Uses and Caveats with Liberty Herbicide on Liberty Link and WideStrike Cotton Cultivars

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Glyphosate-resistant Weeds in the Mid-South

- Horseweed/marestail
- Palmer amaranth
- Waterhemp
- Johnsongrass
- Italian ryegrass
- Annual bluegrass
- Goosegrass
- Giant ragweed
- Common ragweed
- Spiny amaranth







Hooded Applications and Still Loose The field





Liberty Based System Use in 2012

- About 82% of TN cotton acres received Liberty over the top.
 - About 34% was Liberty Link or Glytol/LL
 - About 48% was WideStrike





Glufosinate-based Systems

- CLiberty Link
 - Full tolerance to glufosinate
- □GlyTol + Liberty Link
 - Full tolerance to glufosinate and glyphosate
- WideStrike
 - Moderate to glufosinate and full tolerance to glyphosate





WideStrike Cotton

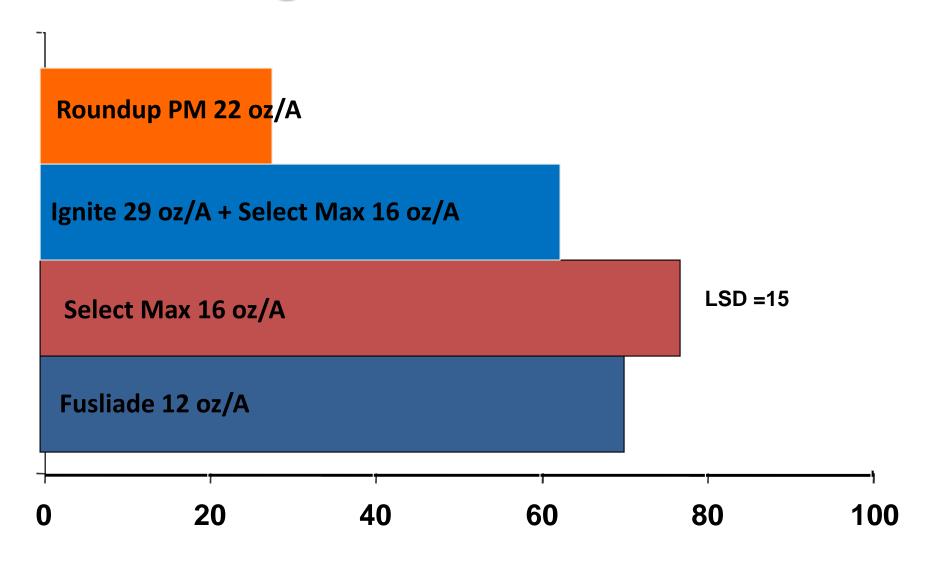
- Glufosinate injury can range from minimal to severe
- 3 glufosinate applications can reduce yield
- Tank-mixing with Dual Magnum, Warrant, certain insecticides, etc. can increase injury
- The manufacturer of glufosinate, nor the maker of WideStrike cotton varieties, recommend this application



21 DAA 44 oz Roundup PowerMax



GR Goosegrass Control in Cotton



Early Season Weed Control

- - Burndown
 - Preemergence:
 - Cotoran
 - Caparol
 - Reflex





Weed Control in Crop

- Postemergence
 - Liberty
- Extend residual control
 - Dual Magnum risky on WideStrike
 - Warrant very risky on WideStrike



Soybeans Planted to Clean Soil on May 16



Tips for Using Liberty

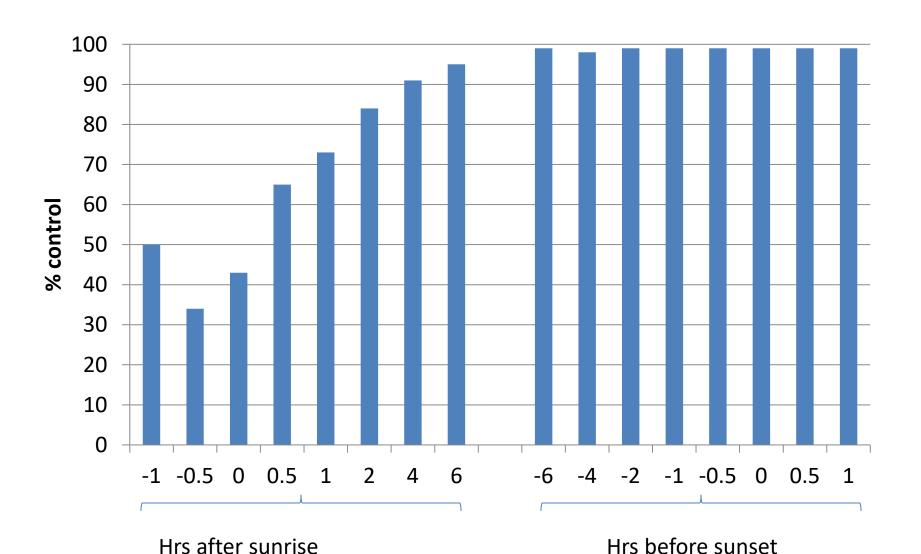
- Pigweed 4 inches or less
 - Inconsistent control with 4-8 inch
- Coverage, coverage, coverage
 - At least 15 GPA
- Flatfan or XR nozzles
 - No reduced-drift nozzles



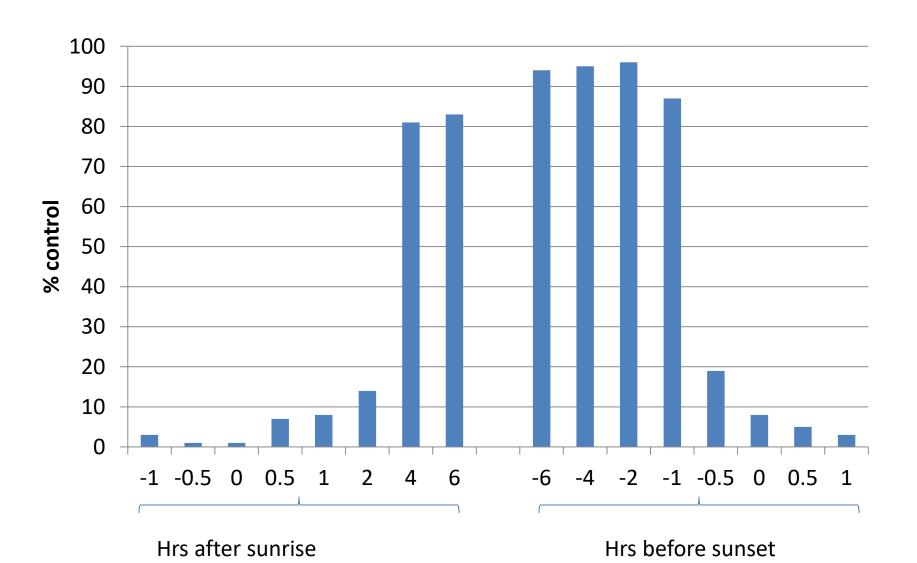




Time of Liberty application to AMAPA. 15 DAT B. TN.



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The Early Bird May Get the Worm, But Not the Weeds

- Applications of Liberty should wait until AT LEAST 2 hours after sunrise
- Applications of Liberty from 2 hours after sunrise until 1 hour after sunset provided consistent control of pigweed in TN study



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Palmer Surviving After Repeated Burndowns

12 oz Dicamba + 32 oz Glyphosate + 1.5 oz Leadoff 30 DBP/ fb 48 oz Gramoxone + 32 oz Cotoran Pre \$40/Acre 36 oz Liberty early post \$58/Acre



Weed Control in TN Cotton

- 2003 weed control costs
 - \$60/A herbicide
- 2012 weed control costs
 - \$120/A herbicide
 - \$25/A chopping crew





Can Cover Crops Reduce Weed Control Costs?

