

# SCEPTREPLUS

## Final Trial Report

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| <b>Trial code:</b>  | SP 29  |
| <b>Title:</b>   | <b>Weed control in lettuce, outdoor salads and baby leaf</b> |
| <b>Crop</b>   | Lettuce  |
| <b>Target</b>   | Broadleaf weeds and Grass weeds                              |
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| <b>Period:</b>  | April 2018 - January 2019                                    |
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## Trial Summary

### Introduction

Broadleaf weeds, especially groundsel, continue to be major problems for lettuce growers; small nettle, chickweed and polygonums are also frequent problems. This one year trial aimed to look at new post-planting options for broadleaf weed control for transplanted lettuce, recording efficacy and crop safety. An additional aim was to evaluate the crop safety of AHDB9985 when applied to lettuce for grass weed control.

### Methods

A randomized, replicated trial (three replicates) was carried out at a commercial lettuce grower site at Narborough, Norfolk, (G's Norfolk Farms) on a sandy loam soil type, using transplanted romaine lettuce. Treatment AHDB9987 was applied four days after planting the other treatments, aclonifen, AHDB 9987, AHDB 9876, AHDB9985 and the standard chlorpropham (Intruder) were all applied 11 days after planting. There were 18 treatments including untreated controls and a standard, chlorpropham.

Weeds present across the site included groundsel, volunteer oilseed rape and fumitory with some scattered annual nettle.

### Results

**Table 1, Crop damage (phytotoxicity score)**

Higher score, more crop damage, scores over 5 unacceptable.

| Date                  | Mean Crop Damage 0-10                                       |         |         |        |
|-----------------------|---|---------|---------|--------|
|                       | 5-sept  | 13-sept | 19-sept | 4-oct  |
| <b>Treatment</b>      |   |         |         |        |
| 10,18 Untreated       | 0   | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| 1.Aclonifen 1.0       | 6.67  | 7.00    | 7.33    | 9.00   |
| 2.Aclonifen 0.5       | 6.67  | 7.00    | 7.67    | 8.00   |
| 3.Aclonifen 0.25      | 6.00  | 7.33    | 7.33    | 7.00   |
| 4. AHDB9987 2.0       | 1.33  | 1.67    | 5.33    | 9.00   |
| 5. AHDB9987 1.0       | 0.33  | 0       | 2.67    | 6.00   |
| 6. AHDB9987 0.5       | 0   | 0       | 0       | 2.33   |
| 7. AHDB9877 2.0       | 0.33  | 0       | 1.00    | 0      |
| 8. AHDB9877 1.0       | 0   | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| 9. AHDB9877 0.5       | 0   | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| 11. AHDB9876 1.0      | 8.00  | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| 12. AHDB9876 0.5      | 6.67  | 0       | 0.67    | 0      |
| 13. AHDB9876 0.25     | 4.33  | 0       | 0.33    | 0      |
| 14. AHDB 9985 2.0     | 1.00  | 0       | 0.67    | 0      |
| 15. AHDB9985 1.0      | 0   | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| 16. AHDB9985 0.5      | 0   | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| 17. chlorpropham 0.75 | 0   | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| P value               | 0.05  | 0.05    | 0.05    | 0.05   |
| d.f                   | 37  | 37      | 37      | 37     |
| Lsd                   | 0.968   | 0.9931  | 0.9806  | 0.7022 |
|                       | Not significantly different from untreated control (p>0.05) |         |         |        |
|                       | Significantly different from untreated control (p<0.05)     |         |         |        |

**Table 2, Weed Control Scores**

% weed ground cover, higher score, more weeds, over 50% unacceptable.

| Date                  | % weed cover  |         |         |       |
|-----------------------|---|---------|---------|-------|
|                       | 5-sept  | 13-sept | 19-sept | 4-oct |
| <b>Treatment</b>      |   |         |         |       |
| 10,18 Untreated       | 3.02  | 15.00   | 34.17   | 74.17 |
| 1.Aclonifen 1.0       | 12.91   | 1.67    | 2.33    | 4.67  |
| 2.Aclonifen 0.5       | 12.94   | 1.00    | 3.33    | 5.67  |
| 3.Aclonifen 0.25      | 12.13   | 1.67    | 6.67    | 15.00 |
| 4. AHDB9987 2.0       | 5.42  | 2.33    | 5.67    | 4.00  |
| 5. AHDB9987 1.0       | 2.71  | 3.67    | 5.67    | 11.67 |
| 6. AHDB9987 0.5       | 2.71  | 5.67    | 7.67    | 13.33 |
| 7. AHDB9877 2.0       | 4.62  | 11.67   | 13.33   | 30.00 |
| 8. AHDB9877 1.0       | 2.71  | 10.00   | 18.33   | 26.67 |
| 9. AHDB9877 0.5       | 2.71  | 11.67   | 16.67   | 36.67 |
| 11. AHDB9876 1.0      | 13.66   | 11.67   | 16.67   | 38.33 |
| 12. AHDB9876 0.5      | 7.03  | 10.00   | 16.67   | 38.33 |
| 13. AHDB9876 0.25     | 11.67   | 11.67   | 28.33   | 56.67 |
| 14. AHDB 9985 2.0     | 8.93  | 11.67   | 23.33   | 43.33 |
| 15. AHDB9985 1.0      | 5.42  | 11.67   | 20.00   | 56.67 |
| 16. AHDB9985 0.5      | 2.71  | 11.67   | 23.33   | 63.33 |
| 17. chlorpropham 0.75 | 2.71  | 13.33   | 18.33   | 50.00 |
| P value               | 0.05  | 0.05    | 0.05    | 0.05  |
| d.f                   | 37  | 37      | 37      | 37    |
| Lsd                   | 7.768   | 6.012   | 10.842  | 16.15 |
|                       | Not significantly different from untreated control (p>0.05) |         |         |       |
|                       | Significantly different from untreated control (p<0.05)     |         |         |       |

## Conclusions

All treatments with the exception of AHDB 9985 (a graminicide) gave a significant reduction of weeds at the last two assessment dates, by which time the untreated plots showed an average of 74% weed ground cover. Aclonifen gave the best weed control but levels of crop damage were unacceptable; this active would not be suitable for lettuce post-planting use. AHDB9987 was unsafe at the higher rate of 2.0l/ha, moderately safe at 1.0l/ha and more acceptable at 0.5l/ha. All rates gave a significant reduction in weeds when compared to the untreated control. AHDB9877 gave some crop check (observed as crop leaves stuck together) at the higher rate 2.0l/ha but seemed safe at 1.0 and 0.5l/ha, all rates gave a significant reduction in weeds. AHDB9876 gave some severe crop damage (leaves curled back and puckering) initially at all rates, but much of this seemed to grow out, it gave a significant reduction in weeds. AHDB9985 gave a slight check (leaf puckering) at the higher rate of 2.0l/ha, but the lower rates of 1.5l/ha and 1.0l/ha were safe, this active is for grass weed control only.

**Take home message:** AHDB 9877 would give growers a useful extra option for post-planting weed control. To ensure crop safety, use would be recommended at 1.0 L/ha or below. AHDB9985 would be a useful addition to aid grass weed control in lettuce if an authorization was gained, label rates were shown to be safe in the trial. Further work would be required with AHDB 9876 as it is new, and gives dramatic crop effects, but the crop does subsequently recover.

## Objective

To compare a number of novel contact herbicides applied post-planting for selectivity (crop safety) and efficacy in wholehead lettuce.

## Trial conduct

UK regulatory guidelines were followed but EPPO guidelines took precedence. The following EPPO guidelines were followed:

| Relevant EPPO guideline(s) |   | Variation from EPPO |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| PP 1/152(3)                | Design and analysis of efficacy evaluation trials                 | None                |
| PP 1/135(3)                | Phytotoxicity assessment  | None                |
| PP 1/181(3)                | Conduct and reporting of efficacy evaluation trials including GEP | None                |
| PP 1/267(1)                | Thrips in allium crops  | None                |

There were no deviations from EPPO guidance:

## Test site

| Item                   | Details   |
|------------------------|---|
| Location address       | Lower Farm, Lower Farm Road, Narborough, Norfolk, PE32 1JB  |
| Crop                   | Romaine Lettuce   |
| Cultivar               | Scala   |
| Soil or substrate type | Sandy Loam  |
| Agronomic practice     | Commercial Lettuce crop, planted 18/8/2018, 150,000 plants/ha, 3.8cm peat blocks, irrigated day of planting and 4 days later. No pre or post-planting herbicides applied to trial area. |
| Prior history of site  | Previous crop wheat, farm has a rotation of, wheat, sugar beet, onions and potatoes.  |

## Trial design

| Item                         | Details   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Trial design:                | Randomised block design amended to fit spray tramlines and keep in one variety. |
| Number of replicates:        | 3   |
| Row spacing:                 | 25cm x 30cm , 7 rows in 2.0M bed  |
| Plot size: (w x l)           | 2.0m X 6.0M   |
| Plot size: (m <sup>2</sup> ) | 12(m <sup>2</sup> )   |
| Number of plants per plot:   | 147   |

## Treatment details

| AHDB Code | Active substance | Product name/ manufacturers code | Formulation batch number | Content of active substance in product | Formulation type | Adjuvant |
|-----------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------|----------|
| Untreated |                  |                                  |                          |  |                  |          |
| AHDB9987  | N/D              | N/D                              | N/D                      | N/D                                    | N/D              | n/a      |
| -         | aclonifen        | Bandur                           | EV-56006446              | 600g/l                                 | SC               | n/a      |
| AHDB9877  | N/D              | N/D                              | N/D                      | N/D                                    | N/D              | n/a      |
| AHDB9876  | N/D              | N/D                              | N/D                      | N/D                                    | N/D              | n/a      |
| AHDB9985  | N/D              | N/D                              | N/D                      | N/D                                    | N/D              | n/a      |
| n/a       | chlorpropham     | Intruder                         | n/a                      | 400g/l                                 | EC               | n/a      |

## Application schedule

| Treatment number | Treatment: product name or AHDB code | Rate of active substance (ml or g a.s./ha) | Rate of product (l or kg/ha) | Application code |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1                | Bandur (aclonifen)                   | 600  | 1000                         | B                |
| 2                | Bandur (aclonifen)                   | 300  | 500                          | B                |
| 3                | Bandur (aclonifen)                   | 150  | 250                          | B                |
| 4                | AHDB 9987                            | 1200                                       | 2000                         | A                |
| 5                | AHDB 9987                            | 600  | 1000                         | A                |
| 6                | AHDB 9987                            | 300  | 500                          | A                |
| 7                | AHDB 9877                            | 1000                                       | 2000                         | B                |
| 8                | AHDB 9877                            | 500  | 1000                         | B                |
| 9                | AHDB 9877                            | 250  | 500                          | B                |
| 10               | Untreated                            | 0  | 0                            | B                |
| 11               | AHDB9876                             | 5  | 1000                         | B                |
| 12               | AHDB9876                             | 2.5  | 500                          | B                |
| 13               | AHDB9876                             | 1.25                                       | 250                          | B                |
| 14               | AHDB9985                             | 240  | 2000                         | B                |
| 15               | AHDB9985                             | 120  | 1000                         | B                |
| 16               | AHDB9985                             | 60   | 500                          | B                |
| 17               | Intruder (chlorpropham)              | 300  | 750                          | B                |
| 18               | untreated                            | 0  | 0                            | B                |
|                  |                                      |  |                              |                  |

### Application details

|   | Application A              | Application B              |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Application date                          | 24/08/2018                 | 31/08/2018                 |
| Time of day                               | 11.00am                    | 12.30pm                    |
| Crop growth stage (Max, min average BBCH) | BBCH 13-14                 | BBCH 15-16                 |
| Crop height (cm)                          | 4cm                        | 6cm                        |
| Crop coverage (%)                         | 10%                        | 15%                        |
| Application Method                        | Spray                      | Spray                      |
| Application Placement                     | Foliar                     | Foliar                     |
| Application equipment                     | Azo precision Plot sprayer | Azo precision Plot sprayer |
| Nozzle pressure                           | 2.0 bar                    | 2.0 bar                    |
| Nozzle type                               | Flat fan                   | Flat Fan                   |
| Nozzle size                               | F04/110                    | F04/110                    |
| Application water volume/ha               | 400                        | 400                        |
| Temperature of air - shade (°C)           | 14                         | 18                         |
| Relative humidity (%)                     | 75%                        | 70%                        |
| Wind speed range (m/s)                    | 7.0                        | 2.2                        |
| Dew presence (Y/N)                        | N                          | N                          |
| Temperature of soil - 2-5 cm (°C)         | 15                         | 19                         |
| Wetness of soil - 2-5 cm                  | moist                      | moist                      |
| Cloud cover (%)                           | 50%                        | 0                          |

## Untreated levels of pests/pathogens at application and through the assessment period

| Common name                 | Scientific Name | EPPO Code | Infestation level pre-application | Infestation level at start of assessment period | Infestation level at end of assessment period |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Broadleaf weeds and grasses | N/A             | 3WEEDT    | 0 %<br>ground cover               | 1.17%<br>ground cover                           | 74%<br>ground cover                           |

## Assessment details

| Evaluation date | Evaluation Timing (DA)*       |                      | Crop Growth Stage (BBCH) | Evaluation type (efficacy, phytotox) | Assessment  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
|                 | After conventional herbicides | After Bio-herbicides |                          |                                      |   |
| 05/09/2018      | A -12<br>B - 6                | n/a                  | 15-16                    | Efficacy<br>Phytotox                 | Phytotox scale 10=dead 0=nil<br>Weeds % ground covers |
| 13/09/2018      | A -19<br>B - 13               | n/a                  | 33                       | Efficacy<br>Phytotox                 | Phytotox scale 10=dead 0=nil<br>Weeds % ground covers |
| 19/09/2018      | A - 25<br>B - 18              | n/a                  | 44                       | Efficacy<br>Phytotox                 | Phytotox scale 10=dead 0=nil<br>Weeds % ground covers |
| 04/10/2018      | A - 40<br>B - 33              | n/a                  | 49                       | Efficacy<br>Phytotox                 | Phytotox scale 10=dead 0=nil<br>Weeds % ground covers |

\* DA – days after application

At each assessment a score was made to record phytotoxicity and % weed ground cover, notes were made on weed species present and photographs taken of crop damage symptoms. Note: Romaine lettuce is classified as a non-heating type in the BBCH scale.

## Statistical analysis

The trial was designed as a randomized block design with three replicates including two replicated untreated controls within the 18 treatments. However, to fit into the field tramline spray system and keep in the same variety of lettuce, the replicate blocks were re-aligned to make a longer narrower trial area.

As usual with weed trials the distribution of weeds was fairly uneven so the data for weeds had an angular transformation used. All data were analysed by ANOVA using Genstat 18.2 by Chris Dyer at RSK ADAS. For the % efficacy the data was calculated by abbotts formula, an angular transformation was carried out and then the back transformed means are presented, from which abbotts formula was used to calculate the % reduction in weeds.

## Results

**Table 3, Mean % weed cover,**

Higher figure, more weeds.

| Date                  | % weed cover  |         |         |       |
|-----------------------|---|---------|---------|-------|
|                       | 5-sept  | 13-sept | 19-sept | 4-oct |
| <b>Treatment</b>      |   |         |         |       |
| 10,18 Untreated       | 3.017   | 15.00   | 34.17   | 74.17 |
| 1. Aclonifen 1.0      | 12.913  | 1.667   | 2.33    | 4.67  |
| 2. Aclonifen 0.5      | 12.938  | 1.000   | 3.33    | 5.67  |
| 3. Aclonifen 0.25     | 12.131  | 1.667   | 6.67    | 15.00 |
| 4. AHDB9987 2.0       | 5.420   | 2.333   | 5.67    | 4.00  |
| 5. AHDB9987 1.0       | 2.710   | 3.667   | 5.67    | 11.67 |
| 6. AHDB9987 0.5       | 2.710   | 5.667   | 7.67    | 13.33 |
| 7. AHDB9877 2.0       | 4.623   | 11.667  | 13.33   | 30.00 |
| 8. AHDB9877 1.0       | 2.710   | 10.000  | 18.33   | 26.67 |
| 9. AHDB9877 0.5       | 2.710   | 11.667  | 16.67   | 36.67 |
| 11. AHDB9876 1.0      | 13.663  | 11.667  | 16.67   | 38.33 |
| 12. AHDB9876 0.5      | 7.027   | 10.000  | 16.67   | 38.33 |
| 13. AHDB9876 0.25     | 11.670  | 11.667  | 28.33   | 56.67 |
| 14. AHDB9985 2.0      | 8.930   | 11.667  | 23.33   | 43.33 |
| 15. AHDB9985 1.0      | 5.420   | 11.667  | 20.00   | 56.67 |
| 16. AHDB9985 0.5      | 2.710   | 11.667  | 23.33   | 63.33 |
| 17. Chlorpropham 0.75 | 2.710   | 13.333  | 18.33   | 50.00 |
| P value               | 0.05  | 0.05    | 0.05    | 0.05  |
| d.f                   | 37  | 37      | 37      | 37    |
| Lsd                   | 7.768   | 6.012   | 10.842  | 16.15 |
|                       | Not significantly different from untreated control (p>0.05) |         |         |       |
|                       | Significantly different from untreated control (p<0.05)     |         |         |       |

**Table 4, Phytotoxicity,**

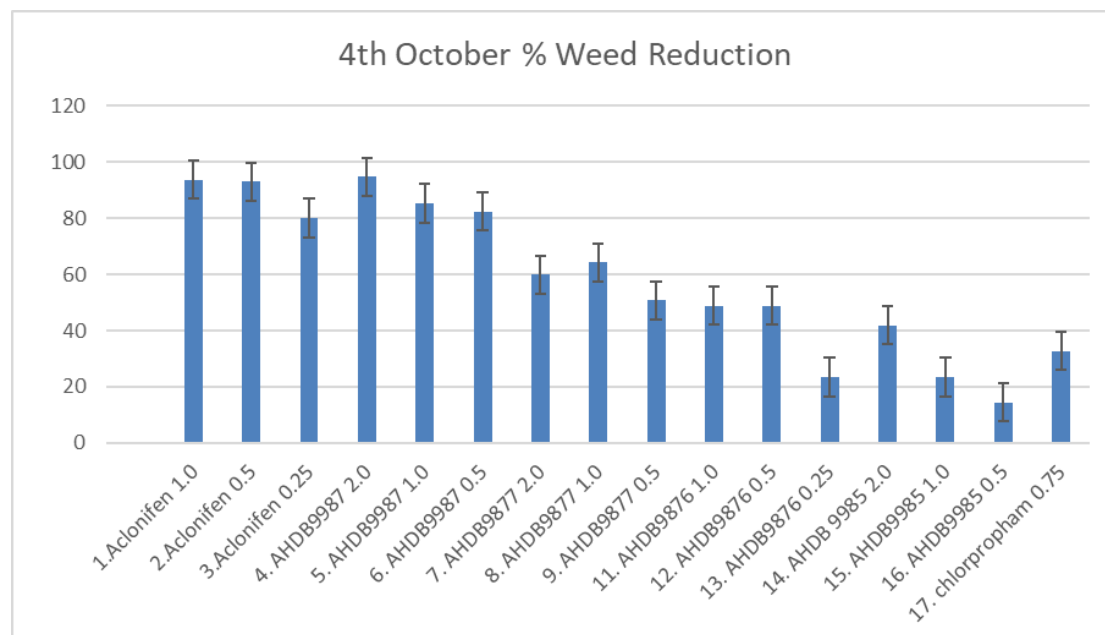
Higher score, more crop damage.

| Date                  | Mean Crop Damage 0-10                                       |         |         |        |
|-----------------------|---|---------|---------|--------|
|                       | 5-sept  | 13-sept | 19-sept | 4-oct  |
| <b>Treatment</b>      |   |         |         |        |
| 10,18 Untreated       | 0   | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| 1. Aclonifen 1.0      | 6.667   | 7.000   | 7.333   | 9.000  |
| 2. Aclonifen 0.5      | 6.667   | 7.000   | 7.667   | 8.000  |
| 3. Aclonifen 0.25     | 6.000   | 7.333   | 7.333   | 7.000  |
| 4. AHDB9987 2.0       | 1.333   | 1.667   | 5.333   | 9.000  |
| 5. AHDB9987 1.0       | 0.333   | 0       | 2.667   | 6.000  |
| 6. AHDB9987 0.5       | 0   | 0       | 0       | 2.333  |
| 7. AHDB9877 2.0       | 0.333   | 0       | 1.000   | 0      |
| 8. AHDB9877 1.0       | 0   | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| 9. AHDB9877 0.5       | 0   | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| 11. AHDB9876 1.0      | 8.000   | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| 12. AHDB9876 0.5      | 6.667   | 0       | 0.667   | 0      |
| 13. AHDB9876 0.25     | 4.333   | 0       | 0.333   | 0      |
| 14. AHDB9985 2.0      | 1.00  | 0       | 0.667   | 0      |
| 15. AHDB9985 1.0      | 0   | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| 16. AHDB9985 0.5      | 0   | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| 17. Chlorpropham 0.75 | 0   | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| P value               | 0.05  | 0.05    | 0.05    | 0.05   |
| d.f                   | 37  | 37      | 37      | 37     |
| Lsd                   | 0.968   | 0.9931  | 0.9806  | 0.7022 |
|                       | Not significantly different from untreated control (p>0.05) |         |         |        |
|                       | Significantly different from untreated control (p<0.05)     |         |         |        |

**Table 5, Efficacy**

Mean % weed reduction using back transformed means data, % Abbotts reduction, Lower figure, less weeds.

| Date                  | % weed reduction from untreated abbotts %                   |               |               |               |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                       | 5-sept  | 13-sept       | 19-sept       | 4-oct         |
| <b>Treatment</b>      |   |               |               |               |
| 10, 18 Untreated      | <b>0.277%</b>   | <b>14.76%</b> | <b>33.79%</b> | <b>74.24%</b> |
| 1. Aclonifen 1.0      | -1702.89  | 88.97         | 93.16         | 93.74         |
| 2. Aclonifen 0.5      | -1709.75  | 93.23         | 90.35         | 93.02         |
| 3. Aclonifen 0.25     | -1494.22  | 88.97         | 80.79         | 80.12         |
| 4. AHDB9987 2.0       | -222.02   | 86.45         | 84.67         | 94.80         |
| 5. AHDB9987 1.0       | 19.13   | 77.39         | 84.67         | 85.28         |
| 6. AHDB9987 0.5       | 19.13   | 64.88         | 78.54         | 82.48         |
| 7. AHDB9877 2.0       | -134.66   | 24.54         | 61.50         | 59.87         |
| 8. AHDB9877 1.0       | 19.13   | 32.26         | 47.88         | 64.28         |
| 9. AHDB9877 0.5       | 19.13   | 24.54         | 50.87         | 50.70         |
| 11. AHDB9876 1.0      | -1914.44  | 21.63         | 51.58         | 48.77         |
| 12. AHDB9876 0.5      | -440.43   | 32.26         | 52.03         | 48.77         |
| 13. AHDB9876 0.25     | -1376.90  | 21.63         | 17.19         | 23.44         |
| 14. AHDB9985 2.0      | -770.04   | 25.95         | 31.07         | 41.86         |
| 15. AHDB9985 1.0      | -222.02   | 21.63         | 41.28         | 23.44         |
| 16. AHDB9985 0.5      | 19.13   | 21.63         | 31.40         | 14.40         |
| 17. Chlorpropham 0.75 | 19.13   | 10.33         | 45.93         | 32.65         |
| P value               | 0.05  | 0.05          | 0.05          | 0.05          |
| d.f                   | 37  | 37            | 37            | 37            |
| Lsd                   | 7.768   | 6.012         | 10.842        | 16.15         |
|                       | Not significantly different from untreated control (p>0.05) |               |               |               |
|                       | Significantly different from untreated control (p<0.05)     |               |               |               |



**Figure 1.** %weed reduction using abbotts formula, 4<sup>th</sup> October data, lsd 16.15@p=0.05%.



## Discussion

Weed levels were generally good at this site and provided some good data on reduction of weed effects by the herbicides. Only the lower rate of AHDB9985 failed to give a significant reduction in weeds at the point of harvest 4<sup>th</sup> October, but as it is a graminicide, this was not unexpected. All other treatments gave a significant reduction on weeds at the last two assessment dates, by which time the untreated plots showed an average of 74% weed ground cover.

The best weed control was achieved by Aclonifen at 1.0 and 0.5 L/ha, AHDB9987 was also very good at reducing weeds at all rates tested. The poorest weed control was achieved by the lowest rates of AHDB9985 (the graminicide) and the lowest rates of AHDB9876. The main weeds at the site were groundsel, volunteer oilseed rape and fumitory with some scattered annual nettle.

Whilst Aclonifen provided the best weed control, it was also very crop damaging with all rates giving a significant level of phytotoxicity from the time of application through to harvest. The effects were yellow chlorosis of the leaf and necrosis of the older leaves combined with a stunting of growth, to such an extent that that plants would not have made a marketable size.

AHDB9987 gave an initial check which the plants appeared to grow away from, but all rates produced a number of plants in the plot where the leaves stuck together at hearting, with the higher rates producing the most stuck together leaves. This damage would be commercially unacceptable. All rates gave a significant crop damage score even at the point of harvest. It did however give good weed control and in consideration that it was the only active to reduce groundsel numbers, then it may have a place for the lettuce crop at the lower rates.

AHDB9877 gave a little damage at the higher rate, but at the lower rates of 1.0 and 0.5 gave no recordable crop damage and by the second and third assessments had given a significant reduction in weeds, with the 1.0l/ha rate giving a 64% reduction in % weed ground cover. It had especially good effect on OSR and fumitory, which accounted for most of the weed reduction. This active looks to have considerable promise for lettuce.

AHDB9876 gave relatively good weed reduction at the 1.0 and 0.5 rates but fairly poor weed control at 0.25l/ha with only a 23% weed reduction. All rates showed an initial severe symptom of leaf curl back and puckering although this had grown out by the point of harvest. It had relatively little effect on reducing groundsel.

AHDB9985 the graminicide, showed a little leaf puckering at the higher rate of 2.0l/ha. The 1.0 and 0.5l/ha rates showed no crop damage indicating this active would be safe for lettuce at these rates.

The standard chlorpropham performed as expected, giving a 33% reduction in weeds by harvest, sufficient to produce a marketable crop, although the plots looked a little weedy at harvest, with no control of the groundsel and only a little reduction in OSR.

## Conclusions

AHDB9877 looks to have significant promise as a lettuce post-planting broadleaf weed herbicide and efforts should be made to pursue approvals.

AHDB9987 should probably be considered mainly as a pre-planting material, given it has some activity on groundsel, it could have a place post-planting at lower rates.

Aclonifen is unsuitable for lettuce post-planting at any rate, pre-planting applications should be explored.

AHDB9876 could have a place for lettuce although post-planting crop safety should be further explored and as it has no residual activity it would not be worth testing pre-planting.

AHDB9985 looks safe for post-planting grass weed control in lettuce at the medium and lower rates.

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## Appendix

### a. Crop diary – events related to growing crop

| Crop    | Cultivar | Planting Date | Row width        |
|---------|----------|---------------|------------------|
| Lettuce | Scala    | 18/08/2018    | 7 rows on 2M bed |
|         |          |               | 30cm row width   |

### Crop Dairy – pesticide/fertiliser applications

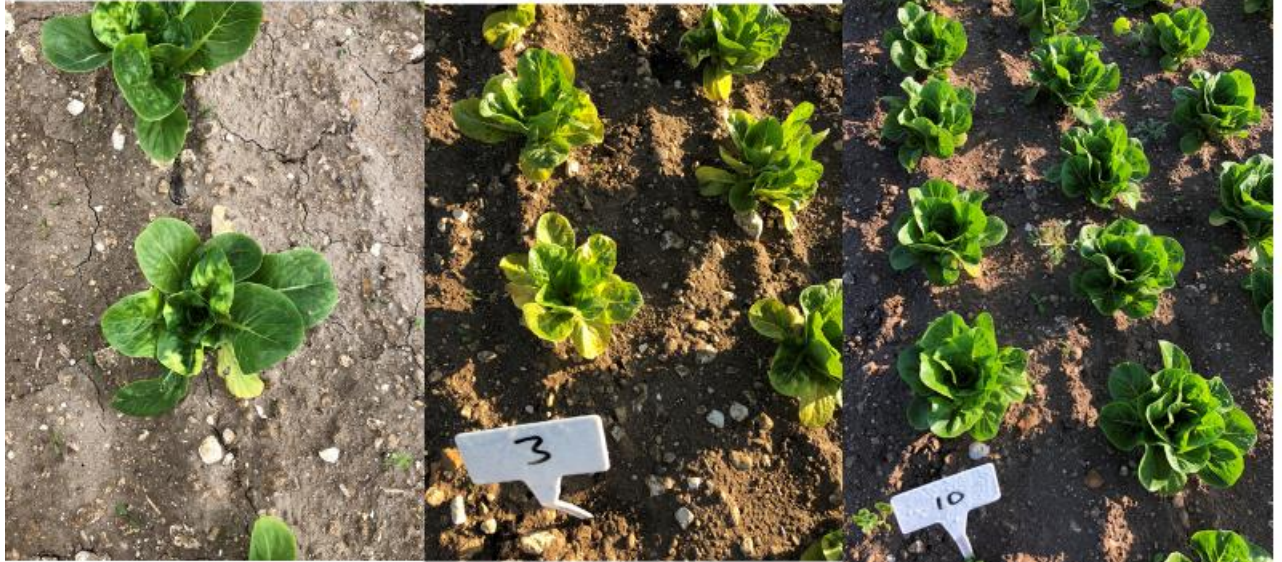
| Date       | Product                                | Rate/ha | Type/Use          |
|------------|--|---------|-------------------|
| 25/08/2018 | Karamate ( mancozeb)                   | 2.0     | Mildew            |
|            | Amistar ( azoxystrobin)                | 1.0     | Mildew            |
|            | Hallmark zeon<br>( lambda-cyhalothrin) | 0.075   | Caterpillar       |
|            | Mn/Mg                                  | 2/3     | Trace elements    |
| 5/09/2018  | Invader<br>(mancozeb+dimethomorph)     | 2.0     | Mildew            |
|            | Signum<br>(boscalid+pyraclostrobin)    | 1.5     | Botrytis          |
|            | Tracer ( spinosad)                     | 0.2     | Caterpillar/thrip |
|            | Mn/Mg                                  | 2/2     | Trace elements    |
| 13/09/2018 | Fubol Gold<br>(mancozeb+metalaxyl)     | 1.9     | Mildew            |
|            | Plenum (pymetrozine)                   | 0.4     | Aphids            |
|            | Decis (deltamethrin)                   | 0.25    | Caterpillar       |
|            | Mn/Mg                                  | 2/2     | Trace elements    |
| 20/09/2018 | Revus (mandipropamid)                  | 0.6     | Mildew            |
|            | Movento (spirotetramat)                | 0.5     | Aphids            |
|            | Eribae(alpha cypermethrin)             | 0.125   | Caterpillar       |
|            | Mn/mg                                  | 2/2     | Trace elements    |
| 28/09/2018 | Tracer (spinosad)                      | 0.2     | Caterpillar       |
|            | Farmphos                               | 2.0     | Trace elements    |
|            | Mn/mg                                  | 2/2     | Trace elements    |

### b. Trial diary

| Date       | Event                      |
|------------|----------------------------|
| 18-08-2018 | Crop planted               |
| 24-08-2018 | Treatments A applied       |
| 31-08-2018 | Treatments B applied       |
| 05-09-2018 | Weeds, phytotox assessment |
| 13-09-2018 | Weeds, phytotox assessment |
| 19-09-2018 | Weeds, phytotox assessment |
| 04-10-2018 | Weeds, phytotox assessment |

c. Photographs

| Code     | Ha, ml  | water | Timing | T1 | 4-5 days after planting  |
|----------|---------|-------|--------|----|--|
| aconifen | 1000.00 | 400   | T2     | T2 | 7 days after T1, 12 days after planting                          |
| aconifen | 500.00  | 400   | T2     |    | damaging, severe leaf yellowing some stunting, good weed control |
| aconifen | 250.00  | 400   | T2     |    | damaging, severe leaf yellowing some stunting, good weed control |



**Photo 1,** Crop damage fromalconifen, plot 3 lower rate 0.25l/ha centre photo, untreated right.

|          |         |     |    |  |   |
|----------|---------|-----|----|--|---|
| AHDB9987 | 2000.00 | 400 | T1 |  | some initial damage which looked to grow out but stuck crop leaves together                             |
| AHDB9987 | 1000.00 | 400 | T1 |  | some initial damage which looked to grow out but stuck crop leaves together, but then so did propachlor |
| AHDB9987 | 500.00  | 400 | T1 |  | looked safe but poor weed control   |



**Photo 2.** Crop damage from AHDB 9987, centre photo plant with leaf sticking together, untreated right.



|          |         |     |    |  |
|----------|---------|-----|----|--|
| AHDB9876 | 1000.00 | 400 | T2 | looked severe damage in early assessment , leaves curled back, but seems to have grown out   |
| AHDB9876 | 500.00  | 400 | T2 | looked moderate damage in early assessment , leaves curled back, but seems to have grown out |
| AHDB9876 | 250.00  | 400 | T2 | looked moderate damage in early assessment , leaves curled back, but seems to have grown out |



**Photo 3**, crop damage from AHDB9876 left, plot 11, 1.0l/ha middle photo, untreated right.



**Photo 4**, Overall trial site, alconifen treated yellow plots clearly visible

d. Climatological data during study period

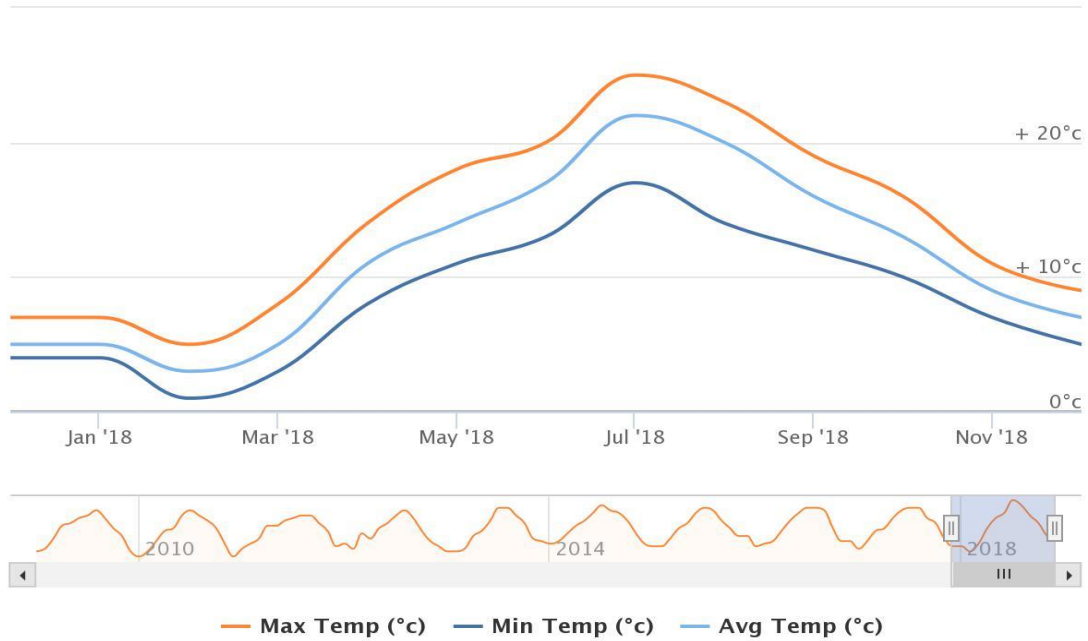
After a warmer and drier June and July than average the weather during August was more normal, although it was still warm and the soil was relatively dry at planting. As is usual with the lettuce crop it was irrigated immediately after planting ( overnight ) and again a few days later to get the crop established. The crop established well and grew normally. The field was irrigated at around weekly intervals during the growing cycle, which is normal for this crop and soil type.

Climate Data, Marham, Norfolk, max/min compared with average

## Marham

Max, Min and Average Temperature (°c)

Zoom 1m 3m 6m YTD **1y** All



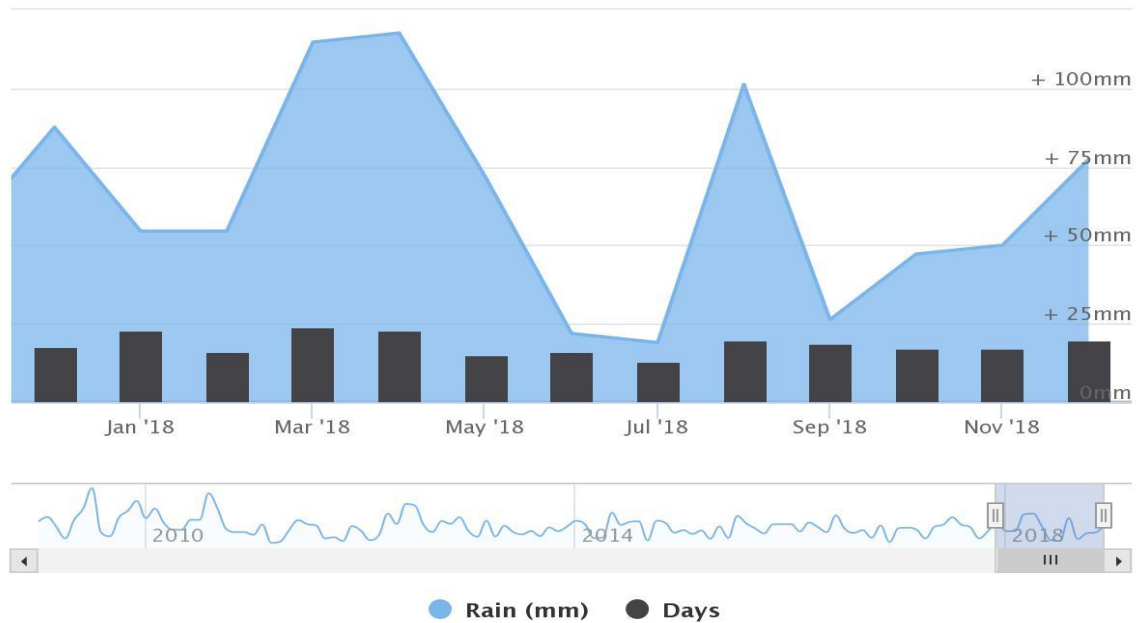
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Marham, rainfall data 2018

## Marham

Average Rainfall Amount (mm) and Rainy Days

Zoom 1m 3m 6m YTD **1y** All



WorldWeatherOnline.com

e. Raw data from assessments

| Plot | Rep | Treatment | Damage | % weeds | Damage | %weeds | Damage | %Weeds | Damage | % Weeds |
|------|-----|-----------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
|------|-----|-----------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|

|    |   | number    | 05-Sep | 05-Sep | 13-Sep | 13-Sep | 19-Sep | 19-Sep | 04-Oct | 04-Oct |
|----|---|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1  | 1 | 1         | 6      | 2      | 5      | 2      | 8      | 2      | 9      | 4      |
| 2  | 1 | 2         | 6      | 2      | 7      | 1      | 8      | 2      | 8      | 5      |
| 3  | 1 | 3         | 6      | 2      | 7      | 2      | 7      | 5      | 7      | 10     |
| 4  | 1 | 4         | 2      | 2      | 0      | 1      | 5      | 2      | 9      | 2      |
| 5  | 1 | 5         | 1      | 2      | 0      | 1      | 2      | 2      | 7      | 5      |
| 6  | 1 | 6         | 0      | 2      | 0      | 2      | 0      | 3      | 2      | 10     |
| 7  | 1 | 9         | 0      | 2      | 0      | 15     | 0      | 15     | 0      | 30     |
| 8  | 1 | Untreated | 0      | 3      | 0      | 15     | 0      | 40     | 0      | 75     |
| 9  | 1 | 7         | 0      | 2      | 0      | 15     | 0      | 20     | 0      | 40     |
| 10 | 1 | 12        | 6      | 1      | 0      | 10     | 0      | 15     | 0      | 25     |
| 11 | 1 | 16        | 0      | 2      | 0      | 10     | 0      | 20     | 0      | 70     |
| 12 | 1 | 14        | 0      | 2      | 0      | 10     | 0      | 25     | 0      | 50     |
| 13 | 2 | 6         | 0      | 0      | 0      | 5      | 0      | 10     | 3      | 10     |
| 14 | 1 | 11        | 8      | 2      | 0      | 10     | 0      | 20     | 0      | 40     |
| 15 | 1 | 8         | 0      | 2      | 0      | 10     | 0      | 15     | 0      | 30     |
| 16 | 2 | 14        | 2      | 5      | 0      | 5      | 0      | 25     | 0      | 30     |
| 17 | 2 | 3         | 7      | 7      | 8      | 1      | 8      | 5      | 7      | 15     |
| 18 | 1 | Untreated | 0      | 2      | 0      | 20     | 0      | 20     | 0      | 75     |
| 19 | 2 | 7         | 0      | 0      | 0      | 15     | 3      | 10     | 0      | 25     |
| 20 | 2 | 8         | 0      | 0      | 0      | 10     | 0      | 30     | 0      | 30     |
| 21 | 2 | 9         | 0      | 0      | 0      | 15     | 0      | 15     | 0      | 40     |
| 22 | 2 | Untreated | 0      | 0      | 0      | 10     | 0      | 40     | 0      | 80     |
| 23 | 2 | 11        | 8      | 8      | 0      | 15     | 0      | 20     | 0      | 50     |
| 24 | 2 | 12        | 7      | 0      | 0      | 10     | 2      | 10     | 0      | 40     |
| 25 | 1 | 17        | 0      | 2      | 0      | 15     | 0      | 20     | 0      | 50     |
| 26 | 1 | 13        | 4      | 2      | 0      | 10     | 0      | 40     | 0      | 70     |
| 27 | 2 | 2         | 7      | 7      | 7      | 1      | 8      | 4      | 8      | 10     |
| 28 | 1 | 15        | 0      | 2      | 0      | 10     | 0      | 15     | 0      | 40     |
| 29 | 3 | 6         | 0      | 0      | 0      | 10     | 0      | 10     | 2      | 20     |
| 30 | 2 | 4         | 0      | 0      | 3      | 1      | 5      | 5      | 9      | 5      |
| 31 | 2 | 15        | 0      | 2      | 0      | 15     | 0      | 25     | 0      | 70     |
| 32 | 2 | 17        | 0      | 0      | 0      | 10     | 0      | 15     | 0      | 40     |
| 33 | 2 | 5         | 0      | 0      | 0      | 5      | 4      | 10     | 7      | 20     |
| 34 | 2 | 13        | 5      | 7      | 0      | 10     | 0      | 20     | 0      | 30     |
| 35 | 2 | 1         | 8      | 8      | 9      | 1      | 7      | 2      | 9      | 5      |
| 36 | 3 | 9         | 0      | 0      | 0      | 5      | 0      | 20     | 0      | 40     |
| 37 | 3 | 13        | 4      | 4      | 0      | 15     | 1      | 25     | 0      | 70     |
| 38 | 3 | 14        | 1      | 1      | 0      | 20     | 2      | 20     | 0      | 50     |
| 39 | 3 | 15        | 0      | 0      | 0      | 10     | 0      | 20     | 0      | 60     |
| 40 | 2 | 16        | 0      | 0      | 0      | 10     | 0      | 30     | 0      | 50     |
| 41 | 3 | 17        | 0      | 0      | 0      | 15     | 0      | 20     | 0      | 60     |
| 42 | 2 | Untreated | 0      | 0      | 0      | 10     | 0      | 25     | 0      | 70     |

|    |   |           |   |   |   |    |   |    |   |    |
|----|---|-----------|---|---|---|----|---|----|---|----|
| 43 | 3 | Untreated | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 70 |
| 44 | 3 | 8         | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 20 |
| 45 | 3 | 1         | 6 | 6 | 7 | 2  | 7 | 3  | 9 | 5  |
| 46 | 3 | 3         | 5 | 5 | 7 | 2  | 7 | 10 | 7 | 20 |
| 47 | 3 | 11        | 8 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 25 |
| 48 | 3 | 5         | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5  | 2 | 5  | 4 | 10 |
| 49 | 3 | 16        | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 70 |
| 50 | 3 | 7         | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5  | 0 | 10 | 0 | 25 |
| 51 | 3 | Untreated | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 75 |
| 52 | 3 | 12        | 7 | 7 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 50 |
| 53 | 3 | 2         | 7 | 7 | 7 | 1  | 7 | 4  | 8 | 2  |
| 54 | 3 | 4         | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5  | 6 | 10 | 9 | 5  |

f. Trial design , plot layout and numbers

|               |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |
|---------------|--|----|--|----|--|----|--|----|--|----|--|
|               |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |
| 16            |  | 7  |  | 18 |  | 12 |  | 2  |  | 4  |  |
| 10            |  | 8  |  | 1  |  | 3  |  | 11 |  | 5  |  |
| 13            |  | 14 |  | 15 |  | 16 |  | 17 |  | 18 |  |
| 15            |  | 17 |  | 5  |  | 13 |  | 1  |  | 9  |  |
| 17            |  | 13 |  | 2  |  | 15 |  | 6  |  | 4  |  |
| 7             |  | 8  |  | 9  |  | 10 |  | 11 |  | 12 |  |
| 6             |  | 11 |  | 8  |  | 14 |  | 3  |  | 10 |  |
| 9             |  | 18 |  | 7  |  | 12 |  | 16 |  | 14 |  |
| 1             |  | 2  |  | 3  |  | 4  |  | 5  |  | 6  |  |
|               |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |  | 2m |  |
| Discard areas |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |

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