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| To Convert Column 1 to Column 2 Multiply by | Column 1 | Column 2 | To Convert Column 2 to Column 1 Multiply by |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| 2.54 | in | cm | 0.394 |
| 0.3048 | ft | m | 3.281 |
| 0.093 | ft² | m ² | 10.765 |
| 1.12 | lb/A | kg/ha | 0.892 |
| 9.35 | gal/A | l/ha | 0.107 |
| 0.0703 | lb/in ² | kg/cm ² | 14.22 |
| 0.3797 | oz/ft^2 | g/m ² | 2.835 |
| 1.287 | lb/bu | kg/hL | 0.777 |

ABSTRACT

Experiments were conducted from 1981-1983 to determine the efficacy and phytotoxicity of postemergence herbicides used to control broadleaf weeds in spring-planted barley. The following herbicides were evaluated: MCPA amine (0.37, 0.75, 1.5 lb/A, active ingredient), 2,4-D amine (0.25, 0.5, 1 lb/A), bromoxynil (0.21, 0.43, 0.86 lb/A), and metribuzin (0.11, 0.21, 0.43, 0.86 lb/A). In 1982 and 1983, three additional herbicides were included: dinoseb (0.25, 0.5, 1 lb/A), dicamba (0.09, 0.18, 0.36 lb/A), and chlorsulfuron (0.04, 0.07, 0.14 lb/A). Weed control was determined through measurements of weed biomass in each herbicide and control plot. Phytotoxicity was measured by barley yield and test weight in all years, and additionally by germination of seed produced in 1982. None of the herbicides except dicamba in 1982 significantly reduced the yield or test weights of barley below that of the control. Common lambsquarters was the only weed present in 1981 and 1982. Bromoxynil and metribuzin provided both early- and late-season control. MCPA, 2,4-D, and dinoseb took longer to control common lambsquarters but provided adequate control by midseason. Dicamba did not control common lambsquarters as well as the other herbicides. In 1983, prostrate knotweed was also present at the study site. None of the herbicides significantly reduced the number of prostrate knotweed below that of the control. Germination of 'Galt' barley was not affected by treating parent plants with any of the herbicides tested. The following barley varieties were screened for susceptibility to metribuzin injury in 1982: Galt, Lidal, Weal, Otal, Datal, Eero, Paavo, Otra, and Klondike. Only 'Klondike' was highly sensitive to metribuzin.

INTRODUCTION

Broadleaf weeds become an increasing problem in Alaskan barley production the longer that land has been in cultivation (Conn and DeLapp, 1983). Newly cleared agricultural land is devoid of seed of introduced weeds at the time of first cultivation (Conn et al., 1984). When introduced weeds are allowed to colonize and produce seed on new farmland, they become very difficult to eradicate totally. This is because weed seeds may lie dormant for years. Thus, every precaution should be taken to keep weeds from colonizing new farmland. Weeds that become established should be controlled to prevent them from reproducing.

Herbicides are an indispensable tool for controlling weeds and thereby minimizing weed-related crop losses in large-scale agriculture. A number of these chemicals are approved for broadleafweed control in spring-planted barley. However, there are no published results of experiments conducted to evaluate the suitability of these herbicides to control broadleaf weeds under Alaskan conditions.

Reported herein are results of experiments performed to satisfy the following objectives:

- 1) Determine whether herbicides labeled for broadleaf weed control are phytotoxic to the crop (reduce barley yields or test weights) under Alaskan conditions.
- 2) Determine if approved herbicides control common Alaskan broadleaf weeds.
- 3) Determine if herbicides applied to parent plants affect germination of produced seeds.
- 4) Determine if barley varieties adapted to Alaskan growing conditions are sensitive to metribuzin.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

1981 EXPERIMENTS

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The study was conducted near Delta Junction, Alaska, on Nenana silt loam with a soil pH of 6.2 and organic-matter content of 4.5 per cent. The soil was fertilized with 72 lb/A N (urea). Following a single disking, 'Galt' barley was planted on May 15 at a rate of 72 lb/A (germinable seed) in 7-in. rows using a grain drill. At planting, 70 lb/A of 11-51-0 was added to the planted row. The soil was then packed using a Brillion seeder. On June 15, when common lambsquarters was in the four-leaf stage and barley was in the four-leaf stage with one or two tillers, MCPA^a, 2,4-D^b, bromoxynil^c and metribuzin^d were sprayed at the following rates (active ingredient): MCPA amine (0.37, 0.75, 1.5 lb/A); 2,4-D amine (0.25, 0.5, 1 lb/A); bromoxynil (0.21, 0.43, 0.86 lb/A); and metribuzin (0.11, 0.21, 0.43, 0.86 lb/A). All herbicides were sprayed using a CO₂ sprayer at a pressure of 30 lb/in², calibrated to deliver 25.1 g/A.

The experiment consisted of the thirteen herbicide treatments and an unweeded control, replicated four times and laid out as a randomized, complete-block design. The plots were 10×40 ft. To determine the efficacy of the herbicides, weed counts were made on July 2 and August 27 using a $0.25m^2$ quadrat placed in each plot. After the second counting, the weeds were harvested at ground level and their dry weight determined. The barley was harvested on September 15 using a plot combine which cut a swath 4.5 x 40 ft. through each plot.

^bTrade Name: Formula 40 (Dow Chemical Co.)

- ^cTrade Name: Buctril (Rhone-Poulenc Chemical Co.)
- ^dTrade Name: Sencor 50 W (Mobay Chemical Corp.)

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^aTrade Name: Weedar (Union Carbide Agricultural Products Co., Inc.)

1982 EXPERIMENTS

Efficacy-phytotoxicity. This study was carried out at the same site as the 1981 studies. The soil was fertilized with 400 lb/A 20-10-10 (N₃, P_2O_5 , K_2O), then double disked and harrowed. 'Galt' barley was planted at 72 lb/A (germinable seed) on May 22. On June 24, when common lambsquarters was at the four- to sixleaf stage and the barley had four or five leaves and one or two tillers, the herbicides used in 1981 were again sprayed at the same rates and under the same application conditions. Three additional herbicides were included in the 1982 study: dinoseb^e (0.25, 0.50, 1.00 lb/A a.i.), dicambaf (0.09, 0.18, 0.36 lb/A a.i.) and chlorsulfuron^g (0.04, 0.07, 0.14 lb/A a.i.). The experimental design consisted of twenty-two herbicide treatments plus the nonweeded control replicated five times in randomized block design. On July 9 and July 30, weed counts were made and biomass determined as in 1981. The plots were harvested September 11 using a plot combine.

Germination study. To determine if herbicides used on the maternal plant affect germination of the seed produced, subsamples of the 1982 grain harvest were taken from each plot sample and tested for viability during spring 1983. From this subsample, three or four sets of 100 seeds were each placed in petri dishes on a double layer of filter paper. The seeds were watered and incubated in the dark at 20°C for 7 days. All seeds with emerged radicles were counted as viable.

Barley variety-metribuzin susceptibility studies. This study was conducted at the Agricultural Experiment Station farm at Fairbanks on a Tanana silt loam with a pH of 7.0 and an organic matter content of 2.0 per cent. After fertilizing with 400 lb/A of 20-10-10 (N, P_2O_5 , K_2O), then double disking and harrowing, the following barley varieties were planted on May 16 at a rate of 72 lb/A (germinable seed): Galt, and Klondike (Canadian varieties); Weal, Otal, Datal, and Lidal (Alaskan varieties); Eero, Paavo, and Otra (Finnish varieties). 'Klondike' was included in the study since it is known to be susceptible to metribuzin injury. The varieties were planted in strips 7.5 ft wide (13 rows) using a grain drill. Various rates of metribuzin were applied in strips perpendicular to the varieties. The rates were: 0.11, 0.21, 0.44 and 0.89 lb/A (active ingredient) applied at 30 lb/in² pressure and in a total volume of 25.1 gal. H²O/ha. The herbicide was applied at the following barley growth stages: two or three leaves (June 8), three or four leaves (June 14), two or three tillers (June 22), flagleaf (June 28). The variety and metribuzin treatment strips plus a weedy control were randomized and replicated in three complete blocks. Individual plots were 10 x 11.5 ft. On July 15, average barley weight and per cent mortality data were collected from each plot. Weed control was rated on a scale of 0-9 (0 = no control, 9 = complete control) for each weed species occurring in the plots of one replicate.

1983 Experiments

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Efficacy-phytotoxicity. In 1983 the study was carried out at the Agricultural Experiment Station farm at Fairbanks on a Tanana silt loam with a soil pH of 7.0 and an organic matter content of 2.0 per cent. The soil was fertilized with 400 lb/A 20-10-10 (N, P₂O₅, K₂O) and then double disked and harrowed. The plots were seeded to 'Lidal' barley at 72 lb/A (germinable seed) on May 13. The plots received the same herbicide treatments as in 1982. On June 1, when common lambsquarters was at the four-leaf stage and barley was at the two- or three-leaf stage, dicamba was applied. Dinoseb and metribuzin were applied on June 8 when common lambsquarters was at the four- to six-leaf stage and barley was at the four- to five-leaf stage with one or two tillers. MCPA, 2,4-D and bromoxynil were applied on June 13 when common lambsquarters was at the six- to eight-leaf stage and barley was at the four- or five-leaf stage with two or three tillers. Chlorsulfuron was applied on June 18 when common lambsquarters was at the eight- to twelve-leaf stage and barley was at the five- or six-leaf stage with three or four tillers. Each plot was 10 x 5 ft. The experiment consisted of twenty-two herbicide treatments plus a nonweeded control replicated five times in a randomized block design. On July 10, weeds were counted and biomass determined for each weed species using a single 0.25 m² quadrat placed in each plot. The plots were harvested on August 10 by clipping 7 ft of the middle three rows of each plot.

^eTrade Name: Premerge 3 (Dow Chemical Co.)

^fTrade Name; Banyel (Velsicol Chemical Corp.)

gTrade Name: Glean (E.I. DuPont de Nemoirs and Co.)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Efficacy-phytotoxicity study. The herbicides had significant effects in all years (tables 1, 2, 3) on the number and total weight of common lambsquarters on all sampling dates. On the earliest sampling date in 1981 and 1982, only metribuzin and bromoxynil provided complete control of common lambsquarters (tables 4, 5). The second sampling dates in 1981 and 1982 provide a measure of late-season weed-control performance. In 1981, both metribuzin and bromoxynil maintained control of lambsquarters in terms of both numbers and dry weight. With both MCPA and 2,4-D, the lambsquarters number and dry weight decreased from July 2 to August 27 (with the exception of 2,4-D at 0.25 lb/A). By August 27, weed control in the MCPA plots equalled that of the bromoxynil and metribuzin plots (table 4). In 1982, lambsquarters control was again maintained in the metribuzin and bromoxynil plots. Lambsquarters control by July 30 was also good for MCPA at 0.75 and 1.50 lb/A, chlorsulfuron at all rates, and dinoseb at 0.50 and 1.0 lb/A (table 5). Dicamba failed to control lambsquarters, and 2,4-D was only marginally effective. In 1983, all herbicide treatments resulted in a significant reduction in lambsquarters dry weight relative to the weedy control. All herbicide treatments except chlorsulfuron at 0.04 lb/A and dicamba at 0.09 and 0.18 lb/A resulted in a significant reduction in lambsquarters number. Those treatments giving the best control of lambsquarters were bromoxynil at all rates; dinoseb at 0.50 and 1.00 lb/A; and metribuzin at 0.21, 0.43, and 0.86 lb/A. While there was a significant overall effect of herbicide treatment on knotweed number. none of the herbicide-treated plots were significantly different from the weedy control (table 6). Complete control of knotweed was realized only at the highest rates of bromoxynil and metribuzin.

In 1981, barley yield was lowest in the control plot where lambsquarters was not controlled; yield was highest in the bromoxynil plots. Yields of the metribuzin plots were greater than

| Table | 1. | ANOVA | results, | 1981 | lambsq | uarters | control | in | barley | |
|-------|----|-------|----------|------|--------|---------|---------|----|--------|--|
|-------|----|-------|----------|------|--------|---------|---------|----|--------|--|

| Variable | Herbicide Treatments (13df) F | Blocks (3df) F | r ² |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Lambsquarters population, July 2 | 10.25 ** | 1.92 NS | 0.78 |
| Lambsquarters population, August 27 | 7,79 ** | 0.01 NS | 0.72 |
| Total lambsquarters dry weight, July 2 | 4.67 ** | 1.65 NS | 0.63 |
| Total lambsquarters dry weight, August 27 | 7.22 ** | 0.84 NS | 0.71 |
| Grain yield | 1.28 NS | 6.05 ** | 0.47 |
| Test weight | 1.65 NS | 2.12 NS | 0.42 |

** significant at the .01 level

NS not significant at the .05 level

Table 2. ANOVA results, 1982 lambsquarters control in barley.

| Variable | Herbicide Treatments (22df) F | Blocks (4df) F | r ² |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Lambsquarters population, July 9 | 3.96 ** | 0.36 NS | 0.50 |
| Lambsquarters population, July 30 | 4.35 ** | 0.62 NS | 0.52 |
| Total lambsquarters dry weight, July 9 | 6.41 ** | 1.13 NS | 0.62 |
| Total lambsquarters dry weight, July 30 | 6.80 ** | 0.28 NS | 0.63 |
| Grain yield | 9.64 ** | 2.05 * | 0.58 |
| Test weight | 3.59 ** | 0.95 NS | 0.29 |

significant at the .05 level

** significant at the .01 level

NS not significant at the .05 level

Table 3. ANOVA results, 1983 weed control in barley.

| Variable | Herbicide Treatments (22df) F | Blocks (4df) F | r ² |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Lambsquarters population, July 10 | 2.68 ** | 1.63 NS | 0.43 |
| Total lambsquarters dry weight, July 10 | 8,37 ** | 1.70 NS | 0.69 |
| Knotweed population, July 10 | 1.78 * | 1.98 NS | 0.35 |
| Grain yield | 1.71 * | 1.10 NS | 0.32 |

* significant at the .05 level

** significant at the .01 level

NS not significant at the .05 level

Table 4. Effect of herbicide treatments on common lambsquarters population and dry weight and on barley yield and test weights at Delta Junction, 1981.

| | | | Common la | | | | | |
|------------|--------|--------|---------------------|------|-------------------|--------|----------------|--|
| | | Pop | Population | | Dry Weight | | Barley | |
| Treatment | Rate | July 2 | August 27 | | August 27 | Yield | Test Weight | |
| | (lb/A) | (plan | ts/m ²) | (g | /m ²) | (bu/A) | (lb/bu) | |
| Bromoxynil | .21 | 4 | 13 | 0.3 | 2.5 | 46.9 | 43.3 | |
| Bromoxynil | .43 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.2 | 42.1 | |
| Bromoxynil | .86 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 47.4 | 41.3 | |
| Metribuzin | .11 | 121 | 128 | 4.0 | 15.0 | 46.9 | 42.8 | |
| Metribuzin | .21 | 17 | 7 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 45.9 | 42.7 | |
| Metribuzin | .43 | . 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 42.2 | 42.0 | |
| Metribuzin | .86 | 22 | 0 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 42.9 | 42.8 | |
| MCPA | .37 | 1057 | 170 | 18.6 | 8.4 | 43.6 | 43.7 | |
| МСРА | .75 | 767 | 12 | 12.5 | 0.6 | 45.0 | 36.7 | |
| МСРА | 1.50 | 765 | 0 | 11.5 | 0.0 | 45.5 | 41.9 | |
| 2,4-D | .25 | 1131 | 516 | 44.7 | 55.7 | 41.0 | 42.2 | |
| 2,4-D | .50 | 882 | 399 | 15.9 | 13.5 | 45.5 | 43.0 | |
| 2,4-D | 1.00 | 754 | 46 | 17.2 | 3.4 | 41.6 | 44.0 | |
| Control | | 2284 | 1624 | 52.6 | 134.7 | 39.5 | 44.8 | |
| LSD | | 590 | 445 | 22.0 | 39.0 | 6.1 | | |

Table 5. Effect of herbicide treatment on common lambsquarters population and dry weight and on barley yield and test weights at Delta Junction, 1982.

| | | Common Lambsquarters | | | | Barley | | |
|---------------|--------|----------------------|---------|------------|------------------|--------|----------------|--|
| | | Population | | Dry Weight | | | | |
| Treatment | Rate | July 9 | July 30 | July 9 | July 30 | Yield | Test weight | |
| | (lb/A) | (plant | s/m²) | (g/n | n ²) | (bu/A) | (lb/bu) | |
| МСРА | 0.37 | 1358 | 370 | 50.6 | 31.8 | 47.6 | 43.5 | |
| МСРА | 0.75 | 1234 | 4 | 44.1 | 0.4 | 41.4 | 43.3 | |
| МСРА | 1.50 | 1681 | 25 | 60.5 | 1.5 | 43.8 | 42.2 | |
| 2,4-D | 0.25 | 680 | 379 | 29.0 | 29.3 | 48.0 | 42.4 | |
| 2,4-D | 0.50 | 1664 | 402 | 59.4 | 22.4 | 42.5 | 41.6 | |
| 2,4-D | 1.00 | 804 | 378 | 34.8 | 40.0 | 53.3 | 41.8 | |
| Bromoxynil | 0.21 | 54 | 14 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 60.5 | 42.7 | |
| Bromoxynil | 0.43 | 10 | 0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 59.9 | 43.0 | |
| Bromoxynil | 0.86 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 59.8 | 42.0 | |
| Metribuzin | 0.11 | 874 | 461 | 24.2 | 20.8 | 58.9 | 43.9 | |
| Metribuzin | 0.21 | 105 | 21 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 48.7 | 41.6 | |
| Metribuzin | 0.43 | 7 | 6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 51.2 | 42.4 | |
| Metribuzin | 0.86 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 58.0 | 42.2 | |
| Dicamba | 0.09 | 1706 | 1591 | 67.2 | 97.9 | 37.4 | 42.3 | |
| Dicamba | 0.18 | 2080 | 830 | 115.2 | 114.6 | 33.4 | 41.6 | |
| Dicamba | 0.36 | 1652 | 438 | 74.8 | 31.9 | 38.4 | 41.3 | |
| Chlorsulfuron | 0.04 | 546 | 62 | 26.6 | 1.8 | 53.8 | 42.5 | |
| Chlorsulfuron | 0.07 | 1555 | 38 | 41.3 | 1.3 | 55.4 | 42.2 | |
| Chlorsulfuron | 0.14 | 699 | 0 | 26.6 | 0.0 | 53.0 | 44.1 | |
| Dinoseb | 0.25 | 994 | 525 | 45.7 | 42.4 | 52.8 | 42.3 | |
| Dinoseb | 0.50 | 102 | 124 | 4.4 | 6.2 | 58.0 | 43.1 | |
| Dinoseb | 1.00 | 78 | 44 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 59.0 | 40.4 | |
| Control | | 788 | 806 | 69.2 | 89.7 | 43.7 | 42.6 | |
| LSD | | 974 | 523 | 17.4 | 36.7 | 8.3 | 2.4 | |

Table 6. Effect of herbicide treatments on common lambsquarters population and dry weight, knotweed population and barley at Fairbanks, 1983.

| | | | imon | Vastured | | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------|--|--|
| Lambsquarters Knotweed | | | | | | | |
| Treatment | Rate | Population | Dry Weight | Population | Yield | | |
| | (lb/A) | (plants/m ²) | (g/m²) | (plants/m ²) | (bu/A) | | |
| MCPA | 0.37 | 81.6 | 20.1 | 18.4 | 72.3 | | |
| MCPA | 0.75 | 27.2 | 5.2 | 4.0 | 74.2 | | |
| MCPA | 1.50 | 12.0 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 64.5 | | |
| 2,4-D | 0.25 | 48.8 | 15.5 | 29.6 | 54.4 | | |
| 2,4-D | 0.50 | 44.0 | 12.6 | 5.6 | 66.8 | | |
| 2,4-D | 1.00 | 24.0 | 6.0 | 1.6 | 67.7 | | |
| Bromoxynil | 0.21 | 0.8 | 0.04 | 1.6 | 66.2 | | |
| Bromoxynil | 0.43 | 0 | 0 | 0.8 | 78.3 | | |
| Bromoxynil | 0.86 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61.8 | | |
| Metribuzin | 0.11 | 102.4 | 20.4 | 6.4 | 65.1 | | |
| Metribuzin | 0.21 | 6.4 | 1.0 | 17.6 | 72.9 | | |
| Metribuzin | 0.43 | 2.4 | 0.3 | 2.4 | 70.0 | | |
| Metribuzin | 0.86 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68.5 | | |
| Dicamba | 0.09 | 156.8 | 77.2 | 16.8 | 46.9 | | |
| Dicamba | 0.18 | 188.8 | 50.0 | 25.6 | 54.8 | | |
| Dicamba | 0.36 | 91.2 | 23.2 | 19.2 | 48.0 | | |
| Chlorsulfuron | | 243.2 | 49.3 | 13.6 | 53.9 | | |
| Chlorsulfuron | | 105.6 | 25.3 | 23.2 | 62.8 | | |
| Chlorsulfuron | 0.14 | 37.6 | 15.6 | 44.0 | 68.3 | | |
| Dinoseb | 0.25 | 139.2 | 33.6 | 23.2 | 52.7 | | |
| Dinoseb | 0.50 | 17.6 | 2.4 | 16.8 | 69.4 | | |
| Dinoseb | 1.00 | 0 | 0 | 3.2 | 79.3 | | |
| Control | | 297.6 | 131.7 | 24.0 | 36.2 | | |
| LSD | | 144.8 | 30.4 | 25.0 | 23.2 | | |

the control, but not significantly so (table 4). Moreover, there was no significant overall effect of herbicide treatment on yield (table 1). In 1982, the herbicide treatments did have a significant effect on yields (table 2). 'Galt' barley yields were lowest in the dicamba plots where the lambsquarters number and total dry weight were highest. The highest yields were realized in the bromoxynil, metribuzin, dinoseb, and chlorsulfuron plots. The 1983 herbicide treatments also had a significant effect on yields (table 3). 'Lidal' barley yields were lowest when treated with 0.09, 0.18, and 0.36 lb/A dicamba; 0.25 lb/A 2,4-D; 0.04 lb/A chlorsulfuron; and 0.25 lb/A dinoseb. However, barley yields in these plots were not significantly different from that of the weedy control plot. Yields of all other plots were significantly higher than the control plot. The highest yields were realized at 0.50 and 1.0 lb/A dinoseb; at 0.21 lb/A bromoxynil; at 0.37 and 0.75 lb/A MCPA; and 0.11, 0.21, and 0.43 lb/A metribuzin (table 6).

In all years, there does not appear to be a relationship between rates of metribuzin used and barley yield. In 1981 and 1982, the test weights of 'Galt' barley were not significantly reduced below that of the control by any of the herbicides tested during these years.

Germination study. In 1982, the herbicide treatments had no significant effect on the germinability of the grain.

Barley variety-metribuzin susceptibility study. Metribuzin treatments and barley varieties had a significant effect on barley mortality. There was also a significant interaction of varieties and treatments (table 7). 'Klondike' was much more sensitive to metribuzin than were the other varieties (table 8). Mortality was evident in all of the varieties at the 0.44 and 0.89 lb/A rates when application was made at or before the barley 3-4 leaf stage. At the 2-3 tiller stage, mortality was evident only at the 0.89 lb/A rate (table 8). Negligible mortality occurred at the flag leaf stage for all varieties at all rates.

Height reductions were noted for all barley varieties, though variety was not a significant variable affecting height (table 7). Metribuzin treatments did have a significant effect on barleyheight reduction (table 7). Height reduction was generally lowest at the lowest metribuzin rates and greatest at the highest rate. Height reductions were lower at the 2-3 tiller and flag leaf stages than at the 2-3 and 3-4 leaf stages (table 9). At the proposed recommended rates and application times (2-5 leaves, 2-3 tillers, Table 7. ANOVA results, barley variety x metribuzin rate-timing study.

| Barley Varieties (8df) F | Treatments (16df) F | Variety X Treatment (128df) F |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 3.65* | 39.46** | 3.25** |
| 1.72 NS | 26.30** | 1.23 NS |
| | Varieties (8df) F 3.65* | Varieties Treatments (8df) (16df) F F 3.65* 39.46** |

NS not significant at the .05 level

* significant at the .05 level

** significant at the .01 level

¹Data were arcsine transformed

0.25-0.50 lb/A), height reduction was less than 15 per cent for all the varieties but 'Klondike.'

Metribuzin applied at the rate of 0.21 lb/A, at the 2-3 tiller stage, completely controlled lambsquarters, chickweed, pineappleweed, corn spurry, and shepherdspurse. Control of rapeseed was also excellent. Knotweed was only slightly controlled, however (table 10). At the lowest metribuzin rate (0.11 lb/A), weed control was generally best at the earliest application date. At 0.21 lb/A and above, time of application does not appear to be critical for controlling the weeds found in the study. Taiole 8. Effect of metribuzin applied at various times and rates on mean per cent mortality of barley varieties grown in Alaska.

| Metribuzin Treatments | tments | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|-----------------|--------|----------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Barlev Growth | | | : | | Barley | Barley Variety | - | | | |
| Stage | Rate | Klondike | Paavo | Weal | Otal | Lidal | Galt | Eero | Otra | Datal |
| | (lb/A) | 8 4 8 9 1 4 | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | - (Mean | | Per cent Mortal | lity)- | 4 8 8 8 8 8 | 3 5 5 8 | 1 |
| 2-3 leaves | 0.11 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | 0.24 | 12.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | 0.44 | 46.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 0.0 |
| | 0.89 | 95.0 | 44.0 | 51.7 | 13.3 | 33.3 | 10.0 | 52.3 | 56.7 | 41.7 |
| 3-4 leaves | 0.11 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | 0.21 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | 0.44 | 74.0 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 5.0 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 13.3 | 3.3 | 11.7 |
| | 0.89 | 94.7 | 64.0 | 50.0 | 28.3 | 50.0 | 16.7 | 70.0 | 40.7 | 45.0 |
| 2-3 tillers | 0.11 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | 0.21 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | 0.44 | 6 .0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | 0.89 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 1.7 | 5.0 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 6.7 | 0.0 |
| flagleaf | 0.11 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 00 |
| ŀ | 0.21 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | 0.44 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | 0.89 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| no herbicide | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

| Metribuzin Treatment | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------|----------------|---------|------|-----------|---------|---------|------|------|-------|--|--|
| Barley | | Barley Variety | | | | | | | | | | |
| Growth Stage | Rate | Klondik | e Paavo | Weal | Otal | Lidal | Galt | Eero | Otra | Datal | | |
| • | (lb/A) | | | (Pe | r cent re | duction | in heig | ht) | | | | |
| 2-3 leaves | 0.11 | 10.2 | +4.1 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 2.0 | +0.9 | 7.4 | +4.5 | +1.3 | | |
| | 0.21 | 6.1 | 0.8 | 11.0 | 5.2 | +2.2 | +2.6 | 5.2 | +1.7 | +3.1 | | |
| | 0.44 | 17.7 | 2.1 | 8.6 | 3.0 | +1.4 | 3.3 | 8.5 | 2.5 | 3.4 | | |
| | 0.89 | 39.6 | 30.8 | 24.7 | 11.1 | 16.6 | 14.3 | 32.7 | 22.5 | 20.7 | | |
| 3-4 leaves | 0.11 | 6.1 | 2.6 | 5.0 | 12.0 | 3.8 | +1.3 | 0.7 | 3.0 | 3.4 | | |
| | 0.21 | 14.0 | 7.0 | 14.3 | 8.5 | 6.4 | 2.5 | 7.4 | 1.5 | +0.8 | | |
| | 0.44 | 21.4 | 13.3 | 14.2 | 10.3 | 8.1 | 5.9 | 13.6 | 8.5 | 9.5 | | |
| | 0.89 | 38.8 | 29.4 | 29.6 | 23.9 | 24.4 | 21.9 | 35.1 | 23.5 | 28.1 | | |
| 2-3 tillers | 0.11 | 5.7 | 1.7 | 5.3 | 10.3 | 0.8 | 5.5 | +1.0 | +2.2 | 5.3 | | |
| | 0.21 | 5.3 | 3.5 | 8.2 | 6.8 | 2.9 | +0.9 | 5.7 | +5.9 | 1.5 | | |
| | 0.44 | 6.5 | 5.7 | 7.8 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 9.1 | 3.0 | 6.7 | | |
| | 0.89 | 16.5 | 9.8 | 9.0 | 2.6 | 6.8 | +0.9 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 2.5 | | |
| flagleaf | 0.11 | 4.9 | +1.0 | 1.3 | 6.4 | +0.5 | 2.0 | 4.6 | +4.1 | +1.7 | | |
| - | 0.21 | 9.5 | 1.3 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 0.4 | +5.2 | 3.5 | +5.5 | +0.8 | | |
| | 0.44 | 9.8 | 0.8 | 11.4 | 5.1 | 2.5 | 2.6 | +5.0 | +0.8 | +1.7 | | |
| | 0.89 | 15.7 | 9.3 | 8.2 | 6.0 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 15.6 | | |
| no herbicide | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | |

Table 9. Per cent reduction in height (from control) for various barley varieties at different metribuzin rates and application dates.

+ means greater than control

Table 10. Mean weed control ratings at various metribuzin rates and application times. Asterisks denote means significantly different from controls using Bonferroni's statistic for non-parametric data.

| | Lambsquarter | | Chickweed | | Pineapple- weed | | Corn Spurry | | Knotweed | | Shepherds- purse | | Rapeseed | | Barley |
|----------------|--------------|--------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|-------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Sencor Rate | No. Lvs. | Rating | No. Lvs. ¹ | Rating | No. Lvs. | Rating | No. Lvs. ² | Rating | No. Lvs. | Rating | No. Lvs. ³ | Rating | No. Lvs. | Rating | Growth Stage |
| (kg/ha |) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0.12 | 2-4 | 5.2 | 1-4 | 8.0 | 2-4 | 9.0* | 2-3 | 8.2 | 2-3 | 2.9 | f | 7.4 | 3 | 8.9 | 2-3 lvs |
| | 6-8 | 1.8 | 7-9 | 6.4 | 7-9 | 6.7 | 4-5 | 7.0 | 11-13 | 3.4 | 1-2,f | 7.0 | 3-7 | 7.0 | 3-4 lvs |
| | 8-16 | 3.6 | 9+ | 4.2 | 8-10 | 3.7 | f | 5.9 | f | 1.0 | 4-6,f | 3.4 | f | 4.3 | 2-3 t |
| | fl | 3.1 | f | 7.2 | f | 6.2 | f | 7.2 | f | 3.3 | f | 6.8 | f | 7.8 | fl |
| 0.24 | 2-4 | 7.2* | 1-4 | 8.7 | 2-4 | 8.4 | 2-3 | 9.0 | 2-3 | 5.0 | f | 8.0 | 3 | 8.4 | 2-3 lvs |
| | 6-8 | 8.7* | 7-9 | 9.0* | 7-9 | 9.0* | 4-5 | 9.0 | 11-3 | 6.7 | 1-2,f | 9.0 | 3-7 | 9.0* | 3-4 lvs |
| | 8-16 | 9.0* | 9+ | 9.0* | 8-10 | 9,0* | f | 9.0 | f | 4.0 | 4-6,f | 9.0 | f | 8.2 | 2-3 t |
| | fl | 3.7 | f | 8.3 | f | 7.3 | f | 8.3 | f | 4.1 | f | 9.0 | f | ⁻ .0* | fl |
| 0.50 | 2-4 | 9.0* | 1-4 | 9.0* | 2-4 | 9.0* | 2-3 | 9.0 | 2-3 | 7.9* | f | 9.0 | 3 | y.0* | 2-3 lvs |
| | 6-8 | 8.8* | 7-9 | 9.0* | 7-9 | 9.0* | 4-5 | 9.0 | 11-13 | 7.6* | 1-2,f | 9.0 | 3-7 | 9.0* | 3-4 lvs |
| | 8-16 | 9.0* | 9+ | 9.0* | 8-10 | 9.0* | f | 9.0 | f | 6.9* | 4-6,f | 9.0 | f | 8.6 | 2-3 t |
| | fl | 8.0 | f | 9.0* | f | 8.8 | f | 8.7 | f | 7.6* | f | 9.0 | f | 9.0* | fl |
| 1.00 | 2-4 | 9.0* | 1-4 | 9.0* | 2-4 | 9.0* | 2-3 | 9.0 | 2-3 | 9.0* | f | 9.0 | 3 | 9.0* | 2-3 lvs |
| | 6-8 | 9.0* | 7-9 | 9.0* | 7-9 | 9.0* | 4-5 | 9.0 | 11-13 | 9.0* | 1-2,f | 9.0 | 307 | 9.0* | 3-4 lvs |
| | 8-16 | 9.0* | 9+ | 9.0 * | 8-10 | 9.0* | f | 9.0 | f | 9.0* | 4-6,f | 9.0 | f | 9.0* | 2-3t |
| | fl | 8.6* | f | 9.0* | f | 8.8 | f | 9.0 | f | 8.6* | f | 9.0 | f | 9.0* | fl |
| Contro | | 0.2 | - | 0.3 | - | 0.1 | | 1.0 | | 0.0 | | 0.8 | | 0.1 | |

¹ data expressed in pairs of leaves ² data expressed in whorls of leaves

³The shepherd's purse population consisted of older individuals that had overwintered and younger individuals that had germinated in the spring.

fl = flagleaf f = flowering t = tillers

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