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Summary

The development of glyphosate-resistant weeds has greatly complicated weed control in soybeans. Roundup Ready 2 Xtend (dicamba tolerant) soybeans provide growers an alternative herbicide option for preplant and postemergence weed control in no-tillage soybeans. Preplant programs that included dicamba provided excellent control of giant ragweed. All sequential programs provided excellent control of the weeds present in the experiment.

Introduction

Weeds are a major production problem in soybeans, especially with the development of glyphosate-resistant weeds. Roundup Ready 2 Xtend (RR2X) soybeans provide a new herbicide option for preplant and postemergence weed control in no-tillage soybeans.

Procedures

A field experiment was established near Manhattan, KS, on a Reading silt loam soil with 3.3% organic matter and a pH of 6.7. The plot area had a natural infestation of henbit, giant ragweed (moderate level of glyphosate resistance), Palmer amaranth, and large crabgrass. Preplant (PP) treatments were applied to blooming henbit, and 1- to 12-inch giant ragweed on May 3, 2016, at 72°F, with 35% relative humidity and mostly clear skies. Asgrow 34X6 RR2X soybeans were planted at 120,000 seeds/a in 30-inch rows on May 23, 2016. Postemergence (P) treatments were applied to 2 trifoliate leaf soybeans (6 inch), 3- to 6-inch Palmer amaranth, and 1- to 6-inch large crabgrass on June 13 at 84°F, with 58% relative humidity, and partly cloudy skies. Treatments were applied with a CO_2 backpack sprayer, delivering 15 GPA at 35 psi through TTI110015 flat-fan spray tips to the center 6.3 ft of 10 by 25 ft plots. The experiment had a randomized complete block design with three replications. Crop injury and weed control were visually evaluated throughout the growing season.

Results

None of the herbicide treatments caused any important crop injury (data not presented). All treatments eventually provided very good control of all weeds evaluated.

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Treatment*	Application timing	Application rate	Henbit	Giant ragweed	Large crabgrass
		oz/a		% control	
RU Power Max+Xtendimax#/ RU Power Max+Xtendimax	PP/ P	32+22/ 32+22	100	93	87
RU Power Max+Xtendimax+Valor/ RU Power Max+Xtendimax	PP/ P	32+22+2.5/ 32+22	100	100	92
RU Power Max+Xtendimax+Fierce/ RU Power Max+Xtendimax	PP/ P	32+22+3/ 32+22	100	100	97
RU Power Max+Xtendimax+Fierce/ RU PMax+Xtendimax+Warrant	PP/ P	32+22+3/ 32+22+48	100	100	97
Least significant difference ($P < 0.05$)			NS	NS	10

Table 1. Weed control in RR2X soybeans on May 31, 2016, Manhattan, KS

* RU Power Max and RU PMax = Roundup Power Max; / indicates sequential application; all treatments included nonionic surfactant at 0.25% v/v; PP = preplant; and P = postemergence.

Non-labelled dicamba product actually applied, but equivalent Xtendimax rates presented.

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RU Power Max+Xtendimax+Fierce/ RU Power Max+Xtendimax	PP/ P	32+22+3/ 32+22	100	100	97	
RU Power Max+Xtendimax+Fierce/ RU PMax+Xtendimax+Warrant	PP/ P	32+22+3/ 32+22+48	100	100	97	
Least significant difference (<i>P</i> < 0.05)			NS	NS	10	

Table 2. Weed control in RR2X soybeans on July 26, 2016, Manhattan, KS

* RU Power Max and RU PMax = Roundup Power Max; / indicates sequential application; all treatments included nonionic surfactant at 0.25% / D

0.25% v/v; PP = preplant; and P = postemergence.

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Figure 1. Application of Fierce plus Roundup Power Max plus dicamba preplant followed by Roundup Power Max plus dicamba postemergence.