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Redeem® Leaf Spray for Mesquite Control

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Summary:

The most effective individual plant leaf spray for mesquite is a herbicide mixture containing ½ % Remedy® plus ½ % Reclaim® (also called the Brush Busters leaf spray). These two herbicides are purchased separately and combined in the spray tank to obtain the proper mixture and concentration. There is a "pre-mix" of these two herbicides marketed by Dow AgroSciences under the trade name Redeem®. Normally used as a weed control herbicide, this product has some potential as a leaf spray herbicide for mesquite, especially if Remedy® or Reclaim® were no longer available in their present formulations.

To evaluate the effectiveness of Redeem® for mesquite control when applied as a leaf spray, trials were established in Brown, Coleman, Lampasas, Mills and Shackelford counties during the summer of 2003. Each trial included 1%, 2% and 3% concentrations of Redeem® as compared to the recommended ½ % Reclaim® plus ½ % Remedy® mixture.

Results from this demonstration will not be available until 2003.

Mesquite is a major noxious plant across most Texas rangelands. One of the most effective control methods is an individual plant leaf spray using a mixture of the herbicides Reclaim® and Remedy®. The recommended concentration is ½ % each, mixed with water, with the addition of surfactant (¼ %) and dye (¼ % to ½ %). The active ingredient in Reclaim® is "clopyralid" and the active ingredient in Remedy® is "triclopyr."

Redeem is a herbicide marketed by Dow AgroSciences primarily for weed control. This herbicide contains a mixture of the same active ingredients included in Remedy® and Reclaim®. As such, this herbicide does has potential when used as a leaf spray for control of mesquite. Unfortunately the ratio of triclopyr to clopyralid is not the same as when a mixture containing ½ % Reclaim® plus ½ % Remedy® is used. For comparison, a 2% concentration of Redeem® contains about the same amount of triclopyr and only ½ the amount of clopyralid as the standard Reclaim® plus Remedy® mixture. The lesser quantity of clopyralid is expected to reduce

control, but it is unknown how much.

The herbicide Redeem® would be an important substitute if either Remedy® or Reclaim® were no longer available for the Texas rangeland mesquite control market.

Objective:

The objective of these trials is to compare Redeem® to the Brush Busters leaf spray (½ % Reclaim® plus ½ % Remedy®) for control of mesquite.

Materials and Methods:

A total of 5 sites were included in these herbicide trials. Table 1 lists the location and date of application for each. Every site included the same treatments, those being 1%, 2% and 3% concentrations of Redeem® applied as a leaf spray to mesquite, and the recommended ½ % Remedy® plus ½ % Reclaim® mixture applied in same manner.

All treatments were applied using a 4-wheel ATV sprayer, equipped with 10 gal tanks and a 1.4 gpm Shurflo® pump. Hand wands were tipped with X-8 adjustable cone nozzles. Herbicides were mixed with water. A non-ionic surfactant and Hi-Light Blue Dye® were added to the spray mixture at a concentration of ¼ % each. Mesquite trees were sprayed to wet, but not to the point of dripping.

Table 1. Location and date of application for treatments.

County	Ranch	Date of Treatment
Brown	Perkins	8/2/02
Coleman	Huston	6/5/02
Lampasas	Wittenburg	7/24/02
Mills	Head	6/13/02
Shackelford	Leech	6/4/02

Results and Discussion:

Preliminary results from these herbicide trials will not be available until 2003.

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