Chickpea Response to Pyridate (Tough) Herbicide treatments with Preemergence Herbicides Applied at Planting or as a Tank-Mix partner.

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Chickpea 'Frontier' was planted on May 8, 2020 using a no-till drill at a rate of 40 seeds per square meter (174,000 seeds per acre) with granular chickpea inoculum at 4 lbs per acre. After planting, planned preemergence (PRE) herbicide treatments were applied using a tractor-mounted research plot sprayer using 8002 flat fan nozzles with a spray volume of 15 gallons per acre at a spray pressure of 38 PSI. PRE treatments included sulfentrazone plus carfentrazone (Spartan Charge), sulfentrazone plus metolachlor (BroadAxe XC), metolachlor (Dual II Magnum), sulfentrazone plus pyroxasulfone (Authority Supreme), imazethapyr (Pursuit), and saflufencil (Sharpen). Glyphosate was applied across the entire plot area to control existing weeds. Chickpea emerged on May 27. Postemergence application of pyridate (Tough) herbicide alone and tank-mixed with either pendimethalin (Prowl H2O) or metolachlor (Dual II Magnum) were applied on June 17, 2020 using the same methods described earlier. All treatments were compared with an untreated control (no herbicides other than the glyphosate applied at planting) and a weed free control (which was hand weeded). Stand counts were measured on June 8 using two quadrats (0.5 m²) per plot. Chickpea height (10 random plants per plot) was measured on July 17. Chickpea were harvest on September 1.

Compared with both the untreated and weed free controls, no PRE herbicide treatment resulted in a reduction of chickpea stand which ranged from 30.3 to 41.8 plants per square meter. Plant heights were measure on July 2, two weeks after POST herbicide application. The combination of Tough plus Prowl H2O resulted in injury in the form of abnormal growth (elongated leaves and stems). No other treatment resulted in visual injury (data not shown). Few weeds emerged in this trial due to the dry conditions that occurred following planting and weed control was not evaluated. Yield was greatest in the weed free control, but yield with herbicide treatments was similar to the hand-weeded control with the exception of Dual II Magnum (PRE) followed by Tough (POST), Sharpen (PRE) followed by Tough (POST), and Tough plus Prowl H2O (POST).

The herbicide pyridate (Tough) has now been labelled for use in chickpea in North Dakota. It is a POST herbicide that can be used to control broadleaf weeds. However, applications must be applied when weeds are small 1-2 inches for control. Pyridate is a contact herbicide and as such spray coverage is critical for controlling weeds. Applications should be applied at no less than 15 gallons per acre of spray solution. As pyridate will only control emerged weeds, a PRE herbicide with activity on broadleaf weeds should be applied at planting. However, the results from this trial suggest that combinations of Tough plus Prowl H2O should be avoided due to potential for crop injury.

Table 1. Response of chickpea to preemergence and postemergence herbicides at Hettinger, ND.

Treatment			Stand count	Height	Yield
Product name	Rate	Timing	#/m ²	cm	lbs/acre
1Untreated			31.3cd	34.9-	1718de
2Tough	20oz/a	POST	38.3ab	35.1-	1934a-e
COC	1% v/v	POST			
3Spartan Charge	5oz/a	PRE	36.3abc	35.3-	2234ab
Tough	20oz/a	POST			
COC	1% v/v	POST			
4Broadaxe XC	2pt/a	PRE	33.0bcd	35.6-	2158abc
Tough	20oz/a	POST			
COC	1% v/v	POST			
5Dual II Magnum	1.5pt/a	PRE	38.5ab	34.9-	1842b-e
Tough	20oz/a	POST			
COC	1% v/v	POST			
6Authority Supreme	8oz/a	PRE	34.8bcd	34.0-	2099a-d
Tough	20oz/a	POST			
COC	1% v/v	POST			
7Pursuit	2oz/a	PRE	38.3ab	34.5-	2299a
Tough	20oz/a	POST			
COC	1% v/v	POST			
8Sharpen	2oz/a	PRE	41.8a	33.9-	1680e
Tough	20oz/a	POST			
COC	1% v/v	POST			
9Prowl H2O	32oz/a	PRE	30.3d	33.8-	2119a-d
Tough	20oz/a	POST			
COC	1% v/v	POST			
10Tough	20oz/a	POST	31.5cd	33.5-	2260a
Dual II Magnum	1.5pt/a	POST			
COC	1% v/v	POST			
11Tough	20oz/a	POST	36.3abc	32.9-	1805cde
Prowl H2O	32oz/a	POST			
COC	1% v/v	POST			
12Weed Free (hand weeded)			36.0bc	35.4-	2315a
LSD P=.10			5.56	1.96	395.5
CV			13.09	4.75	16.18
Treatment F			2.241	1.063	1.916
Treatment Prob(F)			0.0363	0.4187	0.0761
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POST herbicide treatments were applied on June 17, 2020, 3 weeks after chickpea emergence when chickpea were 3 to 4 inches in height.

Stand counts were measured on June 8 and heights were measured on July 2, 2020.

Chickpea was harvested on September 1, 2020.

Means followed by same letter or symbol do not significantly differ (P=.10, LSD).

Mean comparisons performed only when AOV Treatment P(F) is significant at mean comparison.