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DeVos Place Convention Center, Grand Rapids, MI



54 Potato

Where: Grand Gallery Room D

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Moderator: Fred Springborn, Michigan State University

- 2:00 PM Potential for Drones in Remote Scouting of Potato**
- Ian McRae, University of Minnesota
- 2:30 PM Weed Management and Vine Desiccation Update**
- Jed Colquhoun, University of Wisconsin
- 3:00 PM Potato Pathology Update**
- Jamie Willbur, Michigan State University
- 3:30 PM Management of Root Lesion Nematode and Verticillium Wilt**
- Marisol Quintanilla-Tornel
- 4:00 PM Session Ends**



Potato vine and weed management

- Potential new herbicides for potato
- Alternative vine management strategies
- Predicting herbicide carryover in seed when you can't see it...

We need new weed management options!

Weed Science
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Weed Management

Investigations of 2,4-D and Multiple Herbicide Resistance in a Missouri Waterhemp (*Amaranthus tuberculatus*) Population

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Abstract

Research was conducted from 2015 to 2017 to investigate the potential for 2,4-D and multiple herbicide resistance in a waterhemp [*Amaranthus tuberculatus* (Miq.) J. D. Sauer] population from Missouri (designated MO-Ren). In the field, visual control of the MO-Ren population with 0.56 to 4.48 kg 2,4-D ha⁻¹ ranged from 26% to 77% in 2015 and from 15% to 55% in 2016. The MO-Ren population was highly resistant to chlorimuron, with visual control never exceeding 7% either year. Estimates of the 2,4-D dose required to provide 50% visual control (LD₅₀) of the MO-Ren population were 1.44 kg ha⁻¹ compared with only 0.47 kg 2,4-D ha⁻¹ for the susceptible population. Based on comparisons to a susceptible population in dose-response experiments, the MO-Ren population was approximately 3-fold resistant to 2,4-D, and 7-, 7-, 22-, and 14-fold resistant to atrazine, fomesafen, glyphosate, and mesotrione, respectively. Dicamba and glufosinate were the only two herbicides that provided effective control of the MO-Ren population in these experiments. Examination of multiple herbicide resistance at the individual plant level revealed that 16% of the plants of the MO-Ren population contained genes stacked for six-way herbicide resistance, and only 1% of plants were identified as resistant to a single herbicide (glyphosate). Results from these experiments confirm that the MO-Ren *A. tuberculatus* population is resistant to 2,4-D, atrazine, chlorimuron, fomesafen, glyphosate, and mesotrione, making this population the third 2,4-D-resistant *A. tuberculatus* population identified in the United States, and the first population resistant to six different herbicidal modes of action.

Potential new potato herbicides

- League: recently labeled for PRE and POST use
- Sonalan: working with registrant to expand regional registration to include Midwest US
- Zidua: tolerance established by EPA in May 2018, awaiting addition to commercial label

Sonalan and Zidua are not currently registered for use on Midwest US potato

Potential new potato herbicides

- Other potential herbicides showing good crop tolerance and broad-spectrum weed control in refined research:
 - Bicyclopyrone
 - Firstrate
 - Callisto
 - Basagran
 - Sandea
 - Caparol

These are not currently registered for use on potato

League herbicide

- Active ingredient: imazosulfuron
- Registrant: Valent
- ALS inhibitor with PRE and early POST activity
- Rotational restrictions can be lengthy: up to 24 months for some crops
- Melon: row middle application
- Pepper: row middle and directed spray
- Tomato: pre-transplant, over-the-top, directed spray
- Potato: PRE or POST

League

- Weed control strength:
 - Yellow nutsedge
 - In general, better PRE than POST
- Weed control weakness:
 - Nightshades



League



Zidua

- Tolerance established, waiting on commercial label addition
- Hill-spray
- Sand, silt loam, and muck



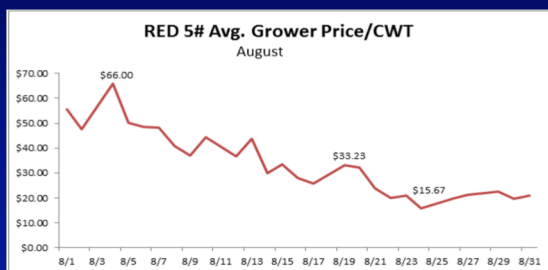
* Not currently registered in potato *

Potato vine desiccation: Diquat in registration review

- Diquat undergoing normal EPA registration review required of all pesticides every 15 years
- Initial EPA review: use timing, number of applications and rate restrictions may be needed
- Open comment period: input from researchers and industry emphasized importance in potato desiccation
- Final EPA decision is overdue...



Fresh-market potatoes: the race for first-to-market



Stopping a well-fertilized freight train



Source: Rebrn.com

'Yukon gold' leaf and stem management

Treatment	Timing	% Leaf		% Stem	
		8 d	0 d	8 d	0 d
Non-treated	--	22	77	8	37
Diquat + diquat	21 + 14 d	100	100	100	100
Flail chop	14	100	100	74	100
Roller crimper	14	61	94	31	76
Mowing + diquat	14 + 8	65	100	34	86
Mowing + diquat + diquat	21 + 14 + 8	100	100	85	100
Flail chop + diquat	14 + 8	100	100	70	100
Flail chop + diquat + diquat	21 + 14 + 8	100	100	100	100
Flame burn + diquat	14 + 8	94	100	90	100
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Roller crimper not effective alone

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Flail chop + flame burn similar to diquat twice - organic option?

'Yukon gold' skinning and "sticky stolons"

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		Harvest	21 d post	Harvest	21 d post
Non-treated	--	8.8	13.9	6	3
Diquat + diquat	21 + 14 d	2.6	3.4	6	6
Flail chop	14	4.3	5.6	6	6
Roller crimper	14	7.7	7.6	4	4
Mowing + diquat	14 + 8	6.3	9.2	9	6
Mowing + diquat + diquat	21 + 14 + 8	3.4	7.4	13	7
Flail chop + diquat	14 + 8	4.5	6.9	10	7
Flail chop + diquat + diquat	21 + 14 + 8	3.0	5.9	11	6
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Same programs where stem management was poor

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Flail chop + flame burn again similar to diquat applied twice

'Yukon gold' yield

Treatment	Timing	Tuber yield (kg ha ⁻¹)		
		Green	Cull	113-169 g
Non-treated	--	3,189	16,519	64,564
Diquat + diquat	21 + 14 d	1,567	16,131	57,942
Flail chop	14	2,916	17,406	65,412
Roller crimper	14	670	12,852	66,939
Mowing + diquat	14 + 8	741	15,295	61,878
Mowing + diquat + diquat	21 + 14 + 8	686	15,901	58,185
Flail chop + diquat	14 + 8	432	16,881	64,890
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Flame burn + diquat	14 + 8	435	14,203	62,545
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Heavy rain after mechanical management led to tuber greening

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		B-size	Cull	113-169 g	Total
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No differences among programs in desired market target weights



Closing thoughts on vine management

- Timing is critical: if size grade distribution can be anticipated, initiating vine management 21 d prior to harvest is beneficial, regardless of method
- Flail chop or roller crimper alone, at the level of the top of the hills, leaves green plant material between the hills and can lead to tuber greening
- Follow-up grower-level work: mowing the top 1/3 of vines prior to diquat 2x can slow the freight train in vigorous years
- Flail chop followed by flame burn can manage organic potato vines

Implications of off-target herbicides in seed potatoes



Materials and Methods

- 'Russet Burbank' potatoes grown in Hancock, WI
 - Tank-contamination herbicide application at tuber initiation
 - Injury and yield evaluated
 - Seed stored
 - Seed sent to winter grow-out test in HI
- Seed planted in Hancock in following season
 - Injury and yield evaluated

Materials and Methods

- Evaluated at 1% of typical use rate, with appropriate adjuvants:
- 2,4-D
 - Dicamba
 - Aminopyralid
 - Glyphosate
 - Also at 2 and 4%
 - Fluthiacet-ethyl
 - Flumiclorac
 - Cloransulam
 - Thifensulfuron
 - Tribenuron
 - Metsulfuron
 - Mesotrione
 - Tembotrione
 - Topramezone



Mesotrione, 5 DAT, 10%



Dicamba, 28 DAT, 16%



Aminopyralid, 28 DAT, 18%




Seed year Potato Yield:

- No differences in tuber yield
- No differences in tuber quality



Ware Year Injury:

- Transient
- Subtle
- Affecting individual plants
- Statistically similar, but generally greatest with herbicides that also caused injury in seed year
 - Addition: thifensulfuron





Aminopyralid, year after exposure



Ware Year Yield:

- Total yield, B's and culls did not differ among treatments
- 10-13 ounce tubers were reduced by dicamba, cloransulam and tribenuron

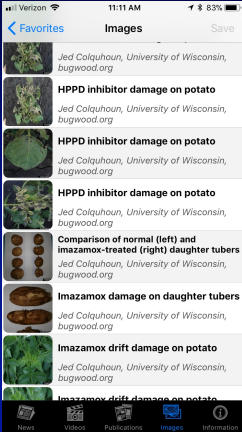


Summary

Seed Year Injury	Seed Year Yield	Ware Year Injury	Ware Year Yield (10-13 oz)
Dicamba	No yield or quality affects	Dicamba	Dicamba
Aminopyralid		Aminopyralid	Cloransulam
Mesotrione		Mesotrione	Tribenuron
		Thifensulfuron	

FAQs

- Can you test seed for herbicides?
 - Yes, for most herbicides if you know what you are looking for (Exception: synthetic auxins)
- If you test and find an herbicide, does that mean that the seed will have issues?
 - It depends: herbicide, application timing, metabolism after exposure, plant stress, growing conditions, etc.
 - No clear relationship between ppm and risk – can just confirm seed exposure
 - Absence of evidence isn't evidence of absence



Curious about potato symptomology?

IPM ToolKit App:
 -Free on Android or iOS
 -Go to "images"
 -Click on the search box
 -Click on "collection"
 -Enter "87770"
 -Save

