

## EFFECT OF WEED MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON NUTRIENT UPTAKE AND REMOVAL IN TRANSPLANTED RICE

### Abstract

Different pre and post emergence herbicides, herbicide mixtures along with hand weeding in transplanted rice were evaluated at PJTSAU, Rajendranagar during Kharif season of 2019 in a randomized block design with three Collegereplications. (Write names of treatments) Farm, College of Agriculture, Rajendranagar, Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University. Higher nutrient uptake by grain and straw were recorded with application of flopyrauxifen-benzyl (%or EC?) + cyhalofop-butyl 10% EC 150 g ha<sup>-1</sup> (PoE) fb hand weeding at 40 DAT and lower nutrient removal by weeds were recorded with application of herbicide mixtures along with hand weeding than single herbicide application followed by hand weeding. Where as in case of unweeded control lower nutrient uptake and higher nutrient removal by weeds over all the treatments

**Key words:** Herbicide mixtures, Hand weeding, Nutrient uptake, Nutrient removal, Rice, Transplanted rice

### Introduction:

Rice crop suffers from various biotic and abiotic production constraints. Weed infestation has been established as one of the important biotic factor responsible for lower productivity. The degree of competition and extent of yield losses vary greatly with period of weed competition. Weed competition under transplanted conditions caused yield reductions up to 45% (Manhas et al. 2012). Weeds compete with crop plants for moisture, nutrients, light, space and other growth factors. Fertilizer usage in rice and its consumption has increased substantially in the past decades. The quantity of rice grain produced per unit of applied fertilizer (partial factor productivity) has constantly decreased to very low values (Hemalatha *et al.* 2020). It has been observed that more than 60% of applied fertilizer was taken up by weeds which results lower nutrient availability for crop (Puniya et al., 2007). And the quantity of nutrient losses due to weeds again depends on the period of weed growth but, control of weeds in transplanted rice at

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critical stages by hand weeding only is very difficult nowadays due to labour scarcity and higher wages. Usage of herbicides with single mode of action will not control broad spectrum of weeds (Write the problem of using single mode of action of herbicides over the years). So, for control of these broad spectrum weeds we need to depends on herbicides mixtures with different modes action and integrated with hand weeding will results effective control of weeds, lower nutrient ~~removal-depletion~~ by weeds and higher nutrient uptake by crop. In this context we need to investigate which herbicide mixture is most effective for control of weeds and higher nutrient use efficiency in transplanted rice.

#### Material and methods:

A field experiment was conducted at College Farm, College of Agriculture Rajendranagar, Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad during *Kharif*-2019. The farm is geographically situated at 17°19' 16.4" North latitude and 78° 24' 43" East longitudes and at an altitude of 542.3 m above mean sea level. According to troll's climatic classification, it falls under semi- arid tropics (SAT). The soil of experimental site was sandy loam in texture with p<sup>H</sup> of 7.85, low available nitrogen (235.2), medium phosphorus (38.8) and high potassium ~~content-availability~~ (379). The experiment was consisted of twelve weed management practices (add treatments here) laid out in randomized block design with three replications. RNR – 15048 (Telangana sona) variety was transplanted in main field on 8<sup>th</sup> August at the age of 28 days old seedlings with a spacing of 15 X 10 cm. All pre-emergence herbicides were applied within three days (on which day you apply herbicides) after transplanting and post emergence herbicides treatments were applied at 2 – 3 leaf stage of weeds(on which date). Weed and plant samples were collected for estimation of dry matter were used for nutrient analysis (Sentence not clear which method you employed for collection of weed sample on which day or at the DAT. Collection of weed and crop sample- both are differ in methods and time. Weed data transformed or not). These samples were dried (at what temperature and time) and ground to fine powder using willey mill and can be used for analysis of uptake of nutrients by crop and nutrient removal by weeds. Nitrogen content (%) in the plant and weed samples were estimated by the micro kjeldhal method (Jackson, 1979) using Kelplus N analyser after digesting the samples with H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Piper, 1966). The tri-acid (HNO<sub>3</sub> and HClO<sub>4</sub>) in the ratio of (3:1) respectively digested plant and weed samples were analyzed for phosphorus and potassium. (How you have to calculated the nutrients uptake and depletion) The data was statistically analyzed.

#### Results and discussion:

##### Effect on crop dry matter:

All the weed management practices significantly recorded higher crop dry matter production over control plot (Table:0\_1). The higher dry matter production were registered with

hand weeding at 20 and 40 DAT which was statistically on par with flopyrauxifen- benzyl + cyhalofop butyl 10% EC 150 g ha<sup>-1</sup> (PoE) *fb* hand weeding at 40 DAT, penoxsulam 1.02% (20 g ha<sup>-1</sup>) + cyhalofop butyl 5.1% OD (100 g ha<sup>-1</sup>) (PoE) *fb* hand weeding at 40 DAT and flopyrauxifen- benzyl + penoxsulam 12% EC 40.64 g ha<sup>-1</sup> (PoE) *fb* hand weeding at 40 DAT.

Among the weed management practices application of herbicide mixture *fb* hand weeding recorded higher growth parameters compared to single herbicides *fb* hand weeding (Which herbicide mixture). This might be due to control of complex weed flora in time and avoids competition so, resulted in higher tillers and crop dry matter production- Yadav *et al.*, (2018).

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#### **Effect on nutrient uptake by grain and straw:**

Higher nutrient uptake was noticed with herbicide mixture flopyrauxifen- benzyl + cyhalofop butyl 10% EC 150 g ha<sup>-1</sup> (PoE) *fb* hand weeding at 40 DAT which is statistically on par with hand weeding at 20 and 40 DAT. ~~Lower uptake of nutrient were recorded with un weeded control~~ (Table: 1&2). In the present experiment, higher nutrient uptake by grain and straw due to better availability of resources that maintained the favorable environment for the crop with limited competition from weeds and availability of nutrients throughout the growth stages leading to better uptake of nutrients. The results were in accordance with findings of Singh *et al.* (2018) and Parameshwari *et al.* (2014). Phosphorus accumulation is more in grain compared to straw because of higher content of organic compounds like inositol phosphate, phospholipids, nucleic acids and phosphoproteins ~~etc~~ (Yamaji *et al.*, 2017).

#### **Effect on weed dry matter:**

~~Higher weed dry weight was recorded with un weeded control over all the treatments and lower weed dry weight was noticed~~ Significantly the lowest weed dry matter was recorded with the application of broad spectrum herbicide mixture flopyrauxifen- benzyl + cyhalofop butyl 10% EC 150 g ha<sup>-1</sup> (PoE) *fb* hand weeding at 40 DAT. Initial herbicide application followed by hand weeding results in extended period of weed control will result in lower weed dry matter. Results are corroborated with the research finding of Mohapatra *et al.* (2017) and Sreedevi *et al.* (2018).

#### **Effect on nutrient removal by weeds:**

Unweeded control recorded significantly higher nutrient removal by weeds ~~at 30 and 60 DAT than the other treatments~~ (Table: 3 & 4). At 30 DAT lower nutrient removal was observed

with treatment hand weeding at 20 ~~and 40 DAT~~ which was statistically ~~samilar~~ to flopyrauxifen-benzyl + cyhalofop-butyl 10% EC 150 g ha<sup>-1</sup>(PoE) ~~fb~~ hand weeding at 40 DAT, penoxsulam 1.02% @ 20 g ha<sup>-1</sup> + cyhalofop butyl 5.1 % OD @ 100 g ha<sup>-1</sup> (PoE) ~~fb~~ hand weeding at 40 DAT and flopyrauxifen-benzyl + penoxsulam 12 % EC @ 40.64 g ha<sup>-1</sup> (PoE) ~~fb~~ hand weeding at 40 DAT. Lower nutrient removal by weeds in weed management practices might be due to effective control of weeds during critical period and after that, weeds effectively suppressed by crop. Similar findings were reported by Gupta *et al.* (2019).

#### **Conclusion:**

From this investigation, the application of herbicides mixtures followed by hand weeding will results higher nutrient uptake by rice crop and ~~lower-reduces the~~ nutrient removal by weeds compared to their alone application ~~single herbicide application~~ followed by hand weeding. Among all weed management practices application of flopyrauxifen-benzyl + cyhalofop-butyl 10% EC 150 g ha<sup>-1</sup>(PoE) ~~fb~~ hand weeding at 40 DAT was most effective ~~one~~ treatment.

**Table: 01 Influence of weed management practices on crop dry matter production and nutrient uptake (kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) by grain at harvest**

Treatments	Dry matter (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	N	P	K
T <sub>1</sub> - Penoxsulam 0.97% (20 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) + butachlor (38.8%) SE 820 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	13375	73.0	12.7	30.0
T <sub>2</sub> - Pyrazosulfuron-ethyl 0.15 % (15 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) + pretilachlor 6% GR (600g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	13517	75.0	14.3	34.3
T <sub>3</sub> - Orthosulfamuron + pretilachlor 6% (600g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) GR (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	13453	74.0	13.0	31.7
T <sub>4</sub> - Ipencarbazone 25 % SC 156.25 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	12568	64.0	11.3	28.0
T <sub>5</sub> - Penoxsulam 2.65 % OD 25 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	12474	62.0	10.5	27.3
T <sub>6</sub> - Penoxsulam 1.02% (20 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) + cyhalofop butyl 5.1% OD (100 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	14663	81.0	16.0	38.0
T <sub>7</sub> - Pretilachlor (PE) 50 % EC 0.75 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> <i>fb</i> 2,4 D 1.0 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE)	11835	60.7	10.0	24.3
T <sub>8</sub> - Bispyribac sodium 10% SC 25 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	12167	61.3	10.2	26.7
T <sub>9</sub> - Flopyrauxifen- benzyl + penoxsulam 12% EC 40.64 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	14448	79.0	15.5	37.0
T <sub>10</sub> - Flopyrauxifen- benzyl + cyhalofop butyl 10% EC 150 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	14953	83.0	16.7	38.7
T <sub>11</sub> - Hand weeding at 20 and 40 DAT	15014	83.3	17.3	40.7
T <sub>12</sub> - Unweeded control	7732	38.5	7.1	15.3
SE(m)±	254.58	1.83	0.66	1.6
CD (P=0.05)	746.5	5.37	1.94	4.68

**Table 2 Influence of weed management practices on nutrient uptake (kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) by straw at harvest**

Treatments	N	P	K
T <sub>1</sub> - Penoxsulam 0.97% (20 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) + butachlor (38.8%) SE 820 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	52.0	8.0	98.0
T <sub>2</sub> - Pyrazosulfuron-ethyl 0.15 % (15 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) + pretilachlor 6% GR (600g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	54.8	8.8	101.0
T <sub>3</sub> - Orthosulfamuron + pretilachlor 6% (600g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) GR (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	54.0	8.3	99.0
T <sub>4</sub> - Ipfen carbazone 25 % SC 156.25 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	48.0	6.0	92.0
T <sub>5</sub> - Penoxsulam 2.65 % OD 25 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	46.5	5.6	90.0
T <sub>6</sub> - Penoxsulam 1.02% (20 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) + cyhalofop butyl 5.1% OD (100 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	59.0	11.4	106.0
T <sub>7</sub> - Pretilachlor (PE) 50 % EC 0.75 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> <i>fb</i> 2,4 D 1.0 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE)	43.0	5.0	87.7
T <sub>8</sub> - Bispyribac sodium 10% SC 25 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	45.0	5.0	89.7
T <sub>9</sub> - Flopyrauxifen- benzyl + penoxsulam 12% EC 40.64 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	57.7	11.0	103.3
T <sub>10</sub> - Flopyrauxifen- benzyl + cyhalofop butyl 10% EC 150 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	61.7	12.0	108.0
T <sub>11</sub> - Hand weeding at 20 and 40 DAT	62.0	12.6	110.0
T <sub>12</sub> - Unweeded control	32.3	4.6	51.3
SE(m)±	2.05	0.51	2.75
CD (P=0.05)	6.00	1.50	8.06

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**Table: 03 Influence of weed management practices on weed dry matter ( $\text{g m}^{-2}$ ) and nutrient removal ( $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$ ) by weeds at 30 DAT**

Treatments	Dry weight of weeds	N	P
T <sub>1</sub> - Penoxsulam 0.97% (20 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) + butachlor (38.8%) SE 820 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	3.9(14.5)	1.13	0.3
T <sub>2</sub> - Pyrazosulfuron-ethyl 0.15 % (15 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) + pretilachlor 6% GR (600g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	3.8(13.3)	1.01	0.3
T <sub>3</sub> - Orthosulfamuron + pretilachlor 6% (600g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) GR (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	3.9(14.0)	1.05	0.3
T <sub>4</sub> - Ipfen carbazone 25 % SC 156.25 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	4.2(16.8)	1.28	0.4
T <sub>5</sub> - Penoxsulam 2.65 % OD 25 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	4.3(18.0)	1.35	0.4
T <sub>6</sub> - Penoxsulam 1.02% (20 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) + cyhalofop butyl 5.1% OD (100 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	2.9 (7.4)	0.63	0.2
T <sub>7</sub> - Pretilachlor (PE) 50 % EC 0.75 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> <i>fb</i> 2,4 D 1.0 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE)	4.5(19.2)	1.44	0.4
T <sub>8</sub> - Bispyribac sodium 10% SC 25 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	4.4(18.6)	1.39	0.4
T <sub>9</sub> - Flopyrauxifen- benzyl + penoxsulam 12% EC 40.64 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	2.9 (7.7)	0.69	0.2
T <sub>10</sub> - Flopyrauxifen- benzyl + cyhalofop butyl 10% EC 150 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	2.7 (6.3)	0.50	0.1
T <sub>11</sub> - Hand weeding at 20 and 40 DAT	2.6 (6.0)	0.44	0.1
T <sub>12</sub> - Unweeded control	8.2(65.7)	6.63	1.1
SE(m)±	0.17	0.09	0.0
CD (P=0.05)	0.51	0.25	0.0

\* PE: application: 3 DAT, PoE: Application: 2-3 leaf stage of weeds \*\* Values in the parenthesis are original and ( $\sqrt{x+1}$ ) transformed

**Table: 4 Influence of weed management practices on weed dry matter (g m<sup>-2</sup>) and nutrient removal (kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) by weeds at 60 DAT**

Treatments	60 DAT	N	P	K
T <sub>1</sub> - Penoxsulam 0.97% (20 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) + butachlor (38.8%) SE 820 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	6.1(35.7)	2.93	0.93	2.40
T <sub>2</sub> - Pyrazosulfuron-ethyl 0.15 % (15 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) + pretilachlor 6% GR (600g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	5.7(32.0)	2.80	0.81	2.20
T <sub>3</sub> - Orthosulfamuron + pretilachlor 6% (600g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) GR (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	5.9(34.0)	2.83	0.92	2.30
T <sub>4</sub> - Ipencarbazone 25 % SC 156.25 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PE) <i>fb</i> HW at 30 DAT	6.2(37.0)	3.07	0.95	2.63
T <sub>5</sub> - Penoxsulam 2.65 % OD 25 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	4.0(15.3)	1.39	0.42	1.19
T <sub>6</sub> - Penoxsulam 1.02% (20 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) + cyhalofop butyl 5.1% OD (100 g ha <sup>-1</sup> ) (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	3.8(13.3)	1.26	0.41	1.12
T <sub>7</sub> - Pretilachlor (PE) 50 % EC 0.75 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> <i>fb</i> 2,4 D 1.0 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE)	7.7(58.0)	4.20	1.24	3.62
T <sub>8</sub> - Bispyribac sodium 10% SC 25 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	4.1(16.7)	1.43	0.44	1.24
T <sub>9</sub> - Flopyrauxifen- benzyl + penoxsulam 12% EC 40.64 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	3.9(14.3)	1.34	0.43	1.14
T <sub>10</sub> - Flopyrauxifen- benzyl + cyhalofop butyl 10% EC 150 g ha <sup>-1</sup> (PoE) <i>fb</i> HW at 40 DAT	3.7(13.0)	1.23	0.41	1.02
T <sub>11</sub> - Hand weeding at 20 and 40 DAT	3.6(12.0)	1.18	0.39	0.89
T <sub>12</sub> - Unweeded control	12.1(144.)	10.13	3.48	8.23
SE(m)±	0.29	0.13	0.05	0.23
CD (P=0.05)	0.87	0.44	0.15	0.69

\* PE: application: 3 DAT, PoE: Application: 2-3 leaf stage of weeds \*\* Values in the parenthesis are original and ( $\sqrt{x+1}$ ) transformed

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