

# Peach Orchard Weed Management: A Recipe Approach



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# Weed Management in Newly Planted Orchards

- Protect the tree
  - Exterior latex paint
  - Milk cartons
- PRE herbicides
  - Once soil has settled after transplanting
    - Chateau @ 6 to 8 oz (applied to weed-free soil)
  - Once initial application fails
    - Repeat Chateau application
    - Add paraquat + NIS
- Through summer (as needed)
  - Control annual weeds
    - Paraquat + NIS
  - Control perennial grasses
    - Clethodim (Select)
    - Fusilade
  - Control yellow nutsedge
    - Broadloom + COC



## August 1st

Herb Rate*	Palmer Control	MG Control	Lg Crab Control	% BG
Ch 6 oz Fb Ch 6 oz	100 a	95 a	98 a	88 ab
Ch 8 oz Fb Ch 8 oz	100 a	98 a	100 a	94 a

\*March 29<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup> were the two application dates. Gramoxone and X-77 were included at each application time for POST weed control.

## Weed Management in 2<sup>nd</sup> Leaf Orchards

- February/March (prior to bud break)
  - Chateau @ 6 to 10 fl. oz + Paraquat + NIS
  - 60 to 80 days of residual control
- May/June or later
  - Rimsulfuron @ 4 oz + Paraquat + NIS
    - If following Chateau @ 10 oz
  - Chateau @ 6 to 8 oz + Paraquat + NIS
- Summer
  - Use POST herbicides as needed
    - Clethodim (Select) + COC
    - Fusilade + COC
    - Broadloom + COC (last year to use)
    - Paraquat + NIS



**Chateau needs to be avoided in 3<sup>rd</sup> leaf orchards**

## Weed Management Program for 3<sup>rd</sup> Leaf Orchards

- Starting first harvest year!
- Fall (of 2<sup>nd</sup> leaf orchards) PRE options
  - Simazine @ 1 to 2 qt + Paraquat + NIS
  - Chateau 6 to 8 oz + Paraquat + NIS
    - I said “avoid”... “DO NOT” was not said
- Winter (4 to 6 weeks Prior to Bloom)
  - Perennial grass middles
    - 2,4-D @ 1 qt
    - 2,4-D @ 1 qt + Stinger @ ½ pt (clover)
  - Native vegetation middles
    - 2,4-D @ 1 qt
    - 2,4-D @ 1 qt + Rimsulfuron @ 2 to 4 oz + NIS
    - Glufosinate @ 32 to 48 fl. oz + AMS
    - Glufosinate @ 32 fl. oz + 2,4-D @ 1.5 pt + AMS



## Weed Management Program for 3<sup>rd</sup> Leaf Orchards

- Spring PRE options
  - Karmex + Sinbar (rate varies with soil texture)
  - Rimsulfuron @ 4 oz + Prowl H<sub>2</sub>O @ 3 to 4 qt
  - Non-selective POST needs to be included
    - Glufosinate + AMS
    - Paraquat + NIS
- Summer
  - POST as needed
    - Paraquat + NIS
    - Glufosinate + AMS
    - Fusilade
    - Embed (2,4-D Choline)



## Weed Management Program for 4<sup>th</sup> Leaf and Older Orchards

- Fall PRE options
  - Alion @ 3.5 fl. oz
  - Pindar GT @ 2 pt (5<sup>th</sup> leaf trees)
  - Chateau @ 6 to 8 oz
- Winter (4 weeks Prior to Bloom)
  - Perennial grass middles
    - 2,4-D @ 1 qt
    - 2,4-D @ 1 qt + Stinger @ ½ pt (clover)
  - Native vegetation middles
    - 2,4-D @ 1 qt
    - 2,4-D @ 1 qt + Rimsulfuron @ 2 to 4 oz + NIS
    - Glufosinate @ 32 to 48 fl. oz + AMS
    - Glufosinate @ 32 fl. oz + 2,4-D @ 1.5 pt + AMS



## Weed Management Program for 4<sup>th</sup> Leaf and Older Orchards

- Spring PRE options
  - Karmex + Sinbar (rate varies with soil texture)
  - Rimsulfuron @ 4 oz + Prowl H<sub>2</sub>O @ 3 to 4 qt
  - **Alion**
  - **Karmex + Rimsulfuron**
  - **Sinbar + Rimsulfuron**
  - Non-selective POST needs to be included
    - Glufosinate + AMS
    - Paraquat + NIS
- Summer
  - POST as needed
    - Paraquat + NIS
    - Glufosinate + AMS
    - Fusilade
    - Embed (2,4-D Choline)



## Formulation Changes

- Gramoxone SL 3.0
  - 1.7 to 2.7 pt (lower rate)
  - Replaced Gramoxone SL 2.0
- Chateau EZ
  - Liquid formulation
  - 6 to 12 fl. oz
  - Rate is the same just fluid oz not a dry formulation





## Brake On!... A New PRE Option for Stone Fruit

- New chemistry option for fruit crops
  - Fluridone
  - Originally developed for cotton in 70's
  - Revisited to combat glyphosate resistant Palmer amaranth
- Use Rates and Restrictions
  - 21 to 43 fl. oz/A
  - Orchards established 1 year or more
  - Do not use more than two consecutive years
  - Needs at least 0.5 inches of rainfall to activate
  - No POST activity
  - Works well tank mixed with other PRE herbicides
    - Sinbar
    - Karmex
  - Broad spectrum control of broadleaf and grass weeds
  - 30 day PHI
- Still working on rates and tank mix options



## Broadloom 4L

- Newly planted and non-bearing orchards ONLY!
- Bentazon (Basagran)
- 1.5 to 2 pt/A + COC
- No more than 4 pt/A in 12 month period
- Newly planted trees must be protected
- Controls yellow nutsedge
  - Apply 2 pt/A + COC to 6 to 8” tall yellow nutsedge
  - Repeat application 7 to 10 days later
- Controls other problematic broadleaf weeds
  - Dayflower
  - Giant ragweed
  - Smartweed sp.



