

APPLICATION OF REDUCED RATES OF ACCase-INHIBITING HERBICIDES TO SUNFLOWER INTERCROPPED WITH *Brachiaria ruziziensis*

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SUMMARY

The objective of this study was to evaluate the tolerance of sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*) to acetyl-coenzyme A carboxylase (ACCase)-inhibiting herbicides and to temporarily delay the growth of the forage grass (*Brachiaria ruziziensis*), avoiding competition and allowing the reestablishment of pasture. A randomized block design with four replicates was used in both experiments. The following treatments were applied in Experiment 1:

i) 10 g ai ha⁻¹ tepraloxymid; ii) 20 g ai ha⁻¹ tepraloxymid; iii) 12.5 g ai ha⁻¹ fluzifop-p-butyl; iv) 25 g ai ha⁻¹ fluzifop-p-butyl; v) 12 g ai ha⁻¹ clethodim; vi) 24 g ai ha⁻¹ clethodim; vii) 6 g ai ha⁻¹ haloxyfop-methyl; viii) 12 g ai ha⁻¹ haloxyfop-methyl; ix) unhoed check, and x) hoed check.

The treatments applied in Experiment 2 were:

i) hoed check; ii) unhoed check; iii) 10 g ai ha⁻¹ tepraloxymid; iv) 20 g ai ha⁻¹ tepraloxymid; v) 12.5 g ai ha⁻¹ fluzifop-p-butyl, and vi) 25 g ai ha⁻¹ fluzifop-p-butyl.

All herbicide treatments were selective for the sunflower crop. The use of reduced rates of graminicides is a feasible option to delay the growth of *B. ruziziensis*, reducing its ability to compete the sunflower. All herbicide rates applied suppressed the growth of *B. ruziziensis*, permitting subsequent pasture reestablishment. However, tepraloxymid (20 g ai ha⁻¹), clethodim (24 g ai ha⁻¹), and haloxyfop-methyl (12 g ai ha⁻¹) promoted poorer recovery of the forage grass.

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INTRODUCTION

The exploitation of annual crops characterized by intense mechanization and non-selective use of agrochemicals may damage physical and chemical properties of soil, leading to soil compaction, destructuring and reduced organic content. In addition, this approach may increase the number of damaging biotic agents in cultivation, with a consequent reduction of productivity and intensified application of agricultural defenders. Furthermore, in farming areas the inadequate management of forage grasses, especially the lack of application of maintenance fertilizers and overgrazing, results in a critical stage of pasture degradation (Brighenti *et al.*, 2007).

The adoption of integrated crop-livestock (CLI) systems provides various benefits. Pastures utilize residues of fertilizers applied to crops and recycle nutrients from deeper layers due to their abundance and greater depth of their roots. Pastures are also excellent accumulators of biomass, enriching the soil with organic matter. The increased organic content, in turn, favors the storage of water and increases the activity of soil microorganisms and soil fauna (Martius *et al.*, 2001), contributing to soil aggregation and consequently reducing erosion and superficial runoff.

Tropical forage plants are mainly known for their adaptation and tolerance to damaging biotic factors that affect annual crops, interrupting the cycle of life of pests and diseases. Grass has contributed to reduction of the intensity of attacks made by diseases, such as white mold and root rot caused by *Rhizoctonia solani* and *Fusarium solani* in bean crops (Kluthcouski *et al.*, 2000). A significant reduction in the occurrence of weeds has also been reported (Cobucci *et al.*, 2001). Another positive biological effect of CLI is the reduction of soil nematodes (Vilela *et al.*, 1999, 2003). This system also benefits the association of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi with roots, increasing the capacity of plants to absorb soil nutrients, especially phosphorus, and thus improving the response of the plant to different fertilizers (Miranda *et al.*, 2001). In addition to pasture production, forage species serve as a soil cover for no-till systems. Corn-grass intercropping can produce up to 17 tons of dry matter per hectare (Aidar *et al.*, 2000).

In CLI systems, the correct application of both pre-sowing and post-cultivation herbicides is of fundamental importance for the establishment of the intercrop system (Kluthcouski *et al.*, 2000). The use of reduced rates of acetyl-coenzyme A carboxylase (ACCCase)-inhibiting herbicides has been shown to promote a satisfactory control of some grass infestations and cultivation of tropical forages with annual crops (Silva *et al.*, 2004, 2006a, 2006b). These herbicides block the biosynthesis of lipids by the plants (Konishi *et al.*, 1996). As a consequence, the growth of roots and aerial parts is suppressed, resulting in abnormal leaf pigmentation and initiating a necrotic process in meristematic regions (Gronwald, 1991).

The determination of sublethal rates of herbicides is necessary to temporarily delay the growth of the forage plant and prevent competition with the crop plantation, as well as to allow subsequent pasture reestablishment. The objective of the present study was to evaluate the tolerance of sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*) to ACCase-inhibiting herbicides and to temporarily delay the growth of the forage grass (*Brachiaria ruziziensis*), avoiding competition with the sunflower plantation and permitting subsequent pasture reestablishment.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Experiment 1: The experiment was installed on June 5, 2008, on the Experimental Field of Embrapa Dairy Cattle, municipality of Valença (22°21'28" S and 43°41'45" W), Rio de Janeiro State, Brazil. A randomized block design with four replicates was used. The following treatments were applied:

i) 10 g ai ha⁻¹ tepraloxymid; ii) 20 g ai ha⁻¹ tepraloxymid; iii) 12.5 g ai ha⁻¹ fluzifop-p-butyl; iv) 25 g ai ha⁻¹ fluzifop-p-butyl; v) 12 g ai ha⁻¹ clethodim; vi) 24 g ai ha⁻¹ clethodim; vii) 6 g ai ha⁻¹ haloxyfop-methyl; viii) 12 g ai ha⁻¹ haloxyfop-methyl; ix) unhoed check and x) hoed check.

Mineral oil (0.5%, v/v) was added to the herbicide treatments, except for the treatments with fluzifop-p-butyl. The soil was ploughed and harrowed and 15 kg ha⁻¹ *B. ruziziensis* seeds (cultural value of 33%) were manually sown and incorporated by using a harrow. The area was furrowed with a 0.70 m space between rows and fertilization at the sowing time consisted of 300 kg ha⁻¹ NPK formulation (8-28-16) plus 1.2 kg ha⁻¹ boric acid, distributed inside the furrows. An imidazolinone-resistant sunflower genotype (Paraiso 102 CL, Clearfield®) was sown and a plant stand of approximately 55,000 plants ha⁻¹ was maintained. Side-dressing was performed with 250 kg ha⁻¹ NPK (20-05-20) applied 25 days after sowing (DAS). The herbicide treatments were applied on July 24, 2008, with a hand sprayer kept at a constant pressure of compressed CO₂ (196 kPa). The sprayer bar was 1.5 m long and consisted of four flat-fan nozzles (110 02) spaced 0.5 m apart, with a spray volume of 170 l ha⁻¹. On the occasion of herbicide application, the forage grass presented two tillers and a mean height of 15-20 cm and the sunflower plants were at phenological stage V₆. The percentage of phytotoxicity to the sunflower plants and percentage of *B. ruziziensis* control were evaluated at 12, 28 and 40 days after herbicide application (DAHA), with zero corresponding to no visual injury symptom on the sunflower plants and no forage control, and 100% corresponding to death of the sunflower and forage plants (SBCPD, 2005). The density and height of the forage grass were evaluated at 64 and 80 DAS, respectively. In addition, the fresh and dry phytomass of the forage plants was determined at 95 DAS in a square area of 0.25 m² and the results were transformed into kg ha⁻¹. The fresh phytomass of the forage grass was also measured at 25 days after sunflower harvest to evaluate the capacity of pasture reestablishment. Fresh phytomass and seed productivity of sunflower were evaluated at 110 and 120 DAS, respectively. The data were submitted to ANOVA and means were compared by the Scott-Knott test at a level of probability of 5%.

Experiment 2: The experiment was installed on the Experimental Field of Embrapa Dairy Cattle, municipality of Coronel Pacheco (21°33'22" S and 43°16'15" W), Minas Gerais State, Brazil, on June 12, 2009. A randomized block design with four replicates was used. The following treatments were applied:

i) hoed check; ii) unhoed check; iii) 10 g ai ha⁻¹ tepraloxym; iv) 20 g ai ha⁻¹ tepraloxym; v) 12.5 g ai ha⁻¹ fluazifop-p-butyl and vi) 25 g ai ha⁻¹ fluazifop-p-butyl.

Mineral oil (0.5%, v/v) was added to the tepraloxym treatments. The soil was prepared as described for Experiment 1. Common sunflower (Aguará 4 hybrid) was sown and the plants were selected to a stand of approximately 55,000 plants ha⁻¹. Side-dressing was performed with 250 kg ha⁻¹ NPK (20-05-20) applied 25 DAS. The herbicide treatments were applied approximately 25 days after sunflower sowing by using a hand sprayer which maintained a constant CO₂ pressure of 196 kPa. The sprayer bar was 1.5 long and contained four flat-fan nozzles (110 02) spaced 0.5 m apart, with a sprayer volume of 150 l ha⁻¹. On the occasion of herbicide application, the forage grass presented two tillers and a mean height of 15 cm and the sunflower plants were at phenological stage V₆. The percentage of phytotoxicity to the sunflower plantation and percentage of *B. ruziziensis* control were evaluated at 14, 21 and 40 DAHA using the same procedures as described for Experiment 1. The height of the sunflower plants was determined at 90 DAS and forage density and height at 64 DAS. In addition, fresh and dry phytomass of the forage grass was determined at 95 DAS in a square area of 0.25 m² and the results were transformed into kg ha⁻¹. Fresh phytomass of sunflower was evaluated at 110 DAS. The fresh phytomass of the forage grass was again measured at 25 days after sunflower harvest to evaluate the capacity of pasture reestablishment. Statistical analysis was the same as that described for Experiment 1.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Experiment 1: None of the herbicides or herbicide rates applied caused symptoms of phytotoxicity in sunflower (Table 1).

Table 1: Mean percentage of phytotoxicity to the sunflower plants and percentage of control of *B. ruziziensis* at 12, 28 and 40 days after herbicide application (DAHA).

Treatment	% Phytotoxicity			% Control		
	12 DAHA	28 DAHA	40 DAHA	12 DAHA	28 DAHA	40 DAHA
Tepraloxym 10 g ai ha ⁻¹	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	5.0	0.0
Tepraloxym 20 g ai ha ⁻¹	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	15.0	10.2
Fluazifop-p-butyl 12.5 g ai ha ⁻¹	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
Fluazifop-p-butyl 25 g ai ha ⁻¹	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	10.0	7.7
Clethodim 12 g ai ha ⁻¹	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	10.0	5.2
Clethodim 24 g ai ha ⁻¹	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	20.0	17.7
Haloxifop-methyl 6 g ai ha ⁻¹	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	25.0	20.0
Haloxifop-methyl 12 g ai ha ⁻¹	0.0	0.0	0.0	45.0	100.0	100.0
Unhoed check	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00
Hoed check	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

The lowest tepraloxym rate resulted in yellowing of *B. ruziziensis* plants, with recovery of the forage plant and disappearance of symptoms on the last evaluation. The highest rate of this herbicide caused marked injury to the plants and symptoms still persisted on the last evaluation, with a mean percent control of 10.2%. Similar results have been reported by Brighenti *et al.* (2008), who observed substantial injury to *B. ruziziensis* after application of 20 and 40 g ai ha⁻¹ tepraloxym. Less expressed symptoms were observed after application of fluazifop-p-butyl and the symptoms had disappeared in the last evaluation when a herbicide rate of 12.5 g ai ha⁻¹ was applied. Silva *et al.* (2006b) found that a fluazifop-p-butyl rate of 15 g ai ha⁻¹ applied to grass-soybean intercrops resulted in a similar productivity as that observed for the monoculture and still permitted pasture reestablishment. The highest fluazifop-p-butyl rate (25 g ai ha⁻¹) caused chlorosis in the forage plants, with values of 20% at 12 DAHA. Recovery of the plants was observed and percent control decreased to 7.7% at 40 DAHA. The clethodim rate of 12 g ai ha⁻¹ also provoked yellowing of the plants, but percent control was low on the last evaluation (5.2%). The highest clethodim rate markedly affected the forage plants and mean percent control was still high on the last evaluation at 40 DAHA (17.7%). Haloxyfop-methyl caused the highest phytotoxicity to the forage plants among all herbicides tested. The lowest rate (6 g ai ha⁻¹) of this herbicide resulted in a percent control of 30% on the first evaluation. Although the forage plants recovered, this value was still expressive on the last evaluation (20%). The highest haloxyfop-methyl rate (12 g ai ha⁻¹) caused complete forage eradication as early as on the second evaluation.

Table 2: Mean values of density (DB), height (HB) and fresh (FMB₁) and dry phytomass (DMB) of *B. ruziziensis* plants at 95 days after sowing, fresh phytomass of *B. ruziziensis* at 25 days after sunflower harvest (FMB₂), fresh phytomass of sunflower (FMS) at 110 days after sowing, and seed productivity (P).

Treatment	DB	HB	FMB ₁	DMB	FMB ₂	FMS	P
	plants 0.25 m ⁻²	cm	kg ha ⁻¹	kg ha ⁻¹	kg ha ⁻¹	kg ha ⁻¹	kg ha ⁻¹
Tepraloxym 10 g ai ha ⁻¹	62.7 A	34.9 B	2120.0 B	320.0 C	22,390.0 B	44,767.8 A	1758.9 A
Tepraloxym 20 g ai ha ⁻¹	59.0 A	25.9 B	260.0 C	40.0 C	18,710.0 B	48,214.2 A	1925.3 A
Fluazifop-p-butyl 12.5 g ai ha ⁻¹	65.5 A	44.3 A	3460.0 B	540.0 B	32,320.0 A	46,375.0 A	1845.0 A
Fluazifop-p-butyl 25 g ai ha ⁻¹	68.2 A	35.4 B	740.0 C	120.0 C	22,500.0 B	45,803.5 A	1939.2 A
Clethodim 12 g ai ha ⁻¹	69.7 A	36.9 B	2500.0 B	400.0 B	17,400.0 B	46,920.0 A	2046.4 A
Clethodim 24 g ai ha ⁻¹	53.5 A	14.2 C	0.0 C	0.0 C	16,670.0 B	48,675.0 A	1969.6 A
Haloxyfop-methyl 6 g ai ha ⁻¹	44.5 A	33.1 B	440.0 C	60.0 C	24,160.0 B	49,464.2 A	1841.0 A
Haloxyfop-methyl 12 g ai ha ⁻¹	53.7 A	20.3 C	0.0 C	0.0 C	15,992.0 B	48,437.5 A	1830.3 A
Unhoed check	77.5 A	46.5 A	5700.0 A	940.0 A	37,240.0 A	40,437.5 B	1440.0 B
Hoed check	0.0 B	0.00 D	0.0 C	0.0 C	0.0 C	49,792.5 A	2175.0 A
CV (%)	34.6	23.3	101.9	95.0	32.4	5.3	8.4

Means in the same column followed by the same letters did not differ significantly from one another (Scott-Knott test at 5% probability).

Application of the herbicides did not influence the density of *B. ruziziensis* plants at 64 DAS (Table 2). With respect to forage height, all herbicide rates applied reduced the size of the plants, except for the lowest fluazifop-p-butyl rate. Fresh and dry phytomass of the forage plants decreased with increasing herbicide rate. No forage production was observed at 95 DAS after application of the highest rates of clethodim and haloxyfop-methyl. Similar results have been reported by Brighenti *et al.* (2008), who observed complete eradication of the forage plants when a haloxyfop-methyl rate of 12 g ai ha⁻¹ was applied.

Although some of the treatments caused marked injuries to the forage plants, pasture reestablishment was observed 25 days after sunflower harvest for all treatments. The lowest fluazifop-p-butyl rate resulted in the highest amount of phytomass (32,320 kg ha⁻¹), with no significant difference when compared to the unhoed check (37,240 kg ha⁻¹). With respect to fresh phytomass and seed productivity of sunflower, the forage grass interfered with the unhoed check treatment, with significantly lower values being obtained when compared to the other treatments. This finding indicates the need for application of reduced rates of herbicides in order to temporarily delay the growth of the forage grass and to avoid competition with the crop plantation.

Experiment 2: The rates of tepraloxymid and fluazifop-p-butyl applied were highly selective for the sunflower crop, which showed no visual symptom of injury (Table 3). The lowest rate of tepraloxymid resulted in a mean percent control of the forage grass of 15% at 14 DAHA. Recovery of the plants was observed thereafter, with a percent control of approximately 2.0% at 40 DAHA. However, the highest rate of this herbicide promoted a more effective control of the forage plants, reaching 22% at 14 DAHA. Visual symptoms of injury were still observed on the last evaluation. The lowest rate of fluazifop-p-butyl resulted in only mild symptoms of phytotoxicity, with a percent control of 5% at 14 DAHA, declining to 2.6% at 21 DAHA and disappearing at 40 DAHA. The rate of 25 g ai ha⁻¹ of this herbicide caused chlorosis in the forage plants, with a percent control of 25% at 14 DAHA. Recovery of the plants was observed during the study period, reaching 10% at 40 DAHA.

Table 3: Mean percentage of phytotoxicity to the sunflower plants and percent control of *B. ruziziensis* at 14, 21 and 40 days after herbicide application (DAHA).

Treatment	% Phytotoxicity			% Control		
	14 DAHA	21 DAHA	40 DAHA	14 DAHA	21 DAHA	40 DAHA
Hoed check	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Unhoed check	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tepraloxymid 10 g ai ha ⁻¹	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	7.3	2.0
Tepraloxymid 20 g ai ha ⁻¹	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.0	15.0	9.0
Fluazifop-p-butyl 12.5 g ai ha ⁻¹	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	2.6	0.0
Fluazifop-p-butyl 25 g ai ha ⁻¹	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	15.0	10.0

Sunflower height or forage density at 64 DAS was not influenced by the treatments (Table 4). The tepraloxymid rates led to a reduction in *B. ruziziensis* height, which differed from the unhoed check.

A reduction in fresh and dry forage phytomass was observed with increasing herbicide rate. The highest tepraloxym rate caused death of the aerial parts of the forage plants at 95 DAS, with no phytomass production being observed. The sunflower crop was influenced by the forage plant. The unhoed check produced 45,166 kg ha⁻¹ of fresh matter, whereas this value exceeded 51,547 kg ha⁻¹ for the other treatments. Production of marked amounts of forage plants at 25 days after sunflower harvest was observed for the treatments with 10 g ai ha⁻¹ tepraloxym and with the two fluazifop-p-butyl rates.

Table 4: Mean values of sunflower height (HS) at 90 days after sowing, forage density (DB), forage height (HB), fresh (FMB₁) and dry phytomass (DMB) of *B. ruziziensis* at 95 days after sowing, fresh mass of sunflower (FMS) at 110 days after sowing, and fresh mass of *B. ruziziensis* (FMB₂) at 25 days after sunflower harvest.

Treatment	HS	DB	HB	FMB ₁	DMB	FMS	FMB ₂
	cm	plants 0.25 m ⁻²	cm	kg ha ⁻¹	kg ha ⁻¹	kg ha ⁻¹	kg ha ⁻¹
Hoed check	176.6 A	0.0 A	0.0 C	0.0 B	0.0 C	53,595.2 A	0.0 B
Unhoed check	183.7 A	35.3 A	45.3 A	6213.3 A	746.6 A	45,166.8 B	24,783.3 A
Tepraloxym 10 g ai ha ⁻¹	189.2 A	21.6 A	32.4 B	1173.3 B	160.0 B	53,571.4 A	17,966.6 A
Tepraloxym 20 g ai ha ⁻¹	193.7 A	26.3 A	24.7 B	0.0 B	0.0 C	52,523.8 A	7000.0 B
Fluazifop-p-butyl 12.5 g ai ha ⁻¹	183.5 A	29.6 A	41.4 A	2666.6 B	346.6 B	53,346.1 A	18,833.3 A
Fluazifop-p-butyl 25 g ai ha ⁻¹	198.6 A	44.0 A	46.7 A	1893.3 B	266.6 B	51,547.6 A	18,730.3 A
CV (%)	5.6	56.1	18.8	66.7	65.7	3.3	28.9

Means in the same column followed by the same letters did not differ significantly from one another (Scott-Knott test at 5% probability).

CONCLUSIONS

All herbicide treatments were selective for the sunflower crop. The use of reduced rates of graminicides is a feasible option to delay the growth of *B. ruziziensis*, reducing its competitive ability against sunflower. All herbicide rates applied suppressed the growth of *B. ruziziensis*, permitting subsequent pasture reestablishment. However, tepraloxym (20 g ai ha⁻¹), clethodim (24 g ai ha⁻¹), and haloxyfop methyl (12 g ai ha⁻¹) promoted poorer recovery of the forage grass.

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APLICACIÓN DE DOSIS REDUCIDAS DE HERBICIDAS INHIBIDORES DE LA ACCase EN GIRASOL CONSOCIADO CON *Brachiaria ruziziensis*

RESUMEN

El objetivo de este estudio fue evaluar la tolerancia del girasol (*Helianthus annuus*) a los herbicidas inhibidores de la acetil-coenzima A carboxilasa (ACCCase) y retardar temporariamente el crecimiento de la especie forrajera (*Brachiaria ruziziensis*), evitando la competición con el girasol y permitiendo el restablecimiento posterior de las pasturas. En los dos experimentos fue utilizado el diseño de bloques al azar con cuatro repeticiones. Los tratamientos aplicados fueron Experimento 1:

I) 10 g ia ha⁻¹ tepraloxymid; II) 20 g ia ha⁻¹ tepraloxymid; III) 12,5 g ia ha⁻¹ fluazifop-p-butyl, IV) 25 g ia ha⁻¹ fluazifop-p-butyl, V) 12 g ia ha⁻¹ clethodim; VI) 24 g ia ha⁻¹ clethodim; VII) 6 g ia ha⁻¹ haloxyfop-methyl, VIII) 12 g ia ha⁻¹ haloxyfop-methyl IX) testigo sin carpir, X) testigo carpido.

Los tratamientos utilizados en el Experimento 2 fueron:

I) testigo carpido, II) testigo sin carpir III) 10 g ia ha⁻¹ tepraloxymid; IV) 20 g ia ha⁻¹ tepraloxymid, V) 12,5 g ia ha⁻¹ fluazifop-p-butyl, VI) 25 g ia ha⁻¹ fluazifop-p-butyl.

Todos los herbicidas fueron selectivos para el cultivo del girasol. La utilización de dosis reducidas de herbicidas gramínicos es una opción viable para retardar el crecimiento de *B. ruziziensis*, reduciendo su capacidad competitiva con el girasol. Todas las dosis de herbicidas aplicadas suprimieron el crecimiento de *Brachiaria*, permitiendo el restablecimiento posterior de la pastura. Sin embargo, tepraloxymid (20 g ia ha⁻¹), clethodim (24 g ia ha⁻¹), haloxyfop-methyl (12 g ia ha⁻¹) dificultaron la recuperación posterior de la forrajera.

L'APPLICATION DE DOSES REDUITES D'HERBICIDES INHIBITEURS DE L'ACCCase DANS TOURNESOL ASSOCIE AVEC *Brachiaria ruziziensis*

RÉSUMÉ

L'objectif de cette étude était d'évaluer la tolérance du tournesol (*Helianthus annuus*) à l'interdiction des herbicides inhibiteurs de l'acetyl-coenzime A carboxylase (ACCCase) et retarder temporairement la croissance de l'espece fourragere (*Brachiaria ruziziensis*), en évitant la compétition avec le tournesol et permettant le rétablissement ultérieur du pâturage. La conception dans des blocs aléatoires avec quatre répétitions a été utilisée dans les deux expériences. Les traitements suivants ont été appliqués dans l'Expérience 1:

i) 10 g ia ha⁻¹ tepraloxymid; II) 20 g ia ha⁻¹ tepraloxymid; III) 12,5 g ia ha⁻¹ fluazifop-p-butyl, IV) 25 g ia ha⁻¹ fluazifop-p-butyl, V) 12 g ia ha⁻¹ clethodim; VI) 24 g ia ha⁻¹ clethodim; VII) 6 g ia ha⁻¹ haloxyfop-methyl, VIII) 12 g ia ha⁻¹ haloxyfop-methyl IX) a preuve sans sarclage et X) a preuve sarclé.

Les traitements utilisés dans l'Expérience 2 étaient

i) a preuve sarclé, II) a preuve sans sarclage III) 10 g ia ha⁻¹ tepraloxymid; IV) 20 g ia ha⁻¹ tepraloxymid, V) 12,5 g ia ha⁻¹ fluazifop-p-butyl e VI) 25 g ia ha⁻¹ fluazifop-p-butyl.

Tous les herbicides étaient sélectifs pour la culture du tournesol. L'utilisation des doses réduites d'herbicides est une option viable pour retarder la croissance de *B. ruziziensis*, réduisant sa capacité compétitive avec le tournesol. Toutes les doses appliquées d'herbicides ont supprimé la croissance de *B. ruziziensis*, permettant le rétablissement ultérieur du pâturage. Cependant, tepraloxydim (20 g ia ha^{-1}), clethodim (24 g ia ha^{-1}), haloxyfop-methyl (12 g ia ha^{-1}), ils ont gêné le rétablissement ultérieur de la fourragere.