New Wipers for Weed Management in Pasture and Hayfield

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Wick Applicator

Application of a concentrated herbicide solution to weeds using a bar or similar device soaked with the herbicide solution

Works when there is a distinct height difference between the weeds and the crop

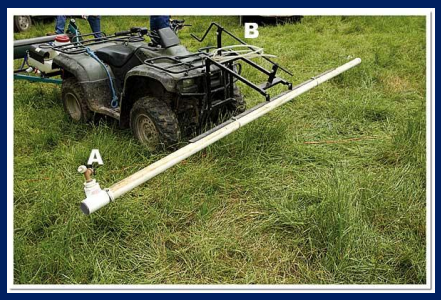
Effective with systemic herbicides

Offers some benefits but has some disadvantages

Two types of Applicators tested in West Virginia:

1) Weed Wiper
2) Rotary Weed Wiper

Weed Wiper



Rotary Weed Wiper

Weed Wiper

Pros	Cons
Simple to operate/cleanup	Inconsistent weed control
Low equipment cost	Injury from drip
Easy to transport	Not effective for slopes
Uses less herbicide per acre	Poor control of output
	Better for Liquid formulations
	Bi-directional application

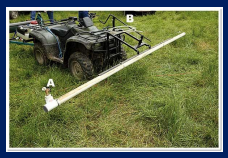
Rotary Weed Wiper

Pros	Cons
More consistent weed control	Higher cost
Less injury from drip	Transportation issues
Better control of output	
Used with various formulations	
Single direction application	

Weed Wiper Studies – Ripley WV

Herbicides Applied in 2005 (July 3rd):

Grazon P+D
Redeem R& P
Remedy
Roundup Weathermax



Herbicides Applied in 2006 (July 18th):

Redeem R&P
Remedy
Roundup Weathermax
Forefront R&P

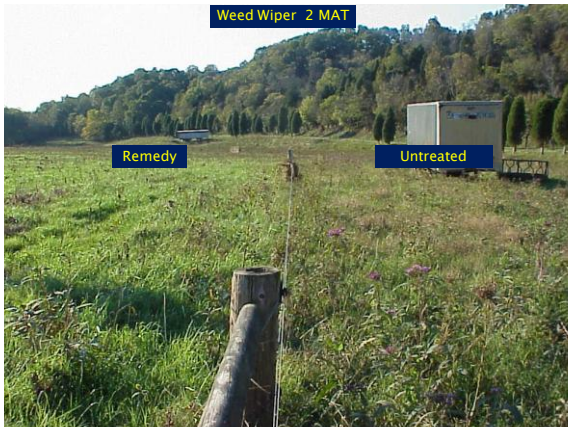
Concentration of Solution – 25%

Effect of Weed Wiper in a Hayfield 12 MAT

Herbicide	Application/s	Ironweed count	Ironweed control
Grazon P+D	Single	5.0 c	50.0 c
Redeem R& P	Single	4.3 c	56.8 bc
Remedy	Single	5.0 c	50.0 c
Roundup Weathermax	Single	8.0 ab	20.0 de
Grazon P+D	Double	2.7 d	73.8 a
Redeem R& P	Double	3.0 d	70.0 ab
Remedy	Double	3.0 d	70.0 ab
Roundup Weathermax	Double	7.3 b	26.5 d
Control	–	8.7 a	13.0 e

Effect of Weed Wiper in a Hayfield 12 MAT

Herbicide	Ironweed count	Ironweed control
Redeem R&P	10 a	46 a
Remedy	10 a	46 a
Roundup	11 ab	41 ab
Forefront R&P	12.7 b	32 b
Control	18.7 c	0 c



Inconsistent Control?

Rotary Weed Wiper Study – Point Pleasant WV

Herbicides Applied:

Crossbow
Forefront
Grazon P+D
Pasturegard
Remedy
Surmount
Roundup 5.5

Concentration of Solution – 5%

Date of Application – July 22, 2008

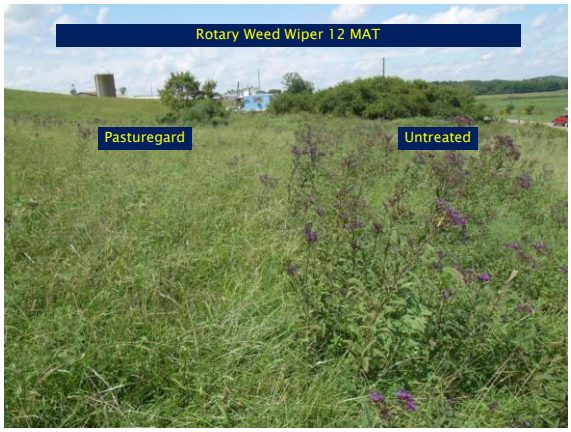
Plot size – 450 by 40 feet;
Volume – 2 gal/plot
@ 2 gal/plot Herbicide Rate – 1 qt/A

Effect of Rotary Weed Wiper in a Hayfield 3 MAT

Treatment	Ironweed Control	Clover no.
Crossbow	77	5.0
Forefront	89	.
Grazon P+D	93	.
Pasturegard	80	4.8
Remedy	70	.
Surmount	89	8.0
Roundup 5.5	71	7.8
Control	0	8.0
LSD	10	5.4

Effect of Rotary Weed Wiper in a Hayfield 12 MAT

Treatment	Ironweed Control (no.)	Clover no.
Crossbow	63 (42)	8.8
Forefront	77 (22)	7.3
Grazon P+D	85 (7)	8.8
Pasturegard	85 (7)	10.0
Remedy	73 (23)	8.8
Surmount	78 (13)	8.8
Roundup 5.5	33 (45)	9.3
Control	0 (70)	10.0
LSD	11 (12)	1.6



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