### How will we Control Weeds in 2030?

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# Will we be able to control weeds in the future?

- I'm at the point in my career where I'm beginning to reflect
- On the past and on the future
- My father controlled weeds with 2,4-D and atrazine in corn
- And lots of inter-row cultivation
- I remember the billboards introducing Lasso® in 1968
- I am grateful for the opportunity to collaborated with Fraley, Padgette, Brown and Delaney on development of RR® crops
- Sugarbeet is my favorite crop (although hosta is my favorite plant)







#### Wilkin County MN, 2022



### Sidney Sugars, 2021







## GR weeds dominate the landscape in MN, ND, and eastern MT

- GR waterhemp was the most troublesome weed control challenge on 429,820 acres or 64% of acreage according to 2021 survey.
- GR common ragweed was 9% overall but 26% in Crookston and EGF factory districts.
- GR kochia was 22% overall but 57% in Drayton factory district.
- Mixed population of susceptible and resistant kochia are estimated on 70% of Sidney Sugars acres.



## Sugarbeet injury and kochia control from herbicide treatments, Barney, ND, 2015

		Sgbt	injury	Kochia control		
Treatment <sup>1</sup>	Rate	12 DAC	20 DAC	12 DAC	41 DAC	69 DAC
	pt or fl oz/A	(	%)		(%)	
PMax <sup>2</sup> / PMax / PMax	28 / 28 / 22	9	0	65 cd	78 bcd	75 bc
PMax+Etho / PMax+Etho / PMax+Etho	28+4 / 28+4 / 22+4	3	10	58 d	75 cd	70 C
Etho / PMax+Etho / PMax+Etho / PMax+Etho	7 pt/28+4 / 28+4 /22+4	9	5	85 ab	73 cd	70 C
Etho / Etho+Bmix+UpB / PMax/ PMax /PMax	7 pt/12+10+1 / 28 / 28 / 22	11	10	91 a	88 ab	85 ab
	LSD (0.10)	NS	NS	9	11	10

<sup>1</sup>Roundup PowerMax only treatments contained Prefer 90 NIS at 0.25% v/v plus N-Pak AMS at 2.5% v/v. All other treatments contained Destiny HC at 1.5 pt/A plus N-Pak AMS at 2.5% v/v. 2PMax = Roundup PowerMax, etho = ethofumesate, Bmix = Betamix, and UpB = UpBeet

### Kochia control in the cropping sequence corn/wheat>soybean/dry bean>wheat>sugarbeet rotation

#### Soybean

- Flumioxazin/metribuzin combination, e.g. Valor/Panther + metribuzin, Fierce MTZ, etc.
- POST application of Liberty, dicamba, or Flexstar (1 or 2 apps as needed/appropriate) depending on the soybean trait.
- Dicamba PRE.

#### **Soybean Postharvest**

- Flumioxazin 3 oz late fall prior to freeze-up. Advise not to till after Valor application.
- Seed wheat direct in the spring.

#### Wheat

- 2 oz ai fluroxypyr where possible. 1.5 oz ai is cut rate, less than 4" kochia.
- Kochiavore or Cleansweep D (products with at least 2 modes of action).
- Check the 2023 ND Weed Control Guide for additional products.

#### **Postharvest wheat**

• Tillage or Gramoxone to control kochia escapes.

Group 14 resistant kochia biotypes collected from multiple western ND locations

- Sharpen at 1 and 2 fl oz/A with AMS and MSO
- 13 DAT
- Kochia at 2 to 2.5inch

Courtesty of Dr. Brian Jenks, North Central REC, Minot, ND



# Kochia control herbicide from potential candidates in sugarbeet

- Ultra Blazer
- Phenmedipham (Spin-Aid, Betanal, 'Blue Can')
- Rinskor
- Glufosinate and dicamba applied over Truvera<sup>™</sup> sugarbeet

## Kochia control from Ultra Blazer, 42 DAP and 18 DAAC, greenhouse, 2022

Treatment	Rate	1-inch	2-inch	4-inch
	fl oz/A	%	%	%
Ultra Blazer	16	73 b	59 cd	28 e
Ultra Blazer + NIS	16 + 0.25%	92 a	89 a	30 e
PowerMax + NIS +AMS	28 + 0.25% + 2.5%	99 a	99 a	68 bc
Ultra Blazer + PowerMax + NIS +AMS	16 + 28 + 0.25% + 2.5%	99 a	99 a	53 d
	LSD (0.10)		13	





#### Belchim Crop Protection recently purchased phenmedipham (Spin-Aid) from Bayer

- Phenmedipham at 6 pt/A controlled 86% kochia (Schweizer and Weatherspoon, 1971).
- Schweizer and Weatherspoon (1971) reported phenmedipham should be applied when the rosette of kochia is less than 1-inch in diameter.
- Dexter (1994) reported phenmedipham at 3 pt/A applied to 4-leaf sugarbeet and a second treatment 5 to 7 d later gave less sugarbeet injury and improved control as compared with a single full-rate application.
- Intend to evaluate Spin-Aid alone, repeat applications and Spin-Aid following ethofumesate.
- Possible Section 18 exemption in 2024 for control of kochia.

# Dicamba and glufosinate compliment sugarbeet herbicides

- Ethofumesate PRE requires significant rainfall to activate
  - Our producers are incorporating etho to improve early season waterhemp control
  - Sometimes they incorporate etho too deep
  - We certainly don't need the extra tillage
  - Cover and nurse crops potentially are in conflict with PRE herbicides
- Glufosinate provides consistent waterhemp control
  - Spray weeds less than 3-inch tall
  - Spray when sunny, humid, and two hours after sunrise
  - Concerns over 30 fl oz/A Liberty rate use rate









### We will have to work at it if we want Dicamba and Liberty integrated with soil residual and **POST** herbicides for control of GR weeds in sugarbeet to be relevant at launch

#### Integrated Weed Management



Slide adapted from Bob Hartzler, Iowa State University

## Early cultivation generally had no effect on new waterhemp emergence control





### **Cover Crops**

#### Materials and Methods:

- Two locations: Hickson, ND and Moorhead, MN in 2021
- Randomized complete block design with 4 replications
- Factorial Treatment Arrangement
- Factor A = Cereal Grain (Winter Wheat, Winter Rye, Barley)
- Factor B = Seeding Rate (0, 20, 40, 80 lb)
- Sugarbeet planting in April/May

Courtesy of Aaron Hoppe



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#### Visual Percent Waterhemp Control, Moorhead, MN and Hickson, ND, July 2021.<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>cover crops were terminated with PowerMax mixed with ethofumesate and S-metolachlor at 32+6+16 fl oz/A

#### Some growers have purchased strip-tillers



# Strip-Tillage may create weed shifts

- Strips are made in the fall and freshened in the spring before plant.
- Weather conditions will dictate if one plants before or after tillage to 'freshen' strips.
- We observed winter annual and early emerging summer annual weed escapes in 2022.
- Weeds (kochia) were not controlled by tillage and got too big before glyphosate application.
- Strongly recommend Gramoxone after planting and before sugarbeet emergence to control early-emerging weeds.
  Courtesy of Aaron Hoppe



#### **Prevention and management strategies** 1991 The North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS) Herbicide Resistance Committee

- 1. Apply herbicides that include multiple sites of action.
- 2. Rotate crops, particularly those with different life cycles.
- 3. Avoid more than two consecutive herbicide applications with herbicide-resistant crops.
- 4. Include mechanical weed control practices.
- 5. Regularly scout fields to identify the weeds present.
- 6. Encourage others to adopt prevention management strategies.

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