

Effect of Different Herbicides Used as Pre Plant Incorporation on Weed Management, Crop Growth and Yield of Soybean

ABSTRACT

To assess the performance of several PPI combination herbicides during the 2019 *Kharif* season, a field experiment was carried out at the Product Testing Unit, Department of Agronomy, JNKVV, Jabalpur (M.P.). Three replications of the field studies using the Randomized Block Design (RBD) with eleven treatments were conducted. The results showed that applying Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE 22.5 + 875 g ha⁻¹ as PPI significantly surpassed other herbicide mixtures in terms of weed index (12%), WCE (77.69%), except for T₄ (81.00%), growth and yield attributes such as number of branches plant⁻¹ (4.07), root nodules plant⁻¹ (69.00), pods plant⁻¹ (50.33), seeds pod⁻¹ (2.67) as well as seed index (10.03). Whereas, highest seed as well stover yield was found superior under Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE 22.5 + 875 g ha⁻¹.

Keywords: Soybean, pre plant incorporation (PPI), hand weeding, Diclosulam + Pendimethalin, seed yield, seed index, root nodules.

1. INTRODUCTION

Soybean (*Glycine max*(L.) Merrill) is a significant leguminous oilseed crop, accounting for more than 50% of oilseeds and around 30% of the supply of all vegetable oils in the nation [1]. The crop's unique property is its ability to increase soil fertility in a cropping system through biological nitrogen fixation. Tropical and subtropical climates are favorable for the crop's growth. Because of its exceptional resilience and ability to thrive in harsh water stress circumstances, soybeans may produce lucrative returns with the least amount of agricultural inputs and management techniques. Typically, it grows as a rainy season crop in a rainfed climate. In India, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka account for the majority of the cultivation [2]. The "Miracle Crop" or "Wonder Crop" or "Golden Bean" of the twenty-first century is soybean. It originated in China and was brought to India in

1968 by the USA. It has become a significant commercial crop in several nations. The top soybean-producing nations are China (4%), Brazil (30%), Argentina (18%), the United States (34%), and India, which contributes 3.95 percent to global production [3]. 11.48 million tonnes of soybeans are produced in India on an area of 10.84 million hectares. With 5.4 million hectares under cultivation and a total production of 5.9 million tonnes, Madhya Pradesh is one of the top states in India for soybean production. As a result, Madhya Pradesh is referred to as the soybean state in the nation. Nevertheless, soybean productivity is only 1094 kg ha⁻¹, which is far less than its yield potential of 2500 kg ha⁻¹ [4]. Gidesa and Kebede (2018) recorded highest grain yield reduction (78.50%) in soybean due to weed competition [5]. According to Kundu *et al.*, (2011) Since weeds contributed to a 43% decrease in soybean output, it is clear

that weed control is essential to maximizing soybean yield potential [6]. A considerable amount of study has been done on the management of weeds by pre-plant herbicide inclusion in soybean. This has led to recommendations for alachlor, pendimethalin, imazethapyr, and chlorimuron in different regions of the nation. To effectively manage weeds in soybean, pre-emergence herbicide applications must be performed within a relatively small window of time, typically 2-3

2. MATERIALS AND METHOD

During the 2019 *Kharif* season, a field experiment was carried out at the Product Testing Unit, Department of Agronomy, JNKVV, Jabalpur (M.P.) with 11 weed control treatments were distributed in a randomized complete block design and included four doses of the mixture Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE (18 + 700, 20.25 + 787.5, 22.5 + 875, and 45 + 1750 g ha⁻¹), alone applications of Diclosulam 84% WG (20.25 + 22.50 g ha⁻¹), Pendimethalin 30% EC (787.50 + 875 g ha⁻¹), combined the information shows that the soil in the experimental field had a sandy clay loam texture and was neutral in reaction (7.1), Medium levels of organic carbon (0.65%), nitrogen (360 kg/ha), phosphorus (16 kg/ha), and potassium (311 kg/ha) are present. Depending on the season, the growth of the crop, and the management techniques used throughout the study, the soil of the experimental field can be infested with many kinds of weeds.

DAS. If rain falls during this crucial application window during monsoon season, pre-emergence herbicide cannot be utilised to successfully control weeds in soybean. This circumstance has made looking for pre-plant herbicide integration necessary for the efficient and cost-effective management of weeds in soybeans. New molecules must be found in order to manage weeds selectively and to solve the issue.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Effect on Weed Control Efficiency and Weed Index (%)

The data related to WCE and weed index were given in Table 1. It's obvious from the result among all the various weed control methods, the maximum WCE (81.00%) was recorded under plots where apply combined application of Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE 45 + 1750 g ha⁻¹ followed by application of Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE at 22.5 + 875 g ha⁻¹ (77.69%). However, the WCE was found highest (95.69%) under hand weeding twice at 20 and 40 DAS in soybean crop and lower weed index value was recorded with the application of Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE at 22.5 + 875 g ha⁻¹ (12.00%) under the herbicidal treatment and followed by application of Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE at 45 + 1750 g ha⁻¹ (21.72%) and It is clear from the data that highest reduction in yield (55.91%) occurred in plots where weeds control practices were not controlled throughout the growing season (control). But reduction in yield was found zero under hand weeding plots [7, 8 & 9].

Table 1. Weed control efficiency and weed index as influenced by different weed control treatments

Treatment		Dose g/ha	Weed control efficiency (%)	Weed index (%)
T ₁	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	18 + 700	71.85	33.95
T ₂	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	20.25 + 787.5	74.79	31.97
T ₃	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	22.5 + 875	77.69	12.00
T ₄	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	45 + 1750	81.00	21.72
T ₅	Diclosulam 84 % WG	20.25	70.51	34.31
T ₆	Diclosulam 84 % WG	22.50	69.87	33.86
T ₇	Pendimethalin 30 % EC	787.5	69.33	33.68
T ₈	Pendimethalin 30 % EC	875	70.26	33.50
T ₉	Pendimethalin 30 % EC +Imazethapyr 2 % EC	900 + 60	68.48	36.11
T ₁₀	Hand weeding	20 & 40 DAS	95.69	0.00
T ₁₁	Control	-	0.00	55.91

3.2 Effect on Crop Growth

3.3 Branches and Root Nodules plant⁻¹

In Table 2, data on branches/plants at various growth stages under various weed management measures are shown. The number of branches per plant in soybeans was lowest at the 30-day stage, produced with time to reach its peak at 90 DAS, and remained unchanged at harvest for all treatments. The statistics clearly show that applications of weed control have a noticeable impact on the plant's branches at 30, 60, and harvest. When the crop was harvested, it had reached its highest value under all of the treatments, and it grew as the crop grew. At 60 DAS, weedy check plots had the lowest number of branches per plant (2.07) while weed control treatment plots had significantly more branches per plant. The application of Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE 22.5 + 875 g ha⁻¹ registered highest value of branches plant⁻¹ (3.87) followed by Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE 20.25 + 787.5 g ha⁻¹ of (3.33) and Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE 18 + 700 g ha⁻¹ of (3.25). But none of the herbicidal methods outperformed hand weeding

twice, which had the most branches per plant (4.00). These results are in collaboration with the findings [7 & 8]. On the other hand, Table 3 lists the effective nodules per plant for soybean at 30 and 45 DAS. It is evident from the above result shown in Table 3 that at 30 DAS, there were no appreciable differences in the number of nodules per plant under various treatments. Under weedy check plots, the lowest number (31.07) of nodules per plant was observed among the various herbicidal treatments. When weed management strategies were implemented in soybean, the nodulation activity increased noticeably. The highest number of root nodules (46.33) per plant enhanced slightly with PPI application of Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE @ 22.5 + 875 g ha⁻¹. Among the herbicidal treatment and highest dose of Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE 45 + 1750 g ha⁻¹ was recorded lower number (43.67) of nodules this might be due to some phytotoxic effect on plant. Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE 20.25 + 787.5 g ha⁻¹ at par with the Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE 18 + 700. Similar results were also

recorded at harvest. The maximum root nodules (50.00 and 80.00) was observed under hand weeding at 30 and 45 DAS, respectively [10&11].

Table 2. Influence of weed control treatments on branches and root nodules plant⁻¹

Treatments		Dose g/ha	Branches plant ⁻¹			Nodules plant ⁻¹	
			30 DAS	60 DAS	At harvest	30 DAS	45 DAS
T ₁	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	18 + 700	2.27	3.25	3.36	43.90	63.33
T ₂	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	20.25 + 787.5	2.33	3.33	3.47	44.70	64.19
T ₃	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	22.5 + 875	2.47	3.87	4.07	46.33	69.00
T ₄	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	45 + 1750	2.11	3.07	3.13	43.67	60.33
T ₅	Diclosulam 84 % WG	20.25	2.20	3.17	3.23	44.10	62.90
T ₆	Diclosulam 84 % WG	22.50	2.23	3.22	3.26	44.07	64.00
T ₇	Pendimethalin 30 % EC	787.5	2.17	3.14	3.20	44.00	63.67
T ₈	Pendimethalin 30 % EC	875	2.16	3.15	3.17	44.00	62.67
T ₉	Pendimethalin 30 % EC +Imazethapyr 2 % EC	900 + 60	2.13	3.11	3.18	44.03	63.00
T ₁₀	Hand weeding	20 & 40 DAS	2.57	4.07	4.10	50.00	80.00
T ₁₁	Control	-	1.10	2.07	2.00	31.07	50.00
		S Em±	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.87	1.91
		CD (p= 0.05)	0.18	0.19	0.21	2.57	5.67

3.5 Effect on Yield Attributing Characters

Table 3 presents data on how various weed control methods affected the number of pods plant⁻¹, seeds pod⁻¹, and seed index. Data showed that number of pods plant⁻¹, seeds pod⁻¹ and seed index varied vitally due to different weed control treatments. Under weedy check, the lowest numbers of pods plant⁻¹, seeds pod⁻¹, and seed index were observed across all treatments (27.08, 2.00, and 9.33, respectively), but these numbers dramatically rose when weed management techniques were implemented. Application of Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE as pre plant incorporation at the rate of 18 + 700 and 20.25 + 787.5g ha⁻¹ enhanced the number of pods plant⁻¹, seeds pod⁻¹ and seed index in soybean plant. The maximum number of pods plant⁻¹, seeds pod⁻¹ as well as seed

index was noted under the application of Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE applied at 22.5 + 875 g ha⁻¹ (50.33), (2.67) and (10.03) respectively followed by Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE as pre plant incorporation at the rate of 20.25 + 787.5 g ha⁻¹. However, none of the herbicidal treatments were significantly better than manual weeding twice (20 and 40 DAS), which outperformed the other treatments (56.73), (2.80), and (10.23) in terms of number of pods plant⁻¹, seeds pod⁻¹ as well as seed index respectively [12 & 13].

Table 3. Influence of weed control treatments on pods plant⁻¹, seeds pod⁻¹ and seed index

Treatments		Dose g ha ⁻¹	pods plant ⁻¹	seeds pod ⁻¹	Seed index (g)
T ₁	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	18 + 700	40.03	2.27	9.70
T ₂	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	20.25 + 787.5	46.07	2.34	9.77
T ₃	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	22.5 + 875	50.33	2.67	10.03
T ₄	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	45 + 1750	38.00	2.20	9.43
T ₅	Diclosulam 84 % WG	20.25	39.07	2.23	9.70
T ₆	Diclosulam 84 % WG	22.50	41.33	2.27	9.80
T ₇	Pendimethalin 30 % EC	787.5	39.03	2.23	9.80
T ₈	Pendimethalin 30 % EC	875	39.11	2.27	9.47
T ₉	Pendimethalin 30%EC +Imazethapyr 2 % EC	900 + 60	38.03	2.17	9.44
T ₁₀	Hand weeding	20 & 40 DAS	56.73	2.80	10.23
T ₁₁	Control	-	27.08	2.00	9.33
		SEm±	0.86	0.08	0.16
		CD (P= 0.05)	2.57	0.23	0.48

3.6 Effect on Yields of Soybean

The data presented in Table 4 relates to soybean seed and stover yield (kg ha⁻¹) under various treatments. The data shows that the various weed control methods resulted in considerable variations in seed and stover yield. The weedy check plot (907.41 and 2283.33 kg ha⁻¹, respectively) was the treatment with the lowest seed and stover yields among all the treatments. However, when weed control operations were implemented, these yields dramatically rose. The seed and stover yield were increased when Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE was applied at lower doses 18 + 700 to 22.5 + 875 g ha⁻¹ which was superior over check herbicides. Whereas, Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE was

applied at 22.5 + 875 g ha⁻¹ found significantly highest seed as well as stover yield (1811.11 and 3207.41 kg ha⁻¹ respectively) was found as compared to other herbicidal treatments. However, manual weeding twice was shown to be significantly better than all the herbicidal treatments and generated the highest seed and stover production (2058.02 and 3237.04 kg ha⁻¹, respectively). In contrast to other treatments that had severe crop weed competition starting at early growth stages and ultimately produced the most inferior yield attributes, hand weeding of soybean plants resulted in excellent growth and development of the plants. This may be due to because of the favourable environment during the critical period of crop growth [14 & 15].

Table 4. Influence of weed control treatments on seed and stover yield (kg ha⁻¹) of soybean

Treatment		Dose (g ha ⁻¹)	Seed yield	Stover yield
T ₁	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	18 + 700	1359.26	2627.78
T ₂	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	20.25 + 787.5	1400.00	2790.74
T ₃	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	22.5 + 875	1811.11	3207.41
T ₄	Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE	45 + 1750	1611.11	3079.63
T ₅	Diclosulam 84 % WG	20.25	1351.85	2590.74
T ₆	Diclosulam 84 % WG	22.50	1361.11	2853.70
T ₇	Pendimethalin 30 % EC	787.5	1364.81	2775.93
T ₈	Pendimethalin 30 % EC	875	1368.52	2705.56
T ₉	Pendimethalin 30% EC + Imazethapyr 2 % EC	900 + 60	1314.81	2777.78
T ₁₀	Hand weeding	20 & 40 DAS	2058.00	3237.04
T ₁₁	Control	-	907.41	2283.33
		SEm±	38.28	71.09
		CD (P= 0.05)	113.73	211.20

4. CONCLUSION

Based on the discussion above, the following conclusions could be drawn from the single year data. The application of PPI herbicide i.e. Diclosulam 0.9% + Pendimethalin 35% SE @22.5 + 875 g ha⁻¹ was found significantly superior among all herbicidal mixture in terms of weed index, WCE (Except T₄), growth and yield attributes parameters like number of branches plant⁻¹, root nodules plant⁻¹, pods plant⁻¹, seeds pod⁻¹, seed index, seed as well stover yield except hand weeding plots because there is no herbicides treatment beat hand weeding twice.

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