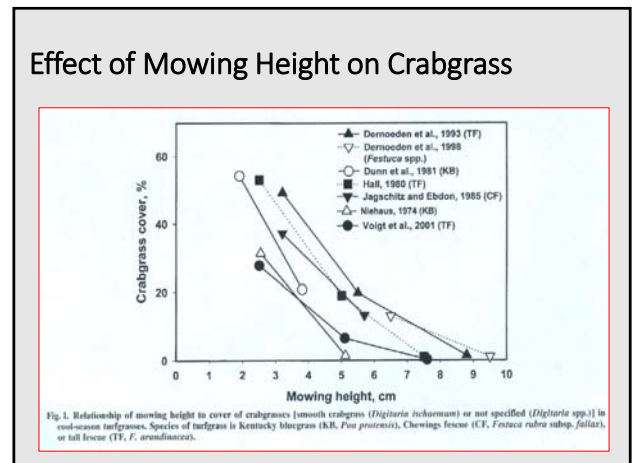


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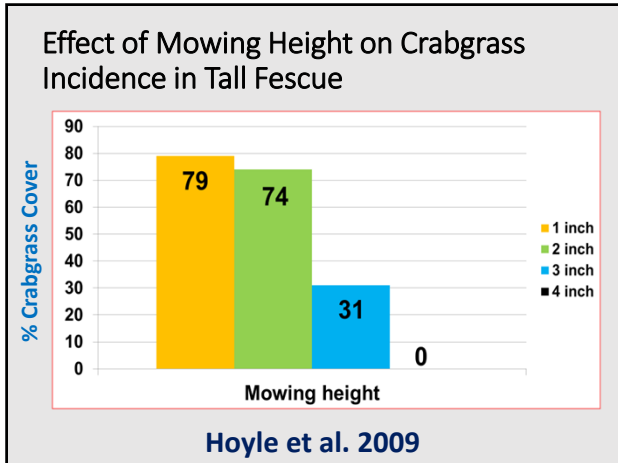
Fraise Mowing

- Remove aboveground biomass to a depth of 2 inches
- Turfgrass reestablishes from belowground rhizomes
- UT research observed a 26% reduction in Spring *Poa annua* cover following a mid-summer fraise mowing in Zoysiagrass
 - Responses in bermudagrass more pronounced in both TN and FL

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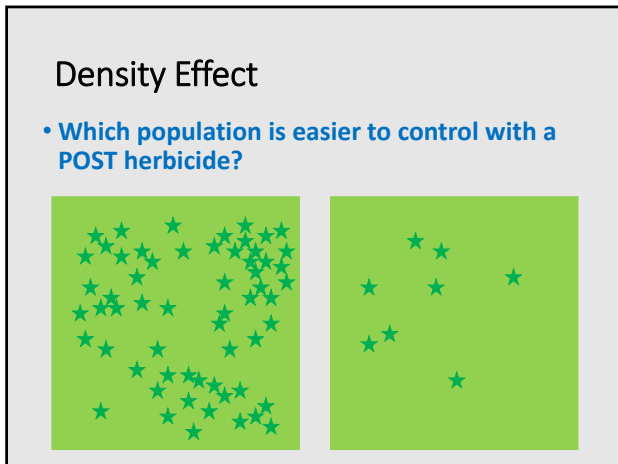
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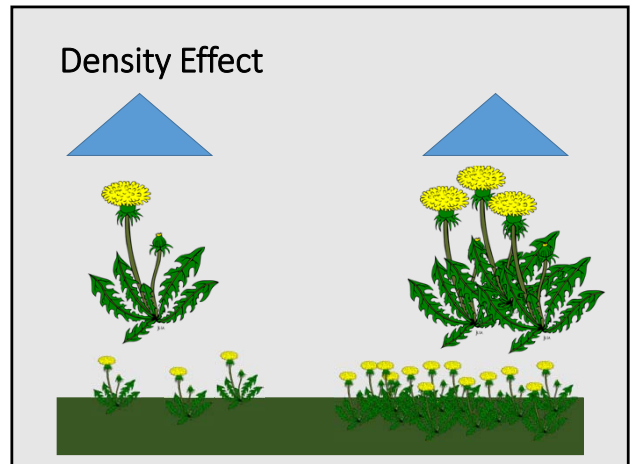
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Preemergence Herbicides

- Target species: annual grasses; annual and some perennial broadleaf weeds
- Spring applications
 - Initial app. late February to mid-March
 - Sequential app. approx. 60 days later
- Fall applications
 - Mid to late September

ITAC Turf

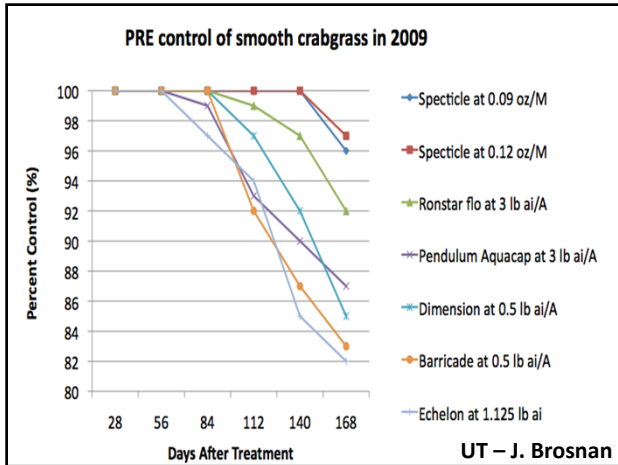
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Preemergence Herbicides

- Dimethenamid (Tower)
- Dithiopyr (Dimension)
- Indaziflam (Specticle)
- Metolachlor (Pennant)
- Oryzalin (Surflan)
- Oxadiazon (Ronstar)
- Pendimethalin (Pendulum)
- Proflam (Barricade)
- Imazaquin + Proflam + Simazine (Coastal)

Safety varies among turfgrass species

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Emerging Regulatory Issues

Regulations.gov

Document: EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0782 / Document

SUPPORTING & RELATED MATERIAL

Oxadiazon, Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision, Case Number 2485, June 2021.
Posted by the Environmental Protection Agency on Aug 3, 2021

Document ID: EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0782-0239

Tracking Number: 1f1-m2w-71g

Oxadiazon Re-registration with EPA

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EPA Decision – March 2022

- Continued registration on golf courses, sports fields, sod production, and parks
- Restrictions:
 - Apps require same day post-app irrigation
 - Products containing oxadiazon will become restricted use

Granular formulation

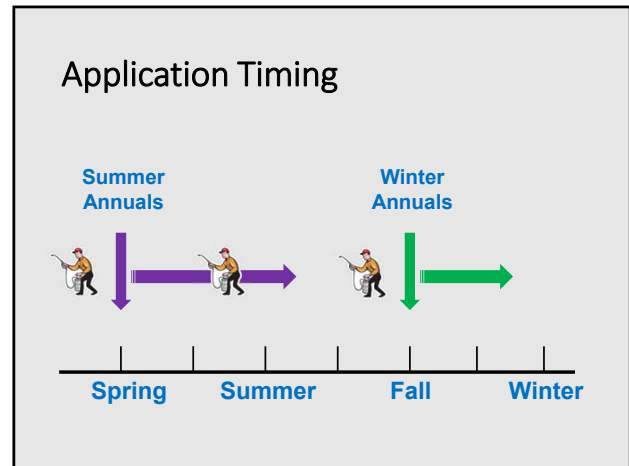
- Single max app = 3 lb ai A⁻¹; Max annual app = 6 lb ai A⁻¹

Liquid formulation

- Single app per year of max app = 3 lb ai A⁻¹
- Apps require 10-ft wide buffer from any surface water

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0782-0151>

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Doveweed

- Summer annual
- Favored by low, frequent mowing
- Increases horizontal growth and often spreads creeping stems to other locations

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Game Changer - Doveweed

- Germinates when soil temps approach 70 F
- Typical PRE application timings may be ineffective due to reduced soil residual activity
- Specticle, Tower, Ronstar, and Pennant are most effective
- Split apps most effective:
 - Initial app March
 - Sequential 4 weeks after

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Preemergence Herbicide Efficacy for Crabgrass (*Digitaria* spp.) Control in Common Bermudagrass Managed under Different Mowing Heights

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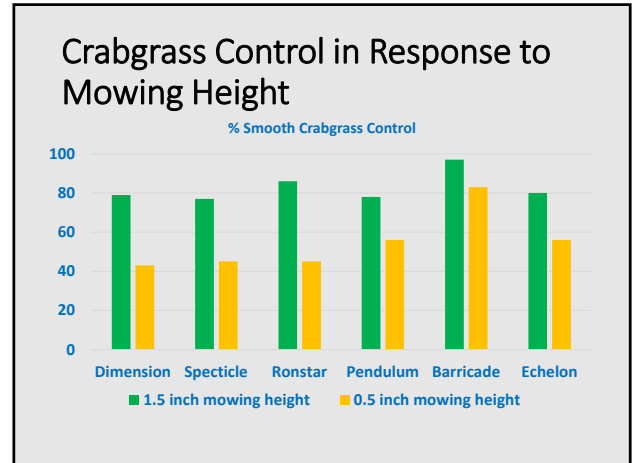
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Herbicide Treatments

- Dithiopyr (Dimension)
- Indaziflam (Specticle)
- Oxadiazon (Ronstar)
- Pendimethalin (Pendulum AquaCap)
- Prodiamine (Barricade)
- Prodiamine + Sulfentrazone (Echelon)

0.5 vs 1.5 inch height

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Crabgrass Control in Response to Mowing Height

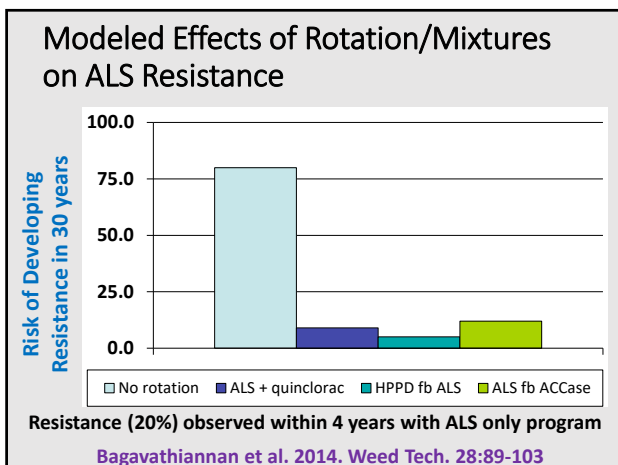
- Analysis of soil samples for residual herbicide activity revealed that mowing height had no influence
- Therefore, differences in control may be the result of plant growth, soil surface light, etc. and not differential degradation of applied herbicides at the two mowing heights

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Herbicide Resistance Management

- Apply labelled rates
- Rotate modes of action
- Tank mix different MOA

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Herbicide Classification System

Not required by the EPA, but highly encouraged

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Preemergence Herbicides

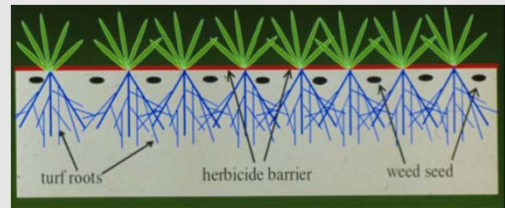
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- Metolachlor (Pennant) 15
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- Oxadiazon (Ronstar) 14
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Safety varies among turfgrass species

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Preemergence Herbicides



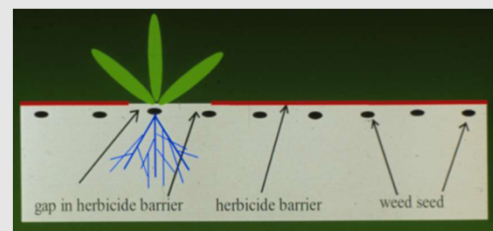
Herbicides do not prevent weeds from germinating, they control weeds as they grow through the herbicide treated zone

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Preemergence Herbicides



Large gaps in herbicide barriers result in weed escapes

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Postemergence Herbicides

- Annual Weeds
 - Target small weeds
 - Apply prior to seed production
 - Addition of surfactants
 - Sequential applications may be necessary

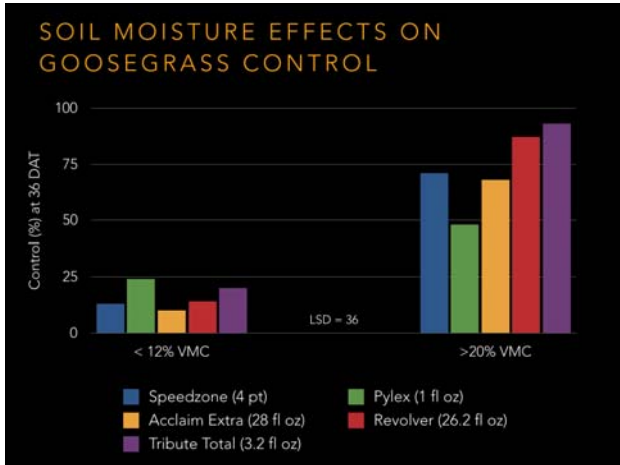


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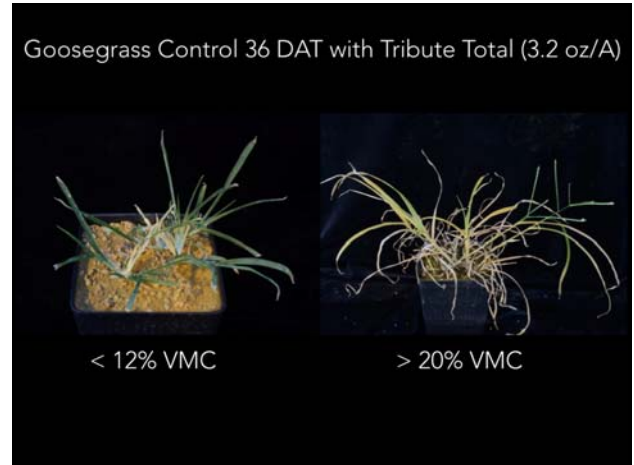
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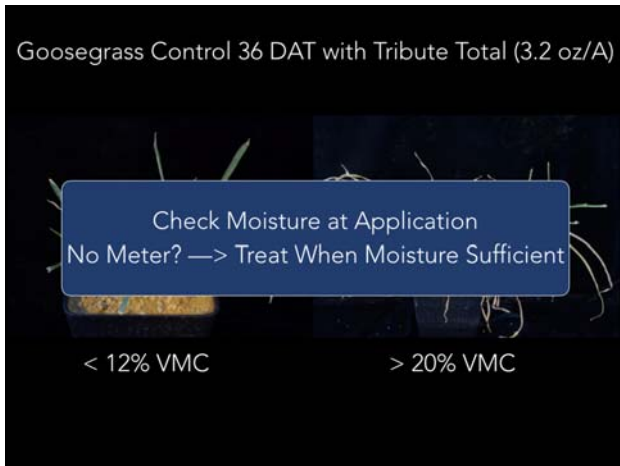
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- **Active Ingredient:**
 - Pinoxaden
- **MOA: ACCase Inhibitor 1**
- **Rate: 9.6 to 19.2 fl oz/A**
- **Tolerant Turf Species:** bermudagrass, zoysiagrass, and St. Augustinegrass (sod farm only)
- **Target Weeds: POST grass weeds**

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Perennial Weeds

- **Vegetative and seed reproduction**
- **Herbicides alone will not provide adequate control**
- **Minimal control with PRE herbicides**
- **Accurate POST herbicide selection and timing**

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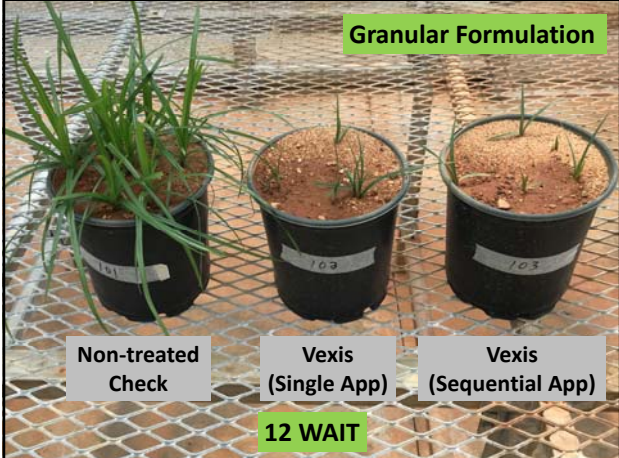
PRE Purple Nutsedge Control

- Vexis (granular formulation)
 - pyrimisulfan (1 or 2x)
- Vexis (liquid formulation) (1 or 2x)



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Granular Formulation

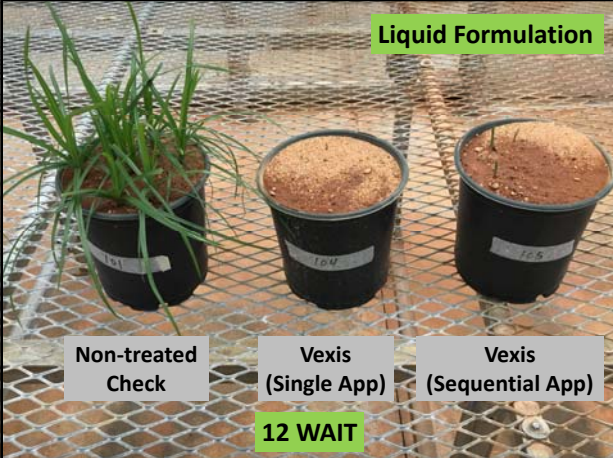


Non-treated Check Vexis (Single App) Vexis (Sequential App)

12 WAIT

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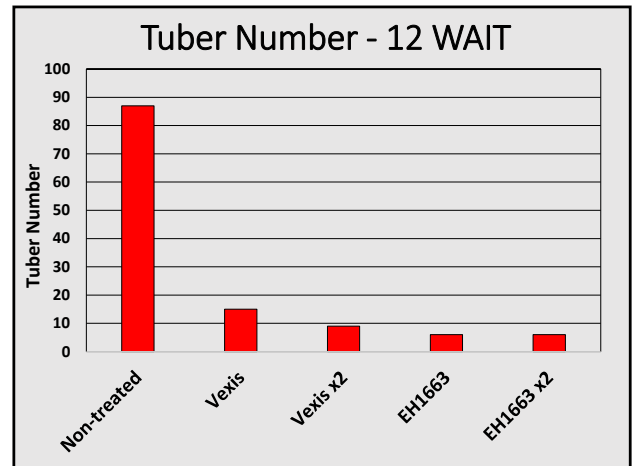
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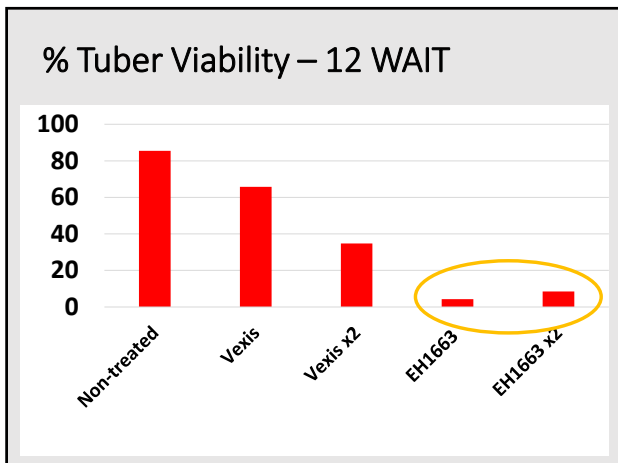
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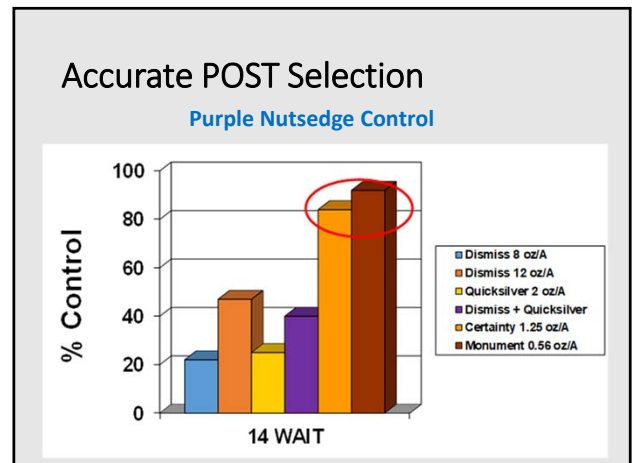
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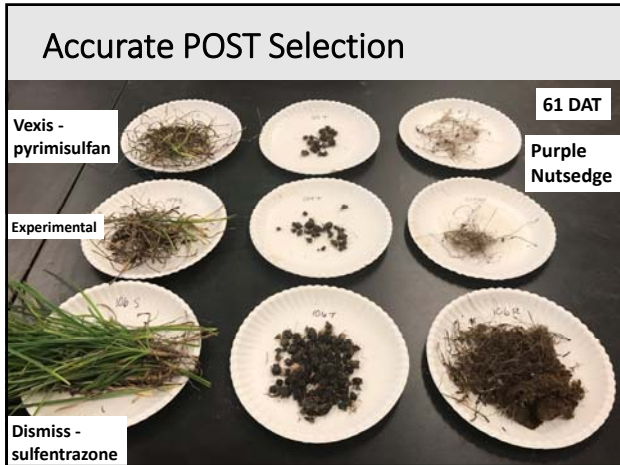
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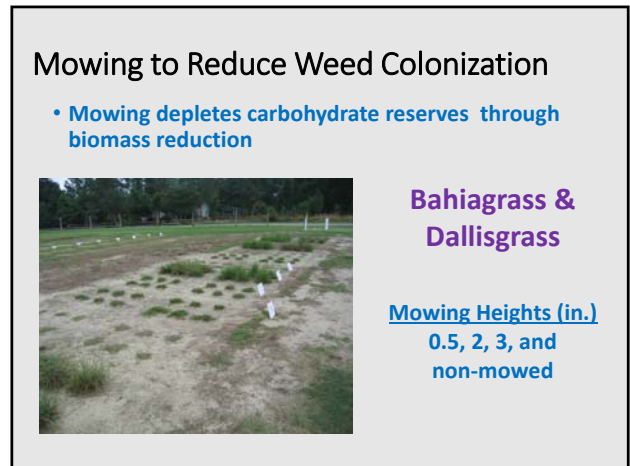
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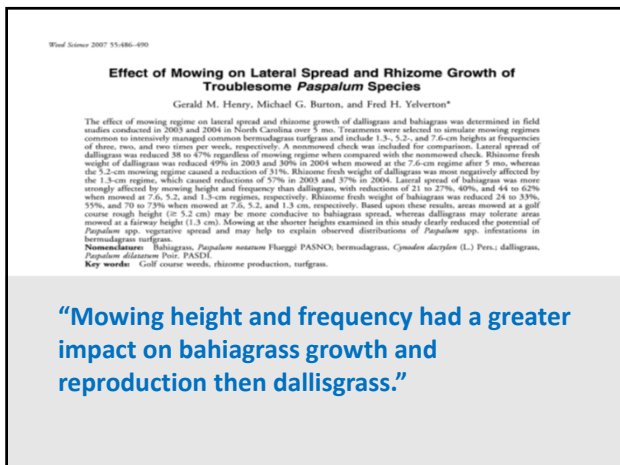
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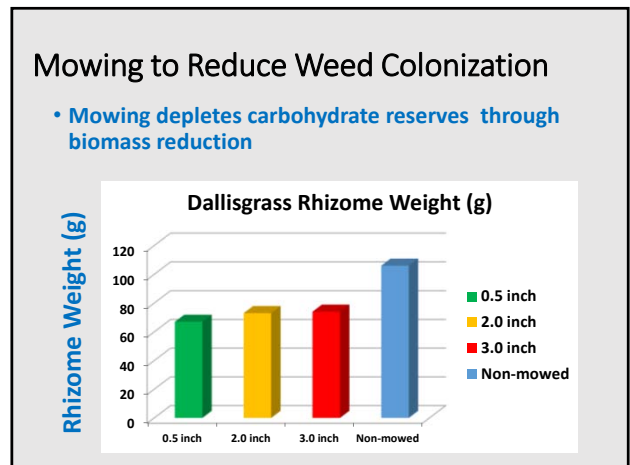
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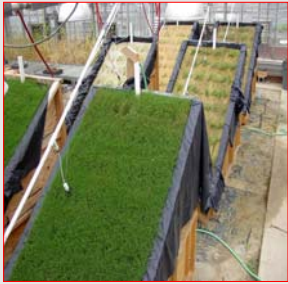
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Effect of Soil Moisture

- Dallisgrass, bahiagrass, and each in competition with bermudagrass
- Sand and sandy loam soil types
- Monitored vegetative growth and survival



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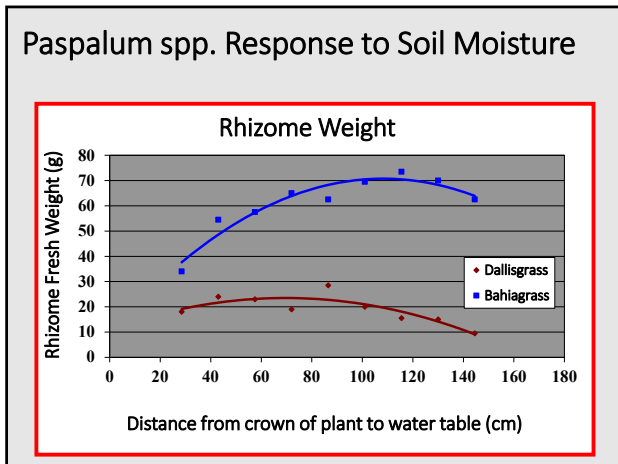
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Asymmetric Responses of *Paspalum* Species to a Soil Moisture Gradient

Gerald M. Henry,* Fred H. Yelverton, and Michael G. Burton

“Dallisgrass may be more competitive with bermudagrass when soil moisture is high, while bahiagrass may be more competitive when soil moisture is low.”

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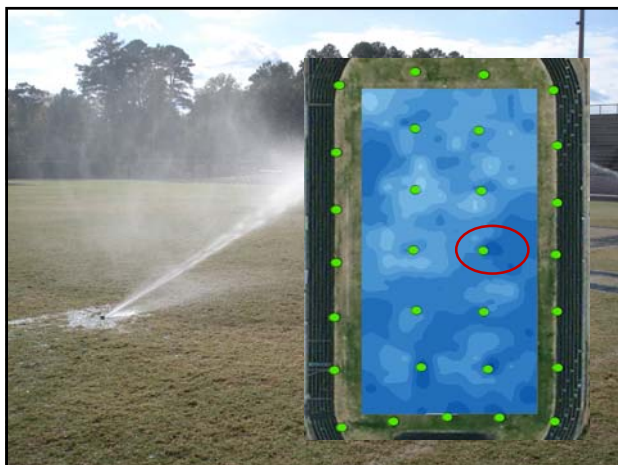
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Uniformity and spatial variability of soil moisture and irrigation distribution on natural turfgrass sports fields

C.M. Straw, R.N. Carrow, W.J. Bowling, K.A. Tucker, and G.M. Henry

Improving the efficiency of your irrigation system

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Dallisgrass (*Paspalum dilatatum*) Control with Thiencarbazone-methyl, Foramsulfuron, and Halosulfuron-methyl in Bermudagrass Turf

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availability and continued use of MSMA has been uncertain following the 2009 decision by the Environmental Protection Agency, which eliminated the use of MSMA on home lawns and athletic fields, while restricting use on soil farms, golf courses, and highway rights-of-way and prohibiting use in all turfgrass environments after 31 Dec. 2013 (United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 2009). The 2009 EPA decision on MSMA prohibition was recently delayed, pending a registration review that began in 2013 and is scheduled for completion in 2019 (United States Environmental Protection Agency, 2015). Limitations on the efficacy of other herbicides for dallisgrass control have also been reported. Henry et al. (2007b) observed

Evaluate rates and timings of Tribute Total

Rates – 2 or 3.2 oz/A
Application timings – Sept., Oct., or Sept. fb Oct.

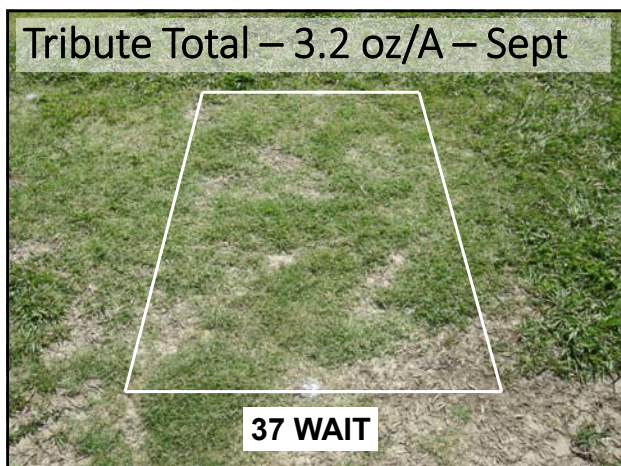
+ MSO – 0.5% v/v and AMS – 2% w/v

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Dallisgrass Control – 37 WAIT

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Dallisgrass Control

- Current Tribute Total program employs late summer and/or fall applications
- Is spring or summer control still feasible?
- Enhancing herbicide translocation may be key!

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lawns, golf courses, and athletic fields (McCarthy, 2008). Current chemical control options for dallisgrass in managed turfgrass systems are neither efficient nor consistent from year to year. Monosodium methanearsonate (MSMA) is a contact herbicide that results in significant canopy loss following sequential applications, but regrowth can occur throughout summer from rhizome carbohydrate reserves and concerns exist regarding phytotoxicity to desirable warm-season turfgrass species (Henry et al., 2007b, 2008; McCarthy et al., 1991; Smith et al., 1974). Furthermore, numerous restrictions were placed on MSMA by an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ruling in 2009 that significantly limited its use for turfgrass applications (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2009). Brosnan et al. (2010) reported 90% control of dallisgrass 70 d after treatment (DAT) with single, spring applications of fluazifop, but significant bermudagrass (*Cynodon spp.*) injury in response to this chemistry has also been reported (Brosnan and Wilts, 1985; Johnson, 1992; McElroy and Broadbent, 2006). Greater than 95% dallisgrass control was observed when pinoxaden, an acetyl coenzyme A carboxylase (ACCase) inhibitor, was applied at $\geq 10 \text{ g ha}^{-1} \text{ a.i.}$; however, control was only

- Examine Summer application timings (June)
- Cultural Practices
 - Mowed day of herbicide application
 - Mowed + verticut day of herbicide application

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Deer Trail CC – 17 WAIT

Herbicide Treatment	% Dallisgrass Control	
	Mowed	Mowed + Verticut
Non-treated Check	0	5
MSMA	52	63
Tribute Total	55	86
Monument 40 GPA	8	27
Monument 120 GPA	61	85

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VEXIS



- Pyrimisulfan **2**
- Granular formulation with activity on sedge, kyllinga, and some grasses
- Root absorption allows applications to dry turf → no need for dew
- **Use sites:** Residential and commercial lawns, golf courses, sports fields, sod farms, parks, and many more.
- Sequential applications on harder to control perennial weeds
- Mixtures will be coming
 - Warm-season turfgrass = Aethon (Vexis + penoxsulam) **2 + 2**
 - Cool-season turfgrass = TBD (Vexis + ???)

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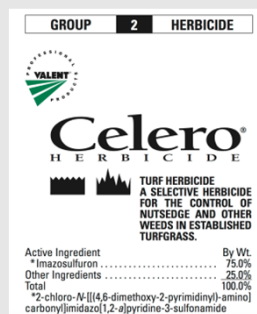


- Carfentrazone (3.5%) + sulfentrazone (32%) **14 + 14**
 - 1:9 ratio of carfentrazone to sulfentrazone
- 3.5 lb active/gallon formulation
- All cool-season grasses: CBG, PR, KBG, RBG, FF, TF
- Rates of 5.1 to 10.2 fl oz/A
- Residential & Commercial Lawns, Golf (Fairway and Rough), Sod Farms, Rights-of-Way, Other Non-Crop Areas

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Celero

- **New product from NuFarm**
- **Imazosulfuron - 2**
- **Labeled for CBG, FF, KBG, PR, TF, B, C, Z, St. A**
- **8 - 14 oz/A**
- **Sedge and Kyllinga control via ALS inhibition**



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Coastal Herbicide



- **Three active ingredients**
 - **prodiamine 3**
 - **simazine 5**
 - **imazaquin 2**
- **Rates of 32 fl oz (applied 2x) or 64 fl oz**
- **Activity for EPOST Poa control in warm-season turf**
- **Mixtures with metsulfuron to expand BLW spectrum**

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Halauxifen-methyl



- Synthetic auxin herbicide 4
 - Similar to fluroxypyr and triclopyr in structure, different binding site
- Potential tool to replace 2,4-D in synthetic auxin herbicide mixtures
 - Need for this as public pressure against 2,4-D use increases
- Foliar and root absorption, moves through xylem and phloem
- No drip line issues on trees → rapidly degrades in soil and plant tissue

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- New PRE option in 2019
- AI - dithiopyr + isoxaben
 - 3 + 29
- Golf course (non-greens), sports turf, lawns, sod, etc
- 200 lb/A application max, 600 lb/A yearly cap
- Smooth crabgrass control in 2019 TN trials > FreeHand, Specticle G
- Split program effective versus Poa in 2020-2021 trials

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- New POST option for 2021
- AI - quinclorac 4
 - Enhanced formulation → Improved control at intermediate growth stages, enhanced rain fastness
- Lawns, grounds, parks, schools, athletic fields, golf courses, cemeteries, sod farms, etc.
- Turf tolerance identical to Drive XLR8

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Questions?

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