

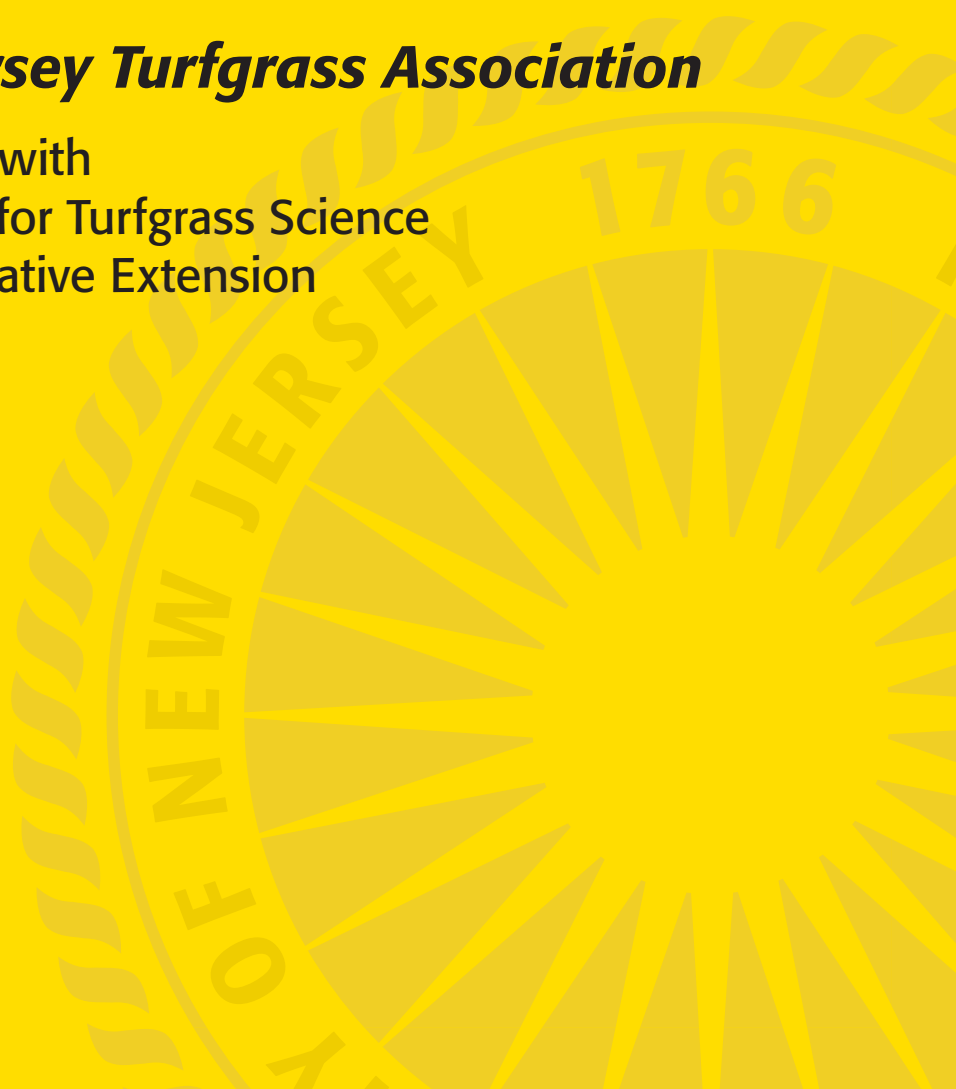
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## IMPACT OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL FUNGICIDES FOR THE CONTROL OF GRAY LEAF SPOT IN PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

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Fungicides were evaluated in 2006 for their ability to control gray leaf spot (caused by *Pyricularia grisea*) at the Rutgers Turf Research Farm in North Brunswick, NJ on perennial ryegrass (*Lolium perenne* cv. Paragon). Turf was established 8 August 2006 with 5.5 lb seed/1000 ft<sup>2</sup> on a Norton loam with a pH of 5.8. The pre-emergence herbicide Tupersan 4.7G (2.5 lb/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>) was applied at seeding to suppress weed ingress. Mowing was performed weekly at a height of 3 inches with clippings returned. The site was irrigated as needed to prevent drought stress and to encourage disease. Fertilizer was applied as 16-4-8 at establishment on 8 August (0.7 lb nitrogen (N)/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>) and on 15 August (0.6 lb N /1000 ft<sup>2</sup>). Subdue 0.97G (28.8 oz/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>), Banol 6L (1.3 fl oz/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>), and Chipco Signature 80WG (4.0 oz/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>) were applied to the entire test area on 8, 17, and 29 August, respectively, to suppress Pythium blight. Plots were 3 x 5 ft and were arranged in a randomized complete block with four replications. The test site was artificially inoculated with *P. grisea* on 6 September with a very low concentration of conidia (8 x 10<sup>3</sup> conidia/ml) in 2 gal water/1000 ft<sup>2</sup> to supplement natural infection.

Fungicides were applied in water equivalent to 2 gal/1000 ft<sup>2</sup> with a CO<sub>2</sub> powered sprayer at 30 psi using TeeJet 8003VS flat fan nozzles. Treatments (trt) were initiated on 22 August when environmental conditions were conducive to gray leaf spot development. Fungicides were reapplied as indicated in Table 1. Turf was visually evaluated for percent turf area infested with *P. grisea* on 13 and 22 September, 4, 16, and 26 October, and 10 November. Data were subjected to analysis of variance and means were separated using the Waller-Duncan *k*-ratio *t*-test (*k* = 100).

Gray leaf spot developed on 1 September and became uniformly distributed throughout the green by 13 September. Disease severity peaked on September 22 (90% turfgrass area infested on non-fungicide treated turf). Due to the rapid development and extreme severity of this epidemic, only Heritage TL 0.8ME + Daconil Weather Stik 6F (trt 4), EXC 990 SC (trt 6), Concert 4.3SE (trt 9), Tebuconazole 45W (trt 31), 3336 4F (trt 43), Program #1 (trt 47), RU21196A-06 (trt 50), and RU21196E-06 (trt 53) provided adequate control of gray leaf spot throughout the study. Heritage TL 0.8ME + Daconil Weather Stik 6F (trt 5), V-10116 50WDG (trt 13), and RU21196E-06 (trt 51) also afforded excellent protection during the application period (22 August to 31 October).

With respect to the QoI fungicides, it is interesting to note that azoxystrobin (Heritage TL 0.8ME @ 1.0 fl oz every 14 days; trt 1) provided good to excellent control on most rating dates, whereas Heritage 50WG @ 0.4 oz every 14 days (trt 38) or fluoxastrobin (Disarm 480SC @ 0.18 and 0.36 fl oz every 14 days; trts 17 and 18) were relatively ineffective throughout the trial. Similarly, there was a range in activity for the DMI fungicides, with propiconazole (Banner MAXX 1.3ME @ 1.0 fl oz every 14 days (trt 26) affording little protection from gray leaf spot and Tebuconazole 45W and V-10116 50WDG (an experimental DMI fungicide currently called Tournay 50 WDG) providing excellent control at the highest product rates tested (trts 13 and 31, respectively). No phytotoxicity was observed for any of the products tested.

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Table 1. Impact of chemical and biological fungicides for the control of gray leaf spot in perennial ryegrass: New Brunswick, NJ, 2006.

| Treatment                 | Rate<br>(per<br>1000 sq ft) | Spray<br>Interval<br>(days) <sup>2</sup> | Turf Area Infested (%) per Plot <sup>1</sup> |          |          |          |          |          |  |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
|                           |                             |  | 13 Sept.                                     | 22 Sept. | 4 Oct.   | 16 Oct.  | 26 Oct.  | 10 Nov.  |  |
| 1 Heritage TL 0.8ME       | 1.0 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 2.5 a    | 18.5 d-g | 5.0 ab   | 7.5 a-d  | 8.8 a-e  |  |
| 2 Daconil Weather Stik 6F | 2.0 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 6.3 a-d                                      | 3.8 ab   | 26.0 f-i | 14.3 b-g | 8.8 a-e  | 12.5 a-h |  |
| 3 Daconil Weather Stik 6F | 3.6 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 1.3 ab                                       | 0.5 a    | 16.0 c-f | 8.8 a-d  | 10.0 a-f | 18.8 c-j |  |
| 4 Heritage TL 0.8ME       | 1.0 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 0.0 a    | 6.3 a-d  | 3.8 ab   | 10.0 a-f | 8.8 a-e  |  |
| + Daconil Weather Stik 6F | 2.0 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 0.0 a    | 6.3 a-d  | 3.8 ab   | 10.0 a-f | 8.8 a-e  |  |
| 5 Heritage TL 0.8ME       | 1.0 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 0.0 a    | 3.0 a-c  | 2.5 ab   | 7.5 a-f  | 16.3 b-j |  |
| + Daconil Weather Stik 6F | 3.6 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 0.0 a    | 3.0 a-c  | 3.8 ab   | 3.8 ab   | 2.5 ab   |  |
| 6 EXC 990 SC              | 4.0 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 0.0 a    | 6.5 a-d  | 5.0 ab   | 11.3 a-g | 8.8 a-e  |  |
| 7 EXC 991 SC              | 2.5 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 0.0 a    | 22.0 e-h | 7.0 ab   | 8.8 a-e  | 5.0 a-c  |  |
| 8 Concert 4.3SE           | 3.0 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 3.8 a-d                                      | 2.5 a    | 4.5 a-c  | 0.0 a    | 6.3 a-c  | 6.3 a-d  |  |
| 9 Concert 4.3SE           | 5.4 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 0.0 a    | 70.8 t-w | 31.3 i-q | 26.3 h-q | 18.8 c-j |  |
| 10 Insignia 20WG          | 0.9 oz                      | 28                                       | 7.5 a-e                                      | 31.3 j-p |          |          |          |          |  |
| 11 Insignia 20WG          | 0.9 oz                      | 28                                       | 0.0 a  | 2.5 a    | 22.8 e-h | 10.0 a-e | 22.5 e-p | 6.3 a-d  |  |
| + Manicure 82.5WDG        | 3.2 oz                      | 14                                       | 7.5 a-e                                      | 15.0 b-g | 23.3 e-h | 13.5 b-g | 8.8 a-e  | 5.0 a-c  |  |
| 12 V-10116 50WDG          | 0.18 oz                     | 14                                       | 5.0 a-d                                      | 6.3 a-c  | 4.8 a-c  | 5.0 ab   | 6.3 a-c  | 18.8 c-j |  |
| 13 V-10116 50WDG          | 0.37 oz                     | 14                                       | 16.3 e-g                                     | 40.0 o-s | 68.0 f-w | 35.0 l-q | 18.8 c-m | 10.0 a-f |  |
| 14 V-10190 2.5FL          | 0.26 fl oz                  | 14                                       | 12.5 c-g                                     | 50.0 rs  | 70.0 s-w | 31.3 i-q | 18.8 c-m | 12.5 a-h |  |
| 15 V-10190 2.5FL          | 0.52 fl oz                  | 14                                       | 16.3 e-g                                     | 72.5 vw  | 75.3 v-x | 36.3 m-q | 20.0 c-n | 10.0 a-f |  |
| 16 V-10190 2.5FL          | 0.78 fl oz                  | 14                                       | 18.8 fg                                      | 63.8 uv  | 76.8 wx  | 41.3 q   | 22.5 e-p | 18.8 c-j |  |
| 17 Disarm 480SC           | 0.18 fl oz                  | 14                                       | 12.5 c-g                                     | 61.3 tu  | 74.8 v-x | 37.5 n-q | 13.8 a-i | 12.5 a-h |  |
| 18 Disarm 480SC           | 0.36 fl oz                  | 14                                       | 1.3 ab                                       | 18.8 d-i | 22.0 e-h | 11.3 a-f | 3.8 ab   | 6.3 a-d  |  |
| 19 Disarm 480SC           | 0.18 fl oz                  | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 2.5 a    | 29.8 g-j | 13.8 b-g | 3.8 ab   | 10.0 a-f |  |
| + Banner MAXX 1.3ME       | 1.0 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 5.0 a-d                                      | 27.5 h-n | 57.0 o-s | 32.5 j-q | 21.3 d-o | 20.0 d-k |  |
| 20 Disarm 480SC           | 0.18 fl oz                  | 14                                       | 1.3 ab                                       | 6.3 a-c  | 25.3 f-i | 13.8 b-g | 12.5 a-h | 7.5 a-e  |  |
| + Daconil Ultrex 82.5WDG  | 1.8 oz                      | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 2.5 a    | 29.8 g-j | 13.8 b-g | 3.8 ab   | 10.0 a-f |  |
| 21 Disarm 480SC           | 0.18 fl oz                  | 14                                       | 5.0 a-d                                      | 27.5 h-n | 57.0 o-s | 32.5 j-q | 21.3 d-o | 20.0 d-k |  |
| + Endorse 2.5W            | 2.0 oz                      | 14                                       | 1.3 ab                                       | 6.3 a-c  | 25.3 f-i | 13.8 b-g | 12.5 a-h | 7.5 a-e  |  |
| 22 Disarm 480SC           | 0.18 fl oz                  | 14                                       | 1.3 ab                                       | 6.3 a-c  | 25.3 f-i | 13.8 b-g | 12.5 a-h | 7.5 a-e  |  |
| + Banner MAXX 1.3ME       | 1.0 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 1.3 ab                                       | 6.3 a-c  | 25.3 f-i | 13.8 b-g | 12.5 a-h | 7.5 a-e  |  |
| + TM-90109                | 4.0 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 1.3 ab                                       | 6.3 a-c  | 25.3 f-i | 13.8 b-g | 12.5 a-h | 7.5 a-e  |  |

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| Treatment                 | Rate<br>(per<br>1000 sq ft) | Spray<br>Interval<br>(days) <sup>2</sup> | Turf Area Infested (%) per Plot <sup>1</sup> |          |          |          |          |          |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                           |                             |  | 13 Sept.                                     | 22 Sept. | 4 Oct.   | 16 Oct.  | 26 Oct.  | 10 Nov.  |
| 50 RU21196A-06            | 0.88 fl oz                  | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 0.0 a    | 0.0 a    | 0.0 a    | 3.8 ab   | 6.3 a-d  |
| 51 RU21196E-06            | 0.88 fl oz                  | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 0.0 a    | 0.3 a    | 1.3 a    | 8.8 a-e  | 20.0 d-k |
| 52 RU21196E-06            | 1.32 fl oz                  | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 1.3 a    | 0.5 a    | 0.0 a    | 11.3 a-g | 17.5 c-j |
| 53 RU21196E-06            | 1.76 fl oz                  | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 0.0 a    | 1.0 a    | 0.0 a    | 7.5 a-d  | 7.5 a-e  |
| 54 RU21196C-06            | 0.55 oz                     | 14                                       | 13.8 d-g                                     | 37.5 m-q | 79.8 wx  | 33.8 k-q | 47.5 u-w | 32.5 k-o |
| 55 RU21196C-06            | 0.83 oz                     | 14                                       | 13.8 d-g                                     | 63.8 uv  | 87.0 x   | 40.0 pq  | 57.5 w-x | 35.0 m-o |
| 56 RU21196C-06            | 1.1 oz                      | 14                                       | 5.0 a-d                                      | 41.3 p-s | 68.3 f-w | 30.0 h-q | 50.0 v-w | 37.5 no  |
| 57 PEX60021 4.25F         | 4.0 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 7.5 a-d  | 30.8 gj  | 25.0 g-m | 33.8 n-u | 25.0 g-n |
| 58 PEX60021 4.25F         | 8.0 fl oz                   | 14                                       | 0.0 a  | 1.3 a    | 3.0 a-c  | 6.3 ab   | 25.0 g-q | 28.8 i-n |
| 59 RU16520                | 29.4 fl oz                  | 14                                       | 8.8 a-e                                      | 38.8 n-r | 58.3 o-t | 23.8 g-l | 33.8 n-u | 21.3 e-l |
| 60 RU16520                | 29.4 fl oz                  | 14 <sup>5</sup>                          | 5.0 a-d                                      | 20.0 e-j | 41.0 j-n | 21.3 e-j | 36.3 p-v | 26.3 h-n |
| 61 RU16520                | 22.0 fl oz                  | 14 <sup>5</sup>                          | 10.0 a-f                                     | 25.0 g-l | 51.8 n-q | 22.5 f-k | 41.3 r-v | 25.0 g-n |
| 62 RU16520                | 14.7 fl oz                  | 14                                       | 11.3 b-g                                     | 21.3 f-k | 41.3 j-n | 32.5 j-q | 42.5 s-v | 28.8 i-n |
| 63 RU16520                | 14.7 fl oz                  | 14 <sup>5</sup>                          | 7.5 a-e                                      | 16.3 c-h | 33.0 h-k | 20.0 d-i | 32.5 m-t | 13.8 a-h |
| 64 Daconil Ultrex 82.5WDG | 3.2 oz                      | 14                                       | 1.3 ab                                       | 0.0 a    | 19.3 d-g | 11.3 a-f | 18.8 c-m | 28.8 i-n |
| 65 Program #2             | —                           | 14 <sup>6</sup>                          | 11.3 b-g                                     | 38.8 n-r | 62.0 p-v | 33.8 k-q | 36.3 p-v | 26.3 h-n |
| 66 Program #3             | —                           | 14 <sup>5,7</sup>                        | 6.3 a-d                                      | 28.8 i-o | 61.3 p-u | 30.0 h-q | 47.5 u-w | 33.8 l-o |
| 67 Program #4             | —                           | 14 <sup>8</sup>                          | 8.8 a-e                                      | 15.0 b-g | 51.3 m-q | 28.8 h-p | 47.5 u-w | 32.5 k-o |
| 68 Program #5             | —                           | 14 <sup>5,9</sup>                        | 8.8 a-e                                      | 21.3 f-k | 37.0 i-l | 18.8 c-h | 30.0 k-t | 16.3 b-j |
| 69 Program #6             | —                           | 14 <sup>10</sup>                         | 10.0 a-f                                     | 17.5 c-i | 42.0 j-n | 23.8 g-l | 31.3 l-t | 17.5 c-j |
| 70 Program #7             | —                           | 14 <sup>5,11</sup>                       | 6.3 a-d                                      | 16.3 c-h | 21.0 e-h | 20.0 d-i | 43.8 t-v | 26.3 h-n |
| 71 BASF Program           | —                           | 14 <sup>12</sup>                         | 2.5 a-c                                      | 8.8 a-e  | 16.0 c-f | 11.3 a-f | 35.0 o-u | 23.8 f-m |
| 72 Untreated Check        | —                           | —  | 41.3 h                                       | 90.0 x   | 81.0 wx  | 38.0 n-q | 65.0 x   | 42.5 o   |

| INT <sup>13</sup> | DAT <sup>14</sup> | DAT | DAT | DAT | DAT |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 14                | 8                 | 3   | 1   | 1   | 10  |
| 21                | 22                | 10  | 1   | 13  | 17  |
| 28                | 22                | 3   | 15  | 1   | 24  |

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Table 1 (continued).

- <sup>1</sup> Values are means of four replicates. Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different according to Waller-Duncan k-ratio t-test ( $k=100$ ).
- <sup>2</sup> Fungicides were applied on 22 August (all treatments), 5 September (14-day treatment), 12 September (21-day treatment), 19 September (14- and 28-day treatments), 3 October (14- and 21-day treatments), 17 October (14- and 28- day treatments), 24 October (21-day treatment), and 31 October (14-day treatment). Plots were inoculated on 6 September with a very low concentration (8,000 conidia per ml) of *Pyricularia grisea* conidia to supplement natural infection at the test site.
- <sup>3</sup> Alternation of fungicides on a 14-day schedule, where treatment 23 received Disarm 480SC (0.18 fl oz) on 22 August, 19 September, and 17 October and Banner MAXX 1.3ME (1.0 fl oz) on 5 September, 3 October, and 31 October. Treatment 29 received Disarm 480SC (0.2 fl oz) on 22 August, 19 September, and 17 October and Tebuconazole 45W (0.28 oz) on 5 September, 3 October, and 31 October.
- <sup>4</sup> Program #1, where treatment 47 consisted of Heritage TL 0.8ME (2.0 fl oz) + Daconil Ultrex 82.5WDG (3.2 oz) on 22 August, 3336 4F (6.0 fl oz) + Daconil Ultrex 82.5WDG (3.2 oz) on 12 September, and Heritage TL 0.8ME (1.0 fl oz) + 3336 4F (4.0 fl oz) on 3 October.
- <sup>5</sup> Treatments 60, 61, 63, 66, 68, and 70 were irrigated with 0.5 gal of water per 3 x 5 ft plot immediately after fungicide application.
- <sup>6</sup> Program #2, where treatment 65 consisted of RU16520 (7.3 fl oz) on 22 August, RU16520 (14.7 fl oz) on 5 September, RU16520 (22.0 fl oz) on 19 September, RU16520 (29.4 fl oz) on 3 October, RU16520 (29.4 fl oz) on 17 October, and RU16520 (29.4 fl oz) on 31 October.
- <sup>7</sup> Program #3, where treatment 66 consisted of RU16520 (7.3 fl oz) on 22 August, RU16520 (14.7 fl oz) on 5 September, RU16520 (22.0 fl oz) on 19 September, RU16520 (29.4 fl oz) on 3 October, RU16520 (29.4 fl oz) on 17 October, and RU16520 (29.4 fl oz) on 31 October.
- <sup>8</sup> Program #4, where treatment 67 consisted of RU16520 (7.3 fl oz) on 22 August, RU16520 (14.7 fl oz) on 5 September, RU16520 (22.0 fl oz) on 19 September, RU16520 (22.0 fl oz) on 3 October, RU16520 (22.0 fl oz) on 17 October, and RU16520 (22.0 fl oz) on 31 October.
- <sup>9</sup> Program #5, where treatment 68 consisted of RU16520 (7.3 fl oz) on 22 August, RU16520 (14.7 fl oz) on 5 September, RU16520 (22.0 fl oz) on 19 September, RU16520 (22.0 fl oz) on 3 October, RU16520 (22.0 fl oz) on 17 October, and RU16520 (22.0 fl oz) on 31 October.
- <sup>10</sup> Program #6, where treatment 69 consisted of RU16520 (7.3 fl oz) on 22 August, RU16520 (14.7 fl oz) on 5 September, RU16520 (14.7 fl oz) on 19 September, RU16520 (14.7 fl oz) on 3 October, RU16520 (14.7 fl oz) on 17 October, and RU16520 (14.7 fl oz) on 31 October.
- <sup>11</sup> Program #7, where treatment 70 consisted of RU16520 (7.3 fl oz) on 22 August, RU16520 (14.7 fl oz) on 5 September, RU16520 (14.7 fl oz) on 19 September, RU16520 (14.7 fl oz) on 3 October, RU16520 (14.7 fl oz) on 17 October, and RU16520 (14.7 fl oz) on 31 October.
- <sup>12</sup> BASF Program, where treatment 71 consisted of Insignia 20WG (0.9 oz) on 22 August, Propiconazole Pro 1.3ME (1.0 fl oz) + Iprodione Pro 2SC (4.0 fl oz) on 5 September, Insignia 20WG (0.5 oz) + Emerald 70WG (0.18 oz) on 19 September, Insignia 20WG (0.5 oz) + Curflan 50DF (1.0 oz) on 3 October, Propiconazole Pro 1.3ME (1.0 fl oz) + Insignia 20WG (0.5 oz) on 17 October, and Insignia 20WG (0.9 oz) on 31 October.
- <sup>13</sup> Spray intervals in days.
- <sup>14</sup> Days after the last treatment.



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