Weed Management in Snap Beans

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Snap beans

- Short-season crop, sensitive to weed competition
- Weeds have a major impact on yield and quality





Common weed seedlings in snap beans



Spiny amaranth



Smooth pigweed



Common lambsquarters



American black nightshade



Common ragweed



Common purslane

Interference level: Major to moderate yield or quality losses



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Livid amaranth



Yellow nutsedge



Purple nutsedge



Ragweed parthenium



Yellow nutsedge



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Interference level: Major to moderate yield or quality losses



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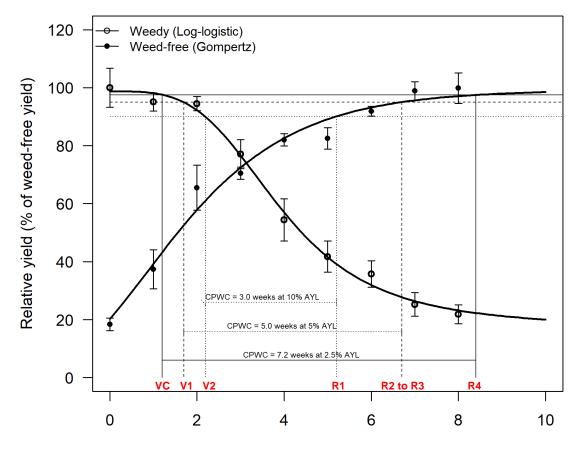
Crowfoot grass

Bermudagrass

Interference level: Major to moderate yield or quality losses



Snap bean: critical period of weed control on muck soil



Weeks after emergence (WAE)

		WAE		Growth stage					
Component of CPWC	2.5	5	10	2.5	5	10			
	Acceptable yield loss level (%)								
Beginning of CPWC	1.2	1.7	2.2	VC	V1 to V2	V2			
End of CPWC	8.4	6.7	5.2	R4	R2 to R3	R1			

- VC = cotyledon and unifoliate leaf
- V1 = first trifoliate leaf
- V2 = second trifoliate leaf
- **R1** = early flower (one open flower)
- **R2** = mid flower (50% open flowers)
- R3 = early pod set (one pod has reached maximum length) R4 = mid pod set (50% of pods have reached maximum length)



Planning a weed control program





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- To develop an effective weed control strategy, consider
 - Weed species, cover crop, preplant tillage, herbicide incorporation, cultivar, row spacing, rotary hoeing, cultivation, herbicides
- ✓ Accurate weed identification → important for the most effective and economical control program/treatment
- Use an integrated approach (multiple tools)
 - Mechanical control tillage
 - Cultural control crop rotation, cover crop, fertilizer application
 - Chemical control herbicides





Field after snap bean harvest





Fallow field before tillage





Fallow field after tillage \rightarrow cover crop





Rotational crop \rightarrow sugarcane



Weed response to herbicides in snap beans

Herbicide effectiveness P = Poor F = Fair G = Good E = Excellent Herbicide	5	Common lambsquarters	Nightshade	Amaranthus species	Common ragweed	Common purslane	Crabgrass	Fall panicum	Goosegrass	Sandbur	Nutsedge
Preemergence											
Dual Magnum	(1.0 – 1.33 pt)	Р	F	G	P	P/F	E	G	E	F	G
Treflan	(1.0 – 1.5 pt)	G	N	G	N	F	E	E	E	G	Ν
Prowl H ₂ O	(1.0 – 1.5 pt)	G	Р	F	Р	F/ G	E	E	E	G	Ν
Pursuit	(1.5 fl oz)	F	G	E	Р	F/ G	N	N	N	N	Ν
Reflex	(1.0 – 1.5 pt)	G	Е	E	G	F	N	N	N	N	Ν
Postemergence											
Pursuit	(2 fl oz)	F	E	E	F-G	F/ G	N	N	N	N	N
Basagran	(1.0 – 2.0 pt)	F	Р	Р	F	F	N	N	N	N	G
Reflex	(1.0 – 1.5 pt)	F	G	G	E	P/F	N	N	N	N	N
Sandea	(0.5 – 0.66 oz)	N	Р	E	G	F	N	N	N	N	E
Assure II	(6 – 12 fl oz)	N	N	N	N	N	E	E	E	E	Ν
Poast	(1.0 – 2.5 pt)	N	N	N	N	N	E	E	E	E	Ν
Select Max	(9 – 32 fl oz)	N	N	N	N	N	E	E	E	E	Ν
Pursuit + Basagran		F	E	E	F	F	Р	Р	Р	Р	G
Reflex + Basagran		F/G	G	G	E	G	N	N	N	N	G

Ratings are for light to moderate weed densities, favorable conditions and weed growth stage as Ratings are for light to moderate weed densities, raverable conditions, or large weeds will reduce control.



For herbicide use

- Scout field, identify weed species
- Select appropriate herbicide(s) efficacious
 - Mixtures and sequential treatments
 - Compatibility
 - Proper adjuvants
 - Cultivar tolerance
- Application equipment
 - Proper calibration







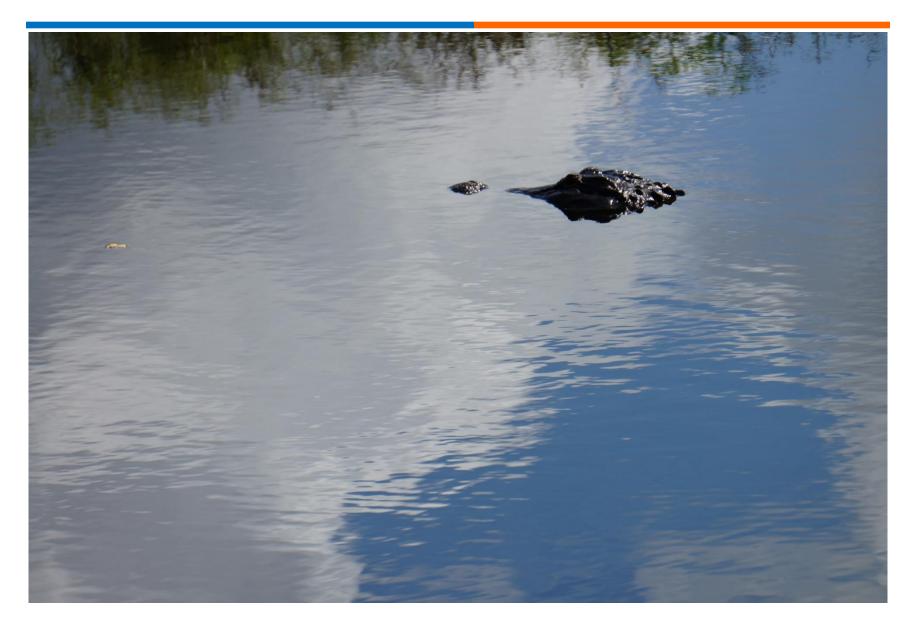
Remember for chemical weed control

🐗 Do it right

- Proper herbicide(s)
- Proper herbicide placement
- Proper time of application
- Proper manner of application

READ THE HERBICIDE LABEL, IT'S THE LAW





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