# **Cover Crop Termination**

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## **NERS Termination Trials**



### **Legume Termination: 30 DAA**



Sprayed on March 26, 2018

<u>RUP</u> = 32, <u>Elevore</u> = 1 oz/a or  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz/a <u>2,4-D</u> = 32 or 16 oz/a, <u>Xtendimax</u> = 11 or 17 oz/a

### **Cereal Termination: 30 DAA**





#### Wheat 28 DAT



RUP PM 22 oz





### **Tillage Radish Termination: NERS**



### **Crim. Clover Termination: NERS**



### Aus. W. Pea Termination: NERS



### **Cereal Rye Termination: NERS**



### **Cover Crop Termination: NERS**



 $\frac{RUP}{2,4-D} = 32, \quad \frac{Sharpen}{2,4-D} = 1 \text{ oz/a} \qquad \text{Leadoff} = 1.5 \text{ oz/a}$  $\frac{2,4-D}{2,4-D} = 24 \text{ or } 25 \text{ oz/a}, \quad \frac{Xtendimax}{2} = 11 \text{ oz/a}$ 

## **Take Home Points**

### <u>Study 1</u>

- For legume cover crop, consistent control was achieved when dicamba was in the mix. 2,4-D was good on hairy vetch.
- Elevore and 2,4-D weaker on legumes compared to dicamba.
- Mix of Elevore at 3/4 oz/a + 2,4-D at 16 oz/a provide similar control of legumes as dicamba.
- Hairy vetch and winter pea were easier to control than crimson clover.
- <u>Study 2</u>
- For crimson clover control was better when herbicides were applied in early February.
- Roundup PowerMax + Sharpen or 2,4-D + Xtendimax provided good control of radish, crimson clover, Austrian w. pea, hairy vetch and cereal rye.

## **Take Home Points**

- For cereals, glyphosate provided consistent control of cereals.
  - Higher rates of glyphosate should be used
    - 32 oz/a (1.4 lb ai/a) of a 5.5 lb ai/gal product
    - 44 oz/a of a 4 lb ai/gal product
- Gramoxone treatments did not provide consistent control across cereals.
- Roundup PowerMax + Sharpen or 2,4-D + Xtendimax provided good control of radish, crimson clover, Austrian w. pea, hairy vetch and cereal rye.
  - Roundup PowerMax + 2,4-D did not adequately control crimson clover.

# **MRRS Termination Trials**



### **Tillage Radish Termination: MRRS**



Leadoff = 1.5 oz/a, <u>2,4-D</u> LV4 = 34 or 25 oz/a, <u>Xtendimax</u> = 22 or 11 oz/a

### **Crim. Clover Termination: MRRS**



<u>RUP</u> = 32, <u>Paraquat</u> = 48 oz/a, Metribuzin 6 oz/a Leadoff = 1.5 oz/a, <u>2,4-D</u> LV4 = 34 or 25 oz/a, <u>Xtendimax</u> = 22 or 11 oz/a

### **Hairy Vetch Termination: MRRS**



<u>RUP</u> = 32, <u>Paraquat</u> = 48 oz/a, Metribuzin 6 oz/a Leadoff = 1.5 oz/a, 2,4-D LV4 = 34 or 25 oz/a, <u>Xtendimax</u> = 22 or 11 oz/a

### Aus. W. Pea Termination: MRRS



Leadoff = 1.5 oz/a, <u>2,4-D</u> LV4 = 34 or 25 oz/a, <u>Xtendimax</u> = 22 or 11 oz/a

### **Cover Crop Termination: MRRS**



### **Take Home Points**

- Crimson clover control, tended to be better when herbicides were applied Jan. 30 compared to March 8.
  - A.W. pea, hairy vetch, and tillage radish control was not greatly influenced by application timing when systemic herbicides were applied.
  - However, paraquat + metribuzin provided good control of A.W.
    pea and hairy vetch when applied in March.
- Paraquat plus metribuzin did not perform well on crimson clover.

# **Cover Crop Termination Timing**



### **CROP STAND: PLANTS/ACRE**



#### SOIL TEMPERATURE AT PLANTING



#### **CC GROUND COVER AT TERMINATION**

Cotton Soybean Corn



### **GROUND COVER AT TERMINATION**



### FINAL PLANT HEIGHTS (INCHES)

■ Cotton ■ Soybean ■ Corn



### **COTTON YIELD**

![](_page_26_Figure_1.jpeg)

### **SOYBEAN YIELD**

■ Minimum-Till ■ Conventional-Till

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### **CORN YIELD**

■ Minimum-Till ■ Conventional-Till

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### **RENIFORM NEMATODE**

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### **ROOTKNOT NEMATODE**

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## **Take Away Points**

- If you have not been able to terminate cover crop yet, don't panic.
- Timing of cover crop termination had minimal affect on final crop plant stand or plant height, nematode numbers, or crop yield.
- Soil temperatures at-planting were cooler in cover crop compared to no-cover crop.
- Winter weeds pressure was significantly reduce by cover crops. Weed pressure was reduced the later the cover crop was terminated.

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# Cover Crop Termination and Termination Issues

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#### Wheat 28 DAT

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## Summary

- Growth stage is an important factor in glyphosate's performance on wheat and other cereals.
- In a 3 year study at the NERS the best and most consistent control of wheat was observed when glyphosate was applied to <u>wheat after jointing and before boot stage or</u> <u>after wheat heading</u>.
- Applications made to wheat prior to jointing resulted in variable control. Wheat re-growth.
- Applications made to wheat in the boot-stage to heading was not effective.
- Pay attention to temperatures 3 days before application and 3 days after application. Daily high air temperatures need to be above 55 °F and lows above 40 °F

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## Thanks for Your Attention. Questions?

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