

ASSBT Weed Control Forum Discussion, 2001

- I. Micro-rate herbicides (Introduced by: Alan Dexter)
 - A. Useage and trends/effectiveness
 - B. Additions of soil active herbicides for residual control
 - C. Can producers reduce cultivation
 - D. Surfactants: Efficacy, safety, economics, grower education

- II. ALS Resistant Kochia (Introduced by: Don Morishita)
 - A. How wide spread
 - B. Control measures
 - C. Results of Starane testing (Introduced by: Mick Mickelson)

- III. Dual Magnum and Frontier (Introduced by: Corey Ransom)
 - A. Incorporation into weed control programs
 - B. Label update

- IV. Herbicide Resistant Sugar Beets
 - A. Are they going to be available ?
 - B. Research discoveries with this technology

- V. Discussion of Research Plans for 2001 and Other Topics
 - A. Suggested 3 minute overview from each researcher

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Most research for 2001 was going to be focused on continuing to evaluate micro-rate herbicide treatments in areas that are just starting to use it and on herbicide treatments for controlling ALS resistant kochia.

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