



Burndown and Early Season Weed Control—South

What You'll Learn...

- A significant portion of yield is at risk if early-emerging weeds are allowed to compete with crops during the first 4 weeks after planting.
- Burndown herbicide applications are an essential part of weed management in corn, soybean, and cotton.
- Environmental conditions affect herbicide performance, weed susceptibility to herbicides, and crop development.
- Additional information on the importance of Burndown and Early Season Weed Control can be found in the [Considerations for Burndown and Early Season Weed Management](#) Spotlight on <http://roundupreadyPLUS.com>

What is at Stake?

If left uncontrolled, weeds can cause reduced yield potential, crop quality loss, harvest difficulties, and cause future weed management issues due to weed seed production. Effective use of herbicides presents growers with an attractive return on investment as well. Annual herbicide sales in the U.S. are approximately \$7 billion and return approximately \$26 billion due to higher crop yield and better quality products.¹

Treatment Recommendations

Fields should be scouted and weeds controlled throughout the season. The timing of a herbicide application should take into consideration the protection of yield potential, correct herbicide use rate for weed size, and environmental conditions.

Weed management tactics for tough-to-control weeds such as marehail, giant ragweed, kochia, lambsquarters, *Amaranthus* species, and others can be found at <http://www.roundupreadyPLUS.com>.

Table 1. Burndown and early season weed control herbicide application recommendations by region.

	Practice	Corn Product Recommendations	Soybean Product Recommendations
Mid-south/Southeast	Burndown	Roundup PowerMAX® + dicamba or 2,4-D	Roundup PowerMAX® II, + dicamba or 2,4-D
	Preplant or PRE	Roundup PowerMAX + Harness® Brands, Degree Xtra®, TripleFLEX® Herbicide, TripleFLEX® II Herbicide or Warrant® Herbicide	Gramoxone® SL + Warrant® Herbicide, Rowel™ Herbicide, Rowel™ FX Herbicide, Fierce®, Fierce® XLT, Valor®, Valor® XLT, Authority® MAXX, or Authority® MTZ
	Post 1	Roundup PowerMAX + IMPACT® herbicide, Degree Xtra, Warrant Herbicide, or atrazine	Roundup PowerMAX II + Warrant Herbicide + Cobra® or Flexstar®
	Post 2		Roundup PowerMAX II + Warrant Herbicide
Southwest	Burndown	Roundup PowerMAX + dicamba or 2,4-D	Roundup PowerMAX II + dicamba or 2,4-D
	Preplant or PRE	Roundup PowerMAX + Harness® Brands, Degree® Xtra, TripleFLEX® Herbicide, or TripleFLEX® II Herbicide	Gramoxone® SL + Warrant® Herbicide, Rowel™ Herbicide, Rowel™ FX Herbicide, Fierce®, Fierce® XLT, Valor®, Valor® XLT, Authority® MAXX, or Authority® MTZ
	Post 1	Roundup PowerMAX + IMPACT® herbicide, Degree Xtra, Warrant Herbicide, or atrazine	Roundup PowerMAX II + Warrant Herbicide + Cobra® or Flexstar®
	Post 2		Roundup PowerMAX II + Warrant Herbicide

Always read and follow pesticide label directions.

Sources:

¹ The value of herbicides in U.S. crop production—2005 update. Executive Summary. Crop Life Foundation. <http://www.croplifefoundation.org>.

² Hartzler, R. 2003. Is your weed management program reducing your economic return? Iowa State University Weed Science. <http://www.weeds.iastate.edu>

³ Pockock, J. 2011. 5 tips for corn weed management | Start with a clean field – then control weeds early as they reach 4 inches. Corn and Soybean Digest.

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Minimize the Risk of Weed Resistance

- Integrated weed management principles should be applied. Multiple sites-of-action with overlapping weed spectrums should be used in rotation, sequences, or mixtures.
- The full recommended herbicide rate and proper application timing should be used for the hardest-to-control weed species in the field.
- Fields should be scouted after herbicide application to ensure control has been achieved. Avoid allowing weeds to reproduce by seed or to proliferate vegetatively.
- The field should be monitored and equipment cleaned between sites.

Table 2. Burndown and early season weed control herbicide application recommendations in cotton for the Southwest region.

	Practice	Product
East TX	Fall	Triflurex [®] or Pendimax [®]
	Preplant	Roundup PowerMAX [®] II + Warrant [®] Herbicide, Rowel [™] Herbicide, or Valor [®]
	Planting	Gramoxone [®] SL + Cotoran [®] 4L, Direx [®] 4L, Pymax [®] 3.25L, or Pendimax
West TX	Preplant	Triflurex or Pendimax
	Preplant	Roundup PowerMAX II + Rowel Herbicide, Warrant Herbicide, or Valor and/or 2,4-D
	Planting	Gramoxone SL + Cotoran 4L or Direx 4L
Arizona ¹	Preplant	Dual Magnum or pendimethalin
	Planting	Pendimethalin or Triflurex + Caparol [®]

¹Warrant Herbicide is not labeled for Arizona.

No more than two applications of Warrant Herbicide may be applied in a single growing season. Always read and follow pesticide label directions.

Table 3. Burndown and early season weed control herbicide application recommendations in cotton for the Southeast and Midsouth regions.

	Practice	Product
Southeast	Burndown (Conventional Tillage)	Roundup PowerMAX [®] II + dicamba or 2,4-D
	Preemergence (Conventional Tillage)	Gramoxone [®] SL + Reflex [®] + Direx [®] 4L
	Preplant (Reduced Tillage)	Roundup PowerMAX II + Warrant [®] Herbicide, Rowel Herbicide, or Valor [®]
	Preemergence (Reduced Tillage)	Gramoxone SL + Direx 4L
Midsouth	Burndown	Roundup PowerMAX II + dicamba or 2,4-D
	Preplant	Roundup PowerMAX II + Reflex [®] or Warrant Herbicide
	Preemergence	Gramoxone SL + Roundup PowerMAX II + Cotoran [®] 4L or Caparol [®]

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