

Update on Perennial Grass Weed control in Hawaii's Sport Turf

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## **Topics Covered**

- Review of Goose and Bermuda grass management in Seashore paspalum turf
- Herbicides for perennial grassy weed control
- Research update: Focus on Torpedo Gr.
- Case study West Loch demo 2020-21
- Participant Q & A: What's your weed control problems in turf?



# Factors to consider for Bermuda and Goose grass control in seashore paspalum greens and fairways

### Bermudagrass-BG (Cynodon dactylon)



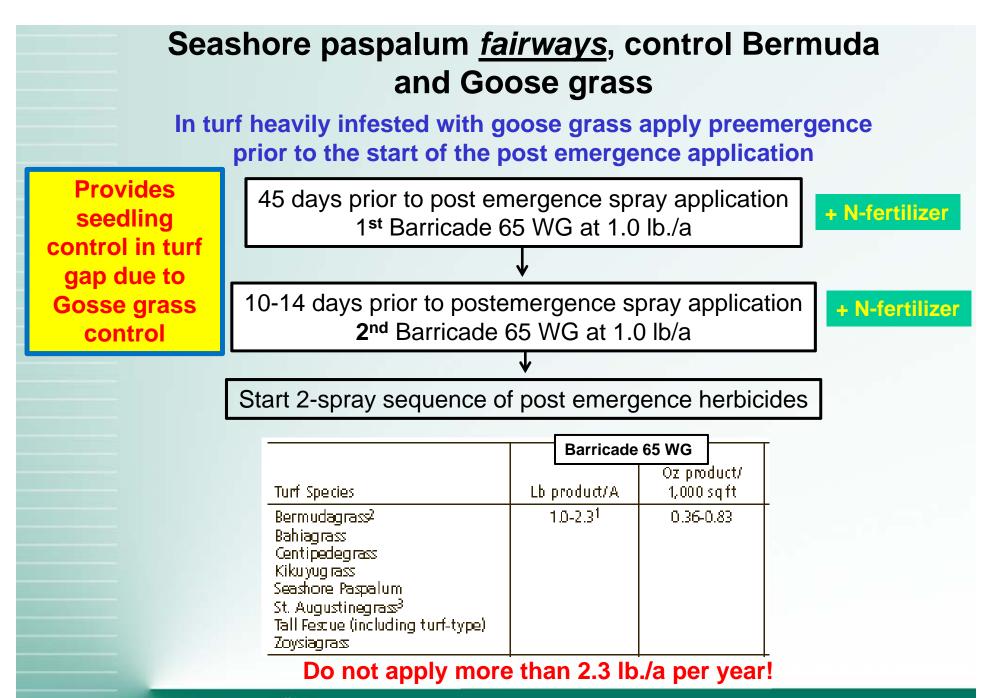
Goosegrass-GG (*Eleusine indica*)





SENCOR'75%	1. 2.	OK for Estb. Bermuda Grass ½" or higher Not for greens, tees, aprons. Not for SP.
<b>Pylex</b> herbicide	1. 2. 3.	BG & SP, OK tolerance = marginal . 1 application/year, see supl. label Not for greens or collars = aprons.
<b>Tenacity</b> °	1. 2.	OK on BG & SP "avoid…unless control or injury can be tolerated". Not for greens w/5 ft. b/w treated area.
PROGRASS <sup>®</sup> SC	1. 2. 3.	St. Aug OK w/pest = BG. SP not listed as site! No restrictions for greens, tees, aprons. Milky liquid, 4 lb ai/gal
PROGRASS®	1. 2. 3.	SP as site with BG suppression Not on greens. Fairways & tees OK. Clear yellow liquid 1.5 lb ai/gal

300 %





#### Seashore paspalum <u>fairway</u>s, control Bermuda and Goose grass

- Winter best for BG suppression due to slower growth recovery
- Sequence of TWO 3-way tank mixes for maximum BG suppression and SP safety!

	Tenacity +	4 oz/a
1 <sup>st</sup> of 2	Sencor + Prograss SC (4.0 lb ai/gal)	4 oz/a 32
applications		85.3 oz <b>(6 gallons/yr limit)</b> 2%

- Tenacity + Prograss provides long lasting growth suppression of BG, goose grass=NO, smut grass=YES control, UH tests show Tenacity helps with reduction of Pylex green color loss in next application
- Sencor provides reduced green color loss in SP due to growth suppression of SP
- Follow up 3-way tank mix provides goose grass control and added BG suppression
- Apply 14 days after 1<sup>st</sup> application

**EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOL – JUSTIFICATION FOR PRODUCT LABEL MODIFICATIONS** 



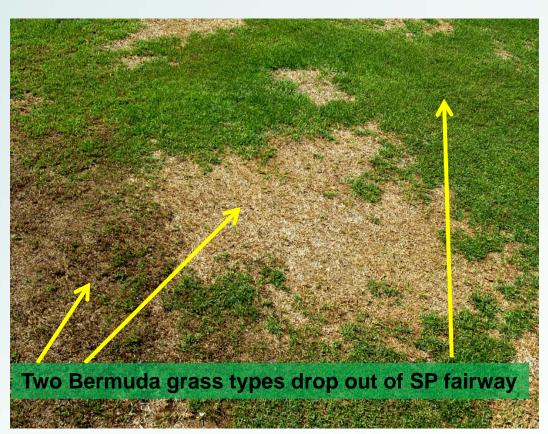
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	appl	licat	ions	
Pylex +			1 oz	/a
Sencor +			4 oz	/a
Prograss	SC		32 o	z/a
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**MSO** 2% Pylex for goose grass control

- Sencor provides reduced green color loss in SP
- Mix adds to growth suppression of BG



- Questions: next step to help SP fill BG space?
- Methods to enhance SP encroachment into BG patches: verticut, top dress & plug planting? 1.
- Follow up applications for continued BG suppression: Pro-G alone or tank mix sequence repeat? 2.

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#### Seashore paspalum greens, Goose grass control only!

- Summer best for rapid SP recovery
- Minimize BG loss if present

Pylex +	.5 oz/a
Sencor +	2 oz/a
MSO	1%

- Pylex for goose grass
- Sencor provides reduced green color loss in SP



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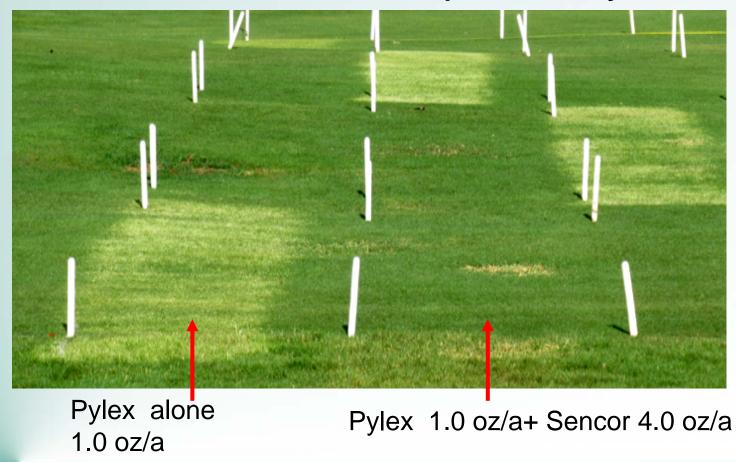
- "1 and done" needs 3-5 day post spray dry down.
- Dry down keeps Pylex in root zone longer for better GG kill ۲
- Good drainage essential for flushing & rapid greens recovery

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### **Hoakalei Country Club**

Pylex Discoloration Reduced with Sencor 75% DF 14 DAS-01 08/15/17 SeaDwarf Seashore Paspalum fairway.



Good drainage provides better control of Pylex leaching from root zone for more rapid turf recovery of turf green color



Bermudagrass ('TifGrand') response to Pylex 0.5 oz/a 14 DAS-01, green band above tile drain at Magoon (push up green w/heavy clay soil)



Suggested wording on all herbicide labels to allow experimental use pattern discussed here on seashore paspalum & Bermuda Grass greens, tees aprons & fairways

Suggested wording would be published in the form of a "Special Local Need Label"



Section 24(c) Special Local Need Label

FOR DISTRIBUTION AND USE ONLY WITHIN THE STATE OF HAWAII

SENCOR 75 DF – TENACITY - PYLEX

Do not apply to warm season turf (Seashore/Bermuda grass) less that ½ inch high unless injury or removal of turf can be tolerated

> TALK TO YOUR COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES AND ASK FOR A 24c LABEL



### Perennial Grassy Weeds in Bermuda grass

- Australian carpet grass (<u>Axonopus compressus</u>)
- Torpedo Grass (*Panicum repens*)
- West Loch Paspalum (<u>Paspalum spp.</u>) larger mutation of turf type SP
- Tropical Signal Grass (Urochloa distachya/ Brachiaria subquadripara)

ENABELING SOIL CONDITION = HIGH TO EXCESSIVE SOIL MOISTURE

MUST BE ADDRESSED FOR LONG TERM CONTROL IN ALL TURF GRASS SETTINGS



### Australian carpet grass

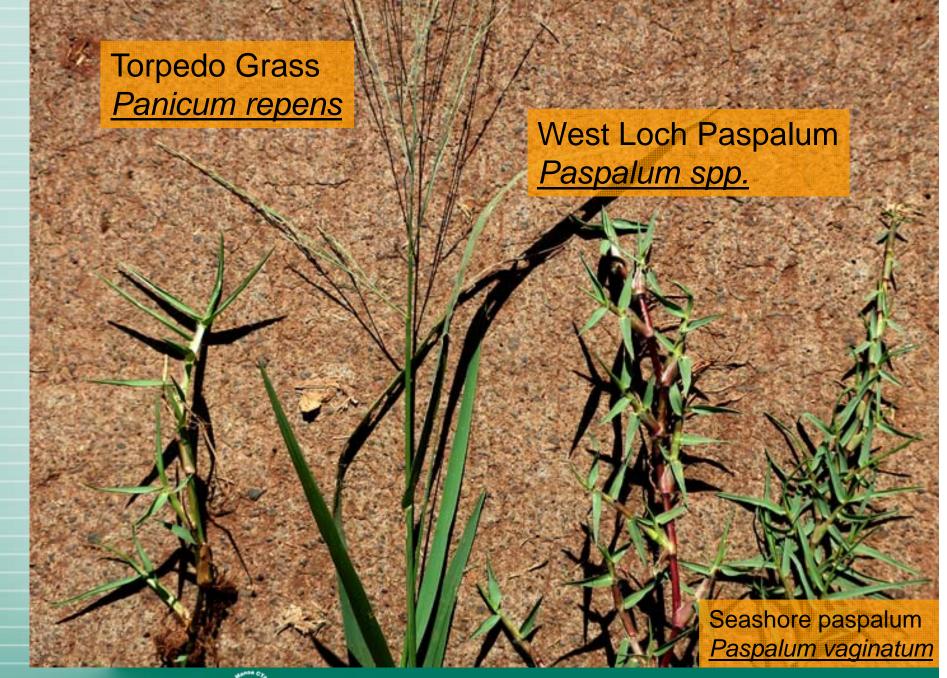
Forest Starr & Kim Starr

Axonopus compressus

















MSMA restrictions:

- For newly constructed golf courses, One broadcast application only
- Established golf courses: only spot treatment with 100 ft<sup>2</sup> maximum per spot.
- Spot applications not to exceed 25% of total golf course acreage per year

For Bermuda & Zoysiagrass	Average size of golf course (acres)			
MSMA Spot rate/1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	150	200	
WISWIA Spot Tate/1000 It-	25% of total course area (acres)			
w/1–2.5 gallons of water	25 a	37.5 a	50 a	
add	Gallons of MSMS per 25% of total course area/year			
0.9 oz	7.6 gal	11.4 gal	15.2 gal	
1.8 oz	15.2 gal	22.8 gal	30.4 gal	



#### MSMA + Sencor 75 DF -tank mix

MSMA restrictions:



- Weeds controlled: Brachiaria spp. (TSG), some level of control, inconsistent
- Guinea grass (Panicum spp.)

Sencor 75 DF

- 5-11 dry oz./ a
- Reapply tank mix 2 weeks later



Australian Carpet, Tropical Signal grass, Torpedo grass control in Bermuda and Zoysia Monument: **Monument**<sup>\*75WG</sup>

- 2 Xs 0.53 dry oz. /a, always use NIS, max yearly = 1.7 oz./acre/yr.
- Tropical SG, Torpedo G = suppression



Tribute total :

- 2 Xs 3.2 dry oz./a, w/ NIS or MSO , 6.4 oz./acre/yr.
- Tropical SG (spring application up to 4-tiller stage ?)
- Fall application to control perennialzed TSG? Clue for improved performance when dormancy follows herbicide application!

Suggestions from work conducted in Florida:

Joe - have you tried low rates of RoundUp combined with Celsius or Tribute Total (on Bermuda only)? P.M. has had pretty good luck combining 4-8 oz/A of RoundUp with Tribute Total for controlling Tropical Signalgrass in Bermuda in FLA. It's a mid-summer two app schedule when golf is lowest so the phyto the Bermuda is not a huge issue, given how tough tropical signal grass is. Might be worth a try if you haven't done so already.



Celsius:

- Broadleaf signal grass listed as controlled, same genius as Tropical Signal Grass
  (Urochloa platyphta)
  (Urochloa subguadripara)
- 3.7 dry oz/a (2.4 grams/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>), not more than 7.4 oz/a/year
- Apply 2 Xs 21-30 days apart, with active growth and good soil moisture.
- Post applications imposed dry down needed for optimum effect
- Site modification to reduce/eliminate excessive moisture
- Constant wet conditions reduce herbicide effectiveness, weeds will return.



Manuscript



+ Agidor – recommended surfactant

Tropical Signal Grass: Australian carpet grass Bahia grass, Dallis grass, Seashore paspalum = all Paspalum species Suppression of Torpedograss

Broadcast Label rate: 19.2 fl oz/a, applied 1 time 9.6 fl oz/a, applied 2 times 14 days apart



Manuscript + Spot treatment rates to match UH-research rates

For Bermuda &	Average size of golf course (acres)			
Zoysiagrass	100	150	200	
Manuscript	No more than 10,000 ft. <sup>2</sup> / acre			
Spot rate	Total treatable acres as "spot treatment"			
9.6 oz./20 gallon	23 a	34.5 a	46 a	
Spray to wet but not	Gallons per total course area/year with			
runoff	yearly maximum of 19.2 oz./a			
	3.4 gal	5.1 gal	6.9 gal	
To obtain 41 oz./a	46 total	69 total	92 total	
As "spot treatment" apply	-	-	-	
20 gallons to 10,200 ft. <sup>2</sup>	20-gallon	20-gallon	20-gallon	
85 GPA	batches	batches	batches	



Manuscript, Monument & Tribute Total on Tropical Signal Grass at West Loch G.C. - 2017

Applications: 3 X's at 0, 21 & 42 days

Monument 22 g/a

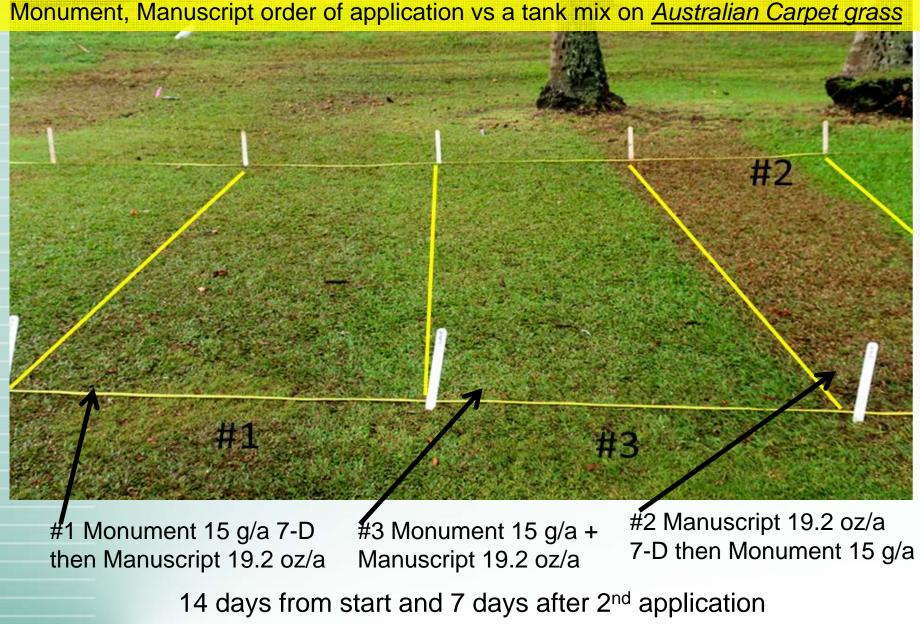
Tribute Total DF 3.2 oz/a

Manuscript 38.3 oz/a





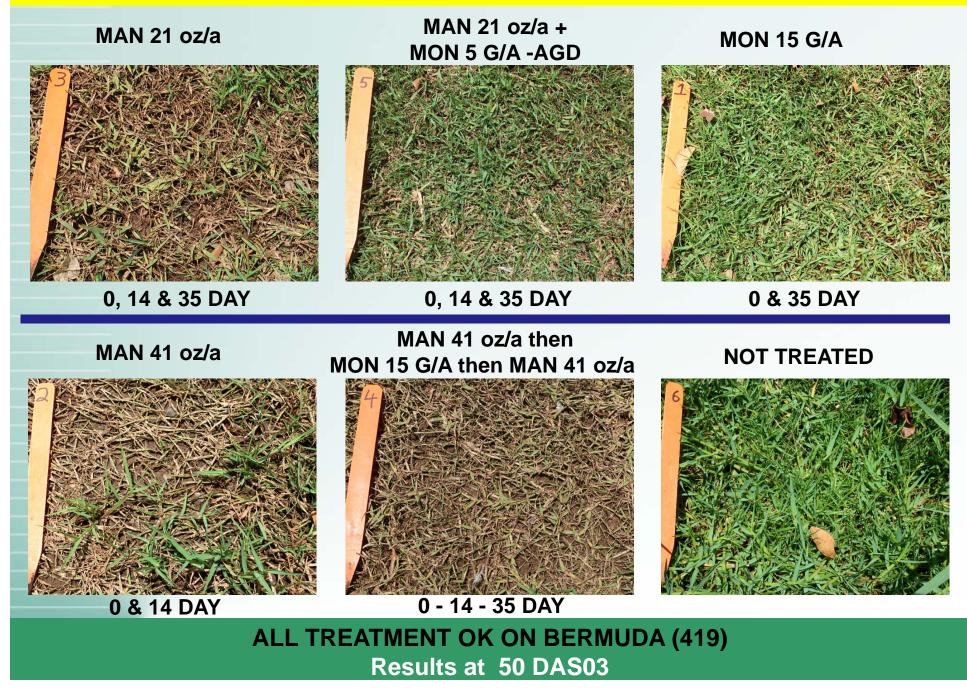




**SEQUNENCE & TANK MIX PARTNERS - MATTER** 



#### Monument, Manuscript multiple applications & a tank mix on West Loch Paspalum



# Determine the response of TG to sequence of split application of selective systemic herbicides

West Loch Torpedo Grass Study – Started August 2019





Determine the response of TG to sequence of systemic herbicides West Loch Torpedo Grass Study – Aug 2019

### Rational for herbicides used in this study

**Monument 75WG** Torpedo grass suppression



Label lists grassy weed control for Switchgrass, Common millet, Texas Panicum & Fall panicum all same species as Torpedo grass (<u>Panicum repens</u>)

### **Manuscript**<sup>.</sup>

Torpedo grass suppression



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Conclusion of 2019 study at West Loch Torpedo grass response 29 Days after 3<sup>rd</sup> spray application 76 days between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> application

#### Conclusions

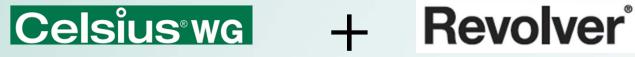
Most consistent suppression of Torpedo Grass using a single Manuscript application

- 1. Start with Celsius (105 g/a or 3.7 dry oz/a) wait 35 days to see normal foliage
- 2. Apply single application of Manuscript (41 oz/a)
- 3. Wait -41 days to see normal foliage then apply Celsius (3.7 dry oz/a g/a)

	Average size of golf course (acres)		
	100	150	200
To obtain Monument 41 oz./a As "spot treatment" apply 20 gallons to 10,200 ft. <sup>2</sup> 85 GPA	46 total - 20-gallon batches	69 total - 20-gallon batches	92 total - 20-gallon batches



#### The Green Doctor Says:



Tank mix

- Celsius: 3.0 grams/ 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> +
- Revolver: 14 ml/ 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> + MSO 1%

Apply then allow for 3-5 day dry down

2<sup>nd</sup> application requires flush of new normal looking green foliage

When any surviving grasses recover, use alternating single treatment applications of Monument 15 g/a or 0.53 dry oz/a

Allow for new foliage to appear then followed with

Manuscript 9.6 oz./20 gallon spray to wet and cover 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup>

Recommended time of year is May-Oct in Hawaii, seed head suppression during rainy season



#### **The Green Doctor Says:**

Hawaii Landscape March|April 2020 Article discusses 4 sequential spray protocol at:

https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/defrankj/NON\_HOMEPAGE\_PAGES/Simplot\_03032020.htm

# Perennial grassy weed control in Hawaii's Bermuda grass sport turf.

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## West Loch demonstration using 4 sequential applications for control of Perennial Grassy weeds in Bermuda Grass turf 2020-2021

Spray 50 GPA Batch volume (gallons)	Revolver 26 oz./a (fl. oz./ml)	Celsius  3.6 oz/a dry oz./ grams	Manuscript 41 oz./a* (fl. oz/ ml)	Monument 5 g/a (dry oz./ grams)	MSO 1% v/v (fl. oz./ ml)	Adigor 1% v/v (fl.oz./ ml)
25	13/ 384.4	1.8/ 51	20.5/ 606.3	0.26/ 7.5	32 oz./ 946.4	32 oz./ 946.4
50	26/ 768.9	3.6/ 102	41/ 1212.5	0.53/ 15	64 oz./ 1922.3	64 oz./ 1922.3
100	52/ 1537.8	7.2/ 104	82/2425.0	1.06/ 30	128 oz./ 3785.4	128 oz./ 3785.4
200	104/ 3075.7	14.4/208	164/ 4850.1	2.12/60	256 oz/ 7570.8	256 oz/ 7570.8

Spray #	Activity	Date	Day of the year	Days from previous
1	1 <sup>st</sup> spray Revolver + Celsius, use 20 gallon batch	10/13/20	287	
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> spray Revolver + Celsius	12/07/20	342	55
3	1 <sup>st</sup> Manuscript	02/10/21	41	66
4	1 <sup>st</sup> Monument	04/12/21	102	61

\*To obtain Monument 41 oz./a, make applications as "spot treatment" add 9.6 fl oz to 20 gallons and apply to 10,200 ft.<sup>2</sup>









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#### Very good control of Australian Carpet Grass



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Very good control of Henry's Crabgrass

21 DAS01 - 11/05/20

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#### 51 DAS01 – 12/04/20



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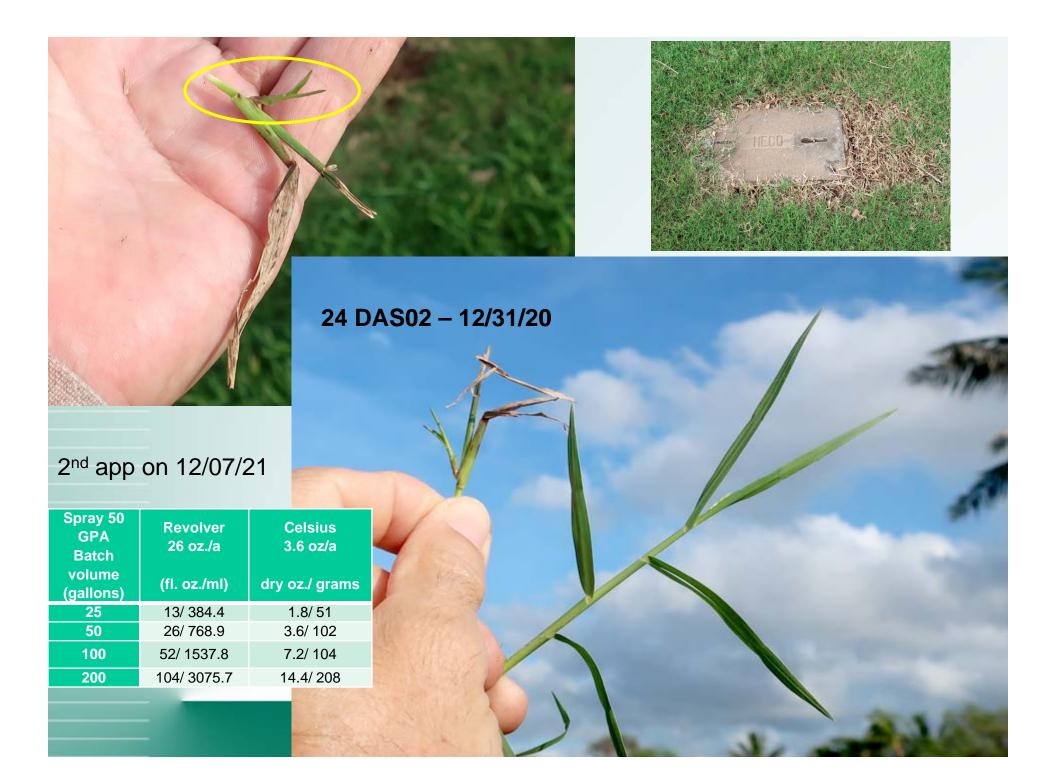
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> app on 12/07/21

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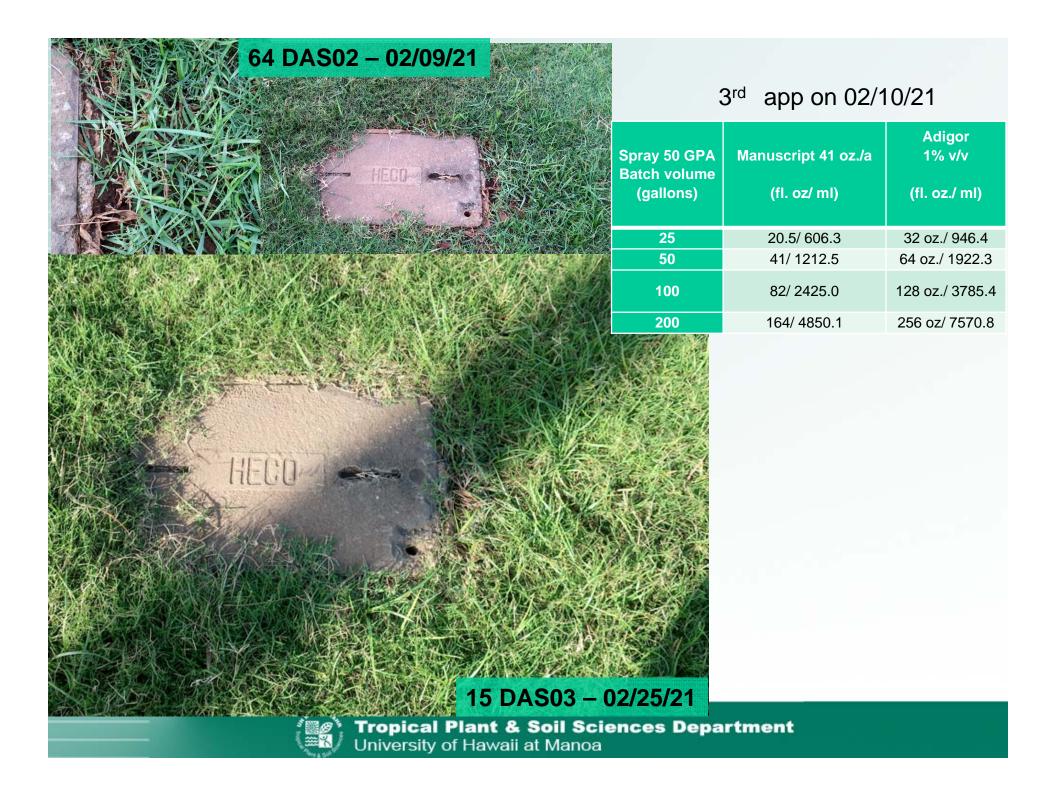


## 3<sup>rd</sup> app on 02/10/21

Spray 50 GPA Batch volume (gallons)	Manuscript 41 oz./a (fl. oz/ ml)	Adigor 1% v/v (fl. oz./ ml)	
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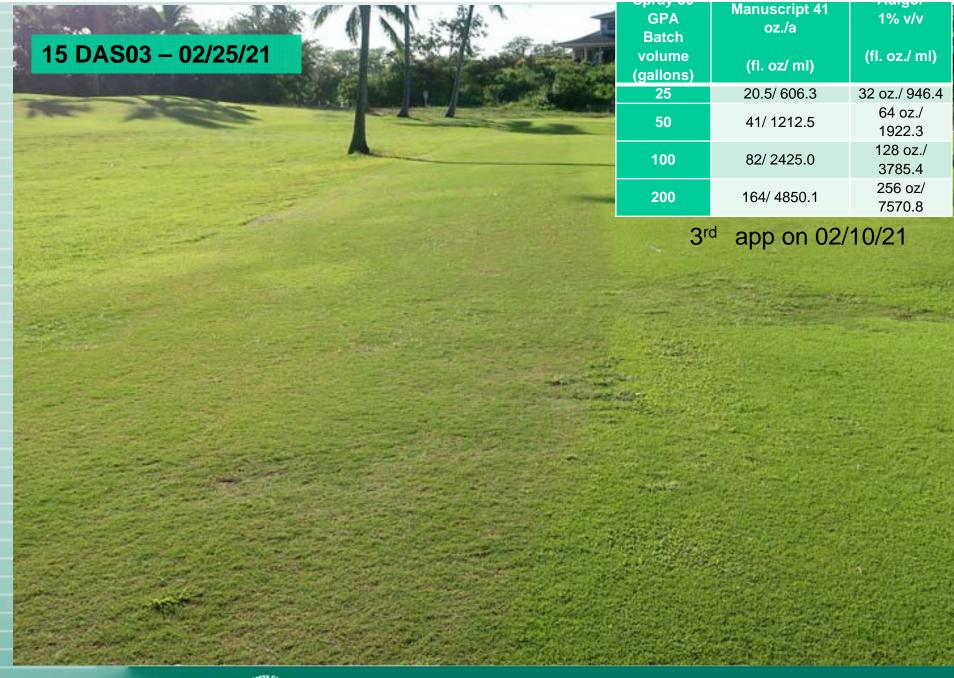
See normal leaves = time for 3<sup>rd</sup> spray Manuscript







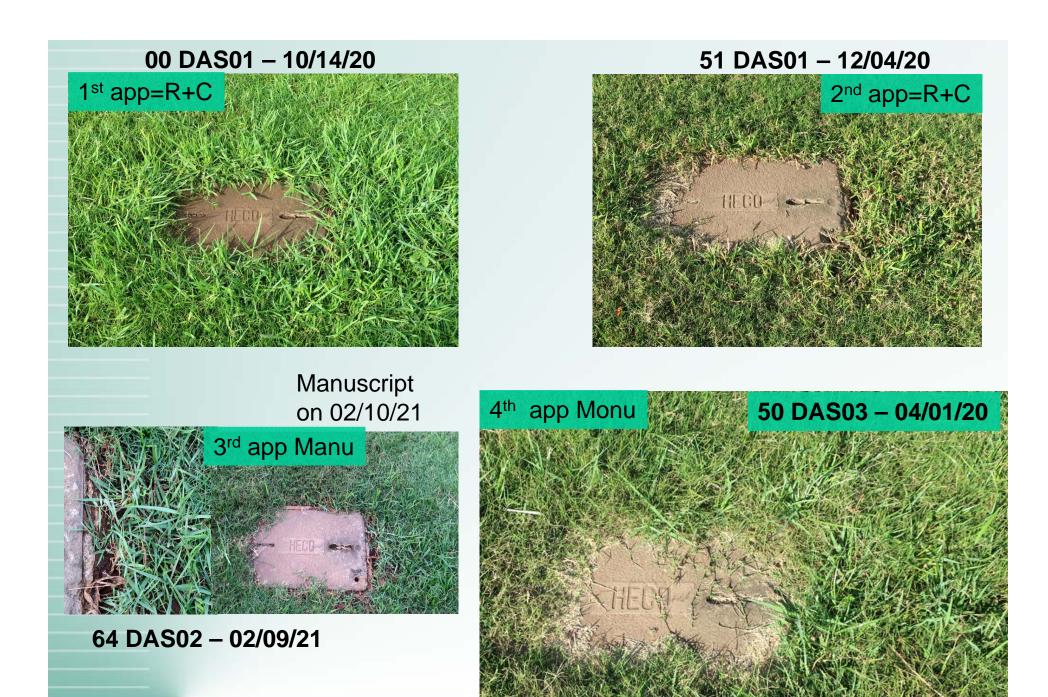














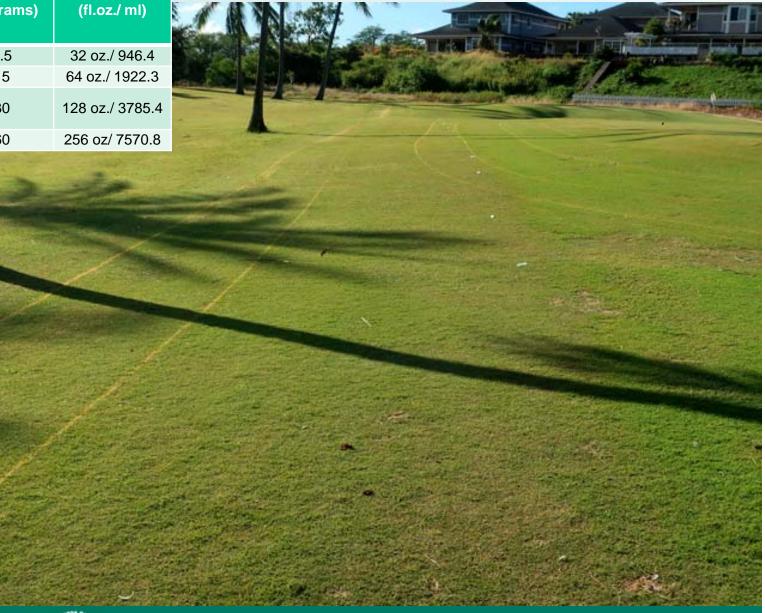
## Apply Monument on 04/12/21 - 61 DAS03





Spray 50 GPA Batch volume (gallons)	Monument 5 g/a (dry oz./ grams)	MSO 1% v/v (fl.oz./ ml)	
25	0.26/ 7.5	32 oz./ 946.4	
50	0.53/ 15	64 oz./ 1922.3	
100	1.06/ 30	128 oz./ 3785.4	
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## Apply Monument on 04/12/21 61 DAS03





# Conclusions to West Loch Demo 04/13/2021

- 1. 2 Apps Rev +Cel very good at 85-90% TG and SP stand Reduction in BG.
- 2. R+C control of H. crab grass very good.
- 3. R+C control of ACG very good.
- 4. About 60 days needed b/w R+C spray, label indicates only 14 days.
- 5. Manuscript selective suppression over SP very clean in BG, current label only allow for spot application with research rates reported here.
- 6. Manuscript suppression shorter than R+C so Monument needed at 45-50 days.
- 7. Winter mowing for rough reduced by ½ with near complete seed head suppression.
- 8. ? For look when R+C can be applied 1 year after start.



## Visual 50 GPA for spot treatments

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# Take home points



- 1. Persistent perennial grassy weeds favored by wet conditions
- 2. Allow systemic herbicides time to work before next application
- 3. Elimination of top growth breaks buds on underground stems
- 4. Fresh stems/foliage best target for subsequent treatment
- 5. Mixing certain herbicide modes of actions can cause tank mix antagonisms.
- 6. Avoid herbicide tolerance need to rotate herbicide mode of action



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