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## Residual Performance of Group 15 Herbicides after Burndown of Cover Crops





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Corn Dryland Cover Crop - Residual Weed Control



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The prolonged cool and wet conditions in 2019 offered an opportunity to evaluate soil stability and residual differences between the Group 15 containing herbicides. The 2019 Grow More Experience Trials at York, NE experienced 13.6" of total rainfall from planting through June 12<sup>th</sup> (photos above) or about 170% of normal.

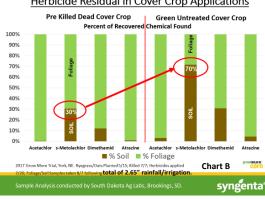
Solubility measures the relative concentration of a chemical that can be suspended within a given volume of water. Higher solubility (Chart A&B) can help increase the amount of chemical that can be solubilized and rinsed off of the crop residue to reach the soil surface.

When comparing soil chemical characteristics Smetolachlor (chart A) has a higher Koc index which measures the ability of a product to adsorb to the soil colloids and resist dilution movement within the soil solution. Higher Koc indicates the more tightly a chemical is bound to the soil to resist leaching or dilution into the lower soil layers or below where weeds typically are germinating.

S-metolachlor chemically has a longer soil half life. The ability to stay in the weed germinating zone coupled with the longer soil half life can help explain why products containing smetolachlor like Dual II Magnum, Bicep II Magnum, Lexar EZ, or Acuron herbicides provide longer residual weed control.

## **CORN HERBICIDES - Chloroacetamides**

	Solubility	Adsorbtivity	Soil Half Life
S-Metolachlor	488 PPM	200 KOC	43 Days
Alachlor	242 PPM	170 KOC	13 Days
Acetachlor	223 PPM	181 KOC	16 Days
Dimethamid	1174 PPM	141 KOC	29 Days
Chart A			grow <b>mor</b> COF
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Both of the trials (Top Photo Slides) were conducted in a cover crop burndown demonstration. In a 2017 (Chart B) trial at the York Grow More Experience Trials, cover crop was planted across the plots. One half was treated with glyphosate so all ryegrass and weeds were completely senenced. The applications shown were then made to the trial. A total of 2.65" of rain/irrigation was applied to the trial over a 2 week timeframe to create washoff. Foliage samples were collected from 6 one foot square areas, ground and mixed together and a sample pulled for analysis. In the same squares six 6" soil cores were taken, mixed and a sample pulled for analysis. All samples were sent for chemical analysis by SD Ag Labs. Chart B represents the results from the trial. The brown bars represent the percentage of each active ingredient found in the soil samples, and the green bar section represents the percentage of active ingredient found in the foliage.

When comparing s-metolachlor to acetachlor, the research showed a higher portion of the applied s-metolachlor chemical reached the soil profile. S-metolachlor is uniquely formulated as a true liquid and has properties that help improve wash off along with higher solubility. This can help explain why more s-metolachlor reached the soil following rainfall.

This study also showed why applicators should apply their residual herbicides in the same pass as their burndown herbicides if labeled. The waxy leaf surfaces help to bead up the spray droplets improving the runoff and movement to the soil similar to raindrops on a newly waxed vehicle. The dried dead residual has a rougher pore laced surface that can trap herbicide spray and prevent washoff. The s-metolachlor washoff was over twice (from 30% to 70%) as effective when applying to green plant tissue.

The weed control levels and residual differences experienced in the first two side by side trials can partially be explained by looking at physical properties of the active ingredients as discussed earlier. When cuppled with the runoff study helps to explain why s-metolachlor containing products like Acuron, Lexar EZ, or Bicep II Magnum herbicides perform well in notill burndown or cover crop burndown conditions.

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