WEED CONTROL IN CARROTS

RESEARCH RESULTS – 2006

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We trust that the information provided by this research will further the science of weed control by assisting with the registration of herbicides through the minor use system. We also hope this information will be of use in the extension of proper herbicide recommendations, thereby enabling growers to achieve consistent, broad spectrum weed control with a minimum of crop damage.

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Trial 1: Effect of Timing on Tolerance of Carrot to Dual II Magnum

**Objective:** Determine the effect of applying Dual II Magnum preemergence, early postemergence or late postemergence on crop injury, carrot size and carrot yield.

**Materials & Methods:**

**Crop:** Carrot  
**Variety:** Fontana  
**Planting date:** Apr 19/06  
**Planting rate:** 260000 seeds/ha  
**Depth:** 1 cm  
**Row spacing:** 38cm

**Design:** Randomized Complete Block Design  
**Plot width:** 1.5m  
**Plot length:** 10m  
**Reps:** 4

**Field Preparation:** Applied 250 kg/ha of 27-0-0 + 250 kg/ha of 18-19-19 on April 17.

**Soil Description:**  
**Sand:** 81%  
**Silt:** 12%  
**Clay:** 7%  
**OM:** 4.9%  
**pH:** 6.7  
**Texture:** Loamy Fine Sand  
**Soil:** Normandale  
**CEC:** 7

**Application Information:**

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**Spray Equipment:**

Application Method: CO2 Backpack  
**Pressure:** 207 KPA (30 PSI)  
**Nozzle Type:** AIR INDUCTION  
**Nozzle Size:** ULD120-02  
**Nozzle Spacing:** 50 cm (20")  
**Boom Width:** 1.5 m (60")  
**Spray Volume:** 200 L/ha (20 GAL/AC)
Table 1.1. Carrot visual injury 7, 14 and 28 days after application, carrot dry weight and yield.

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LSD (P <0.05)  NS  NS  NS  22  4.2

Note: Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different (P=0.05, LSD). NS – No significant differences among treatments.

Conclusions:

This trial was kept weed-free to test for the effect of preemergence and postemergence applications of Dual II Magnum on carrot visual injury, dry weight, carrot length and yield of ‘Fontana’ carrot.

Visual injury was not observed in any of the treatments. Though there was no injury observed in the trial, and no reduction in carrot length (data not shown), carrots weighed less in the three late postemergence (5-8 LF stage of carrot) Dual II Magnum applications, which resulted in a reduction in yield.

Dual II Magnum has been submitted as an URMULE (2003-3426) to the PMRA. Data from this and previous years’ trials were submitted to support the minor use for preemergence applications of Dual II Magnum in carrot.
Trial 2: Herbicide Tolerance in Carrots

**Objective:** Determine the tolerance of carrots to preemergence applications of KIH-485 and Impact.

**Materials & Methods:**

*Crop:* Carrot  
Variety: Fontana  
Planting date: Apr 19/06  
Planting rate: 260000 seeds/ha  
Depth: 2 cm  
Row spacing: 75cm

*Design:* Randomized Complete Block Design  
Plot width: 1.5m  
Plot length: 10m  
Reps: 4

*Field Preparation:* Applied 250 kg/ha of 27-0-0 + 250 kg/ha of 18-19-19 on April 17.

*Soil Description:*  
Sand: 81%  
Silt: 12%  
Clay: 7%  
OM: 4.9%  
pH: 6.7  
Texture: Loamy Fine Sand  
CEC 7  
Soil: Normandale

*Application Information:*  
APPLICATION DATE: APR 28/06  
TIME OF DAY: 3:00PM  
TIMING: PRE  
AIR TEMP (c): 14  
RH (%): 26  
WIND SPEED (KPH): 8  
SOIL TEMP (c): 22  
CLOUD COVER (%): 0  
CROP STAGE: PRE

*Spray Equipment:*  
Application Method: CO2 Backpack  
Pressure: 207 KPA (30 PSI)  
Nozzle Type: AIR INDUCTION  
Nozzle Size: ULD120-02  
Nozzle Spacing: 50 cm (20")  
Boom Width: 1.5 m (60")  
Spray Volume: 200 L/ha (20 GAL/AC)
Table 2.1. Effect of herbicide treatment on ‘Fontana’ carrot visual injury 7, 14 and 28 days after application, stand counts, carrot dry weight and yield.

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LSD (P <0.05) 4 16 22 9 26 3.5

Note: Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different (P=0.05, LSD).

Conclusions:

This trial was kept weed-free to test for the effect of preemergence and applications of Impact and KIH-485 on carrot visual injury, dry weight, carrot length and yield of ‘Fontana’ carrot.

Preemergence applications of Impact did not injure carrot, however, there was significant visual injury, reduced stand counts, plant weights and yields in the KIH-485 treatments. Future research should focus on determining tolerance of carrots to postemergence applications of Impact, however, KIH-485 does not have potential for use in carrot.