Evaluation of glyphosate antagonism from Sharpen on Canada thistle control

In 2010, we observed that tank mixing Sharpen and glyphosate (11 fl oz) resulted in reduced long-term Canada thistle control. In 2011, our main objective was to determine if higher rates of glyphosate would help overcome the antagonism from Sharpen. Glyphosate was applied at 11, 16, and 22 fl oz alone or with Sharpen at 1 fl oz. Treatments were applied on June 9 to 2- to 6-inch weeds. Canada thistle treated with Sharpen + glyphosate were quickly burned down; however, by 3 weeks after application, treated Canada thistle had started to re-grow. Plants treated with just glyphosate provided more consistent control over time. Increasing the glyphosate rate from 11 to 22 fl oz did increase Canada thistle control, but not to the level of glyphosate applied alone. It should be noted that we have not observed antagonism from Sharpen + glyphosate on annual weeds.

Table. Evaluation of glypho	sate antagonism from Sh	arpen on Canad	da thistle con	trol. (1121)	
		Cana	Canada Thistle Control		
Treatment ^{ab}	Rate	18-Jun	29-Jun	15-Jul	
			%		
Glyphosate	11 fl oz	60	83	79	
Glyphosate	16 fl oz	60	85	82	
Glyphosate	22 fl oz	60	87	82	
Sharpen + Glyphosate	1 fl oz + 11 fl oz	76	43	38	
Sharpen + Glyphosate	1 fl oz + 16 fl oz	83	60	58	
Sharpen + Glyphosate	1 fl oz + 22 fl oz	85	69	65	
Untreated		0	0	0	
LSD (0.05)		6	16	17	
CV		6	13	17	
^a Glyphosate applied with A	MS (2.5%); Treatments app	olied to 2-6 inch	weeds		
^b Sharpen applied with MSC					