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## INTRODUCTION

Herbicides have become well established as one of the tools of forest land managers. They have been used for a variety of purposes, including brush control, stand improvement, chemical thinning, nursery weed control, wildlife habitat manipulation, control of phreatic vegetation in watershed management, and bark beetle control. Although accepted as useful agents by foresters certain sectors of the public have clamored against their continued use.

The source of the public anxiety can be readily traced to the recent extensive and repeated use of herbicides by the US military in Vietnam. Repeated blanket spraying of herbicides over extensive areas of tropical forest, coupled with the discovery of a highly toxic impurity in one of the herbicides being used (2,4,5-T), has alarmed both knowledgeable scientists and the lay public. Their concern reflects the general environmental awareness which had its genesis in Rachael Carson's *Silent Spring*. The appalling history of indiscriminate blanket applications of chlorinated hydrocarbons in the US in the 1950 to mid-1960 period left a large sector of the public with a deep seated apprehension of the use of insecticides. This concern has broadened to the use of herbicides, aided by the writings of a few individuals (e.g. Egler) who are as concerned about herbicides as Rachael Carson was over insecticides.

In spite of the legitimate public concern over the use of herbicides, the day for uniform condemnation of such management chemicals is past, just as blanket application of herbicides over large areas is justifiably considered an anachronism from pre-*Silent Spring* days. With the continued alarming increase in world populations, and with the high material standard of living in the developed countries, the demand for both renewable and non-renewable resources grows apace. This requires that we husband our renewable resources with greater care and attention than in the past. In particular, the degree to which we can accept the occupancy of highly productive land by undesirable vegetation is steadily being reduced, and the forest manager is being pressed to get all productive areas back into production without delay. Mechanical solutions to weed and brush competition have several attendant problems, such as their expense and their frequent failure to solve the problem. Herbicides, while not being a panacea by any stretch of the imagination, do appear to have considerable advantages over mechanical methods.

Forest land managers are confronted with a variety of problems of vegetation manipulation for which the best answer frequently appears to be herbicides, and yet the environmentally conscious public is exercising considerable indirect restraint on the use of herbicides. What is required to solve this dilemma as to whether or not we should use herbicides or in what manner they should be used is an evaluation of the ecological changes wrought by herbicide applications. The purpose of this bibliography is to provide either prospective herbicide users, herbicide banners, or herbicide researchers with an overview of the type of data available on which to make judgements about the use of herbicides in specific forest situations.

The bibliography is arranged by broad subject headings to facilitate entry into the literature. The references included are not restricted to forestry. While the bibliography is ostensibly concerned with forest ecosystems, the amount of information available for many aspects of herbicide use in forests is very inadequate and, therefore, all relevant literature encountered is included. In particular, very few studies of the ecological effects of herbicide have been conducted in British Columbia. Therefore, a wide range of literature covering agriculture, forestry, wildlife management, watershed management, and other aspects of herbicide use, in a wide range of ecological situations has been included, and it is hoped that a person concerned with herbicide use in a specific part of B.C. will find some information pertaining to the particular set of ecological conditions of concern. Since many articles pertain to more than one of the subject headings, they are listed under the subject reflecting the main thrust of the paper and cross referenced to secondary topics. Papers are listed within a subject group by date, and alphabetically by author within a single date. At the beginning of each subject group, a number of the citations are annotated to provide the user with a feeling for the type of data available. The annotations are intended as an adjunct to, rather than a substitute for, reference to the original papers; it was neither possible nor desirable to provide precis of sufficient detail to replace the original article. Finally, there is an author index for all papers cited.

In preparing this bibliography it became apparent that much of the available information on the use of herbicides refers to a level of biological organization substantially below that of the ecosystem. Topics such as the physiological effects of herbicides, persistence, fate in soils, decomposition and detoxification, toxicity data, empirical data on methods and problems of application, and the use of herbicides in forestry are well researched. There are numerous qualitative discussions of some very general ecological ramifications of herbicide use and this topic has been reviewed on a number of occasions. But there remains a number of very intractable questions with respect to such topics as the sub-lethal effects of herbicides on living organisms, the effects of different herbicides on the biogeochemistry of different types of forest ecosystems, on plant reproduction, on stability and diversity in an ecosystem, on interspecific competition, on ecological energetics, on succession, on the evolution of non-susceptible forms, and, until recently, on mutagenetic effects. The amount of information available on most of these topics is very limited. Most studies have been concerned with single applications and repeated use of herbicides over a long period of time has been virtually ignored. In short, there has been a tendency to focus on the effects of components of the ecosystem on herbicides, rather than the effects of herbicides on components of the ecosystem. In order to fully understand the ecological role of herbicides in ecosystems, we must have a good appreciation of both aspects.

I. HERBICIDES: THEIR USES, THEIR CHEMISTRY, METHODS, AND PERTINENT LEGISLATION

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The efficiency of herbicides (2,4,5-T and 2,4-D), fire (propane torch or flame thrower), diesel oil, or cutting with an axe in stimulating regrowth of mountain maple was examined in Minnesota. This species is a staple and preferred browse species for deer in this area. 2,4-D was more effective than 2,4,5-T; breast-height applications were more effective than basal applications. Fire did not stimulate regrowth appreciably and was much less effective than the herbicides. The greatest regrowth was obtained by cutting with an axe, but this is slower than the herbicide method. However, because of the materials and equipment costs involved in the latter, the overall cost of the two methods was similar. 4 refs.

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condition. This increase persisted through the fifth post-spray year, when the regrowth was sufficient to warrant an additional spray. No adverse effect of the herbicide on any animal species or on the habitat was observed. It was felt that there was a net improvement in habitat associated with the increased diversity. 2 refs.

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for  $K^+$ , and 177% for  $Na^+$  during the two years following herbicide treatment) and nitrate ions far exceeded U.S. Federal pollution levels. The large ionic losses were attributed to a disruption of the nitrogen cycle by the cutting plus herbicide treatment. A considerable amount of other data is presented. 54 refs.

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While most organic chemicals used appropriately do not have a major impact on soils, some may have a profound effect on soil properties which may be harmful or beneficial to plant growth. Continued use of organic chemicals may require a better understanding of such impacts. This review splits the topics into five groups: soil biological properties, including the ecological effects of herbicides thereon and their significance; soil chemical properties; soil physical properties; increased growth response; decreased growth response. It is concluded that most organic chemicals are used as a carbon and energy source by soil organisms and so are decomposed. Some, such as DDT are highly resistant: others highly degradable. The results of this utilization may be an alteration in the composition and abundance of the soil microbial population. However, most herbicides and insecticides at normal dosage rates have little effect on soil microorganism. Soil fumigants, fungicides and certain insecticides have a much greater effect. Many materials result in an increase in soluble nutrients derived from the decomposition of organisms killed by the chemical. Sometimes there is a reduction in availability of nutrients. The overall conclusion is that the proper use of organic chemicals in the soil environment will not render soils sterile or permanently infertile. 377 refs.

771. Cope, O.B. 1964. Agricultural chemicals and fresh water ecological systems. In: Research in pesticides. (O. Chichester (ed.)), Academic Press, Inc., New York, pp. 115.
772. Ball, R.C., and F.H. Hooper. 1966. Use of  $^{74}As$ -tagged sodium arsenite in a study of effects of a herbicide on pond ecology. Symp. Isotopes in Weed Research, International Atomic Energy Agency, pp. 149-163.
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774. Montgomery, M.L., and L.A. Norris. 1970. A preliminary evaluation of the hazards of 2,4,5-T in the forest environment. U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Expt. Sta. Research Note. PNW-116. 11 pp.
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B. Effects on plant communities, including ecological succession

776. Keith, J.O., R.M. Hansen and A.L. Ward. 1959. Effect of 2,4-D on abundance and foods of pocket gophers. *J. Wildl. Mgmt.* 23: 137-45.

Areas of range land on the Grand Mesa in Colorado were sprayed with 2,4-D to examine the effect of altering the vegetative cover on the abundance of pocket gophers. Production of perennial forbs declined from 396 lbs/acre to 67 lbs/acre, a reduction of 85%. Grass production increased 37%. The population of pocket gophers declined 87%, reflecting a high proportion of forbs in their diet, which was 82% forbs: 18% grass prior to spraying and 50% forbs: 50% grass after spraying. Feeding experiments indicated that the decline in gophers was not associated with direct toxic effects of 2,4-D, although caged gophers exhibited a preference for untreated food. 21 refs.

777. Schacht, A.J., and H.L. Hansen. 1963. Long-term vegetational changes following aerial application of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T in Northern Minnesota. Univ. of Minnesota, School of Forestry.

A report of a vegetation survey, conducted in Minnesota, of forest areas which had been sprayed five or more years earlier. 100 mil-acre plots were examined in each sprayed area and an adjacent unsprayed area with comparable vegetation cover. Tree, brush, and ground cover was assessed. The objectives of the study were to assess vegetation changes resulting from the spray treatment and assess the significance of these for wildlife and forest regeneration. The general conclusion was that herbicide treatment was very effective in releasing sapling conifers but less so for conifer seedlings. Vegetation changes increased berry species, ground cover and low shrubs, all of which is beneficial for wildlife. 44 refs.

778. Newton, M. 1967. Response of vegetation communities to manipulation. In: *Herbicides and Vegetation Management*, M. Newton, ed., Oregon State Univ., pp. 83-87.

Herbicides are used to manipulate the composition of plant communities. In order to understand the ecological implications of such changes it is necessary to understand the normal changes which occur in unmanaged communities. The basic principles of ecological succession are reviewed and the influence of climate on succession in different types of ecosystem is discussed. No refs.

779. Tschirley, F.H. 1967. Research report - response of tropical and subtropical woody plants to chemical treatments. Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. ARPA Order No. 424, U.S. Dept. of Defense. 197 pp.

This report summarises the work of 12 researchers under contract to the U.S. Department of Defense. The overall project was to determine the best herbicide and application techniques for military use in Southeast Asia. The field work was conducted in Texas and Puerto Rico, and the results extrapolated to ecologically similar habitats of military concern in Southeast Asia. There are 12 chapters which: compare the ecology of the three areas; evaluate herbicides in laboratory, greenhouse, woody plant nursery, and field situations; examine behaviour and residues in soils; evaluate foliar applications of herbicides; examine defoliation of tropical and subtropical forests by herbicides and the accompanying effects on visibility; examine herbicide application techniques and penetration of spray through forest

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C. Effects on community diversity and stability

782. Harper, J.L. 1957. Ecological aspects of weed control. Outlook on Agric. 1: 197-205.

An ecological evaluation of the status of agricultural weeds, which discusses the origin and nature of these plants in the U.K. The stability of weed populations and their interactions with biotic components of their environment are discussed. Weed floras of a region may undergo great changes over long periods, largely as the result of immigration of new species. However, weed populations are characterized by great stability which makes it unlikely that the use of herbicides will create major weed problems from previously minor, but herbicide-resistant species. The danger of herbicide-sensitive species becoming resistant is thought to be one of the major potential problems. 44 refs.

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D. Effects on food chains

783. Macek, K. J. 1969. Biological magnification of pesticide residues in food chains. In: The biological impact of pesticides in the environment. Environ. Health Ser. 1, Oregon State Univ., pp. 17-21.

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E. Effects on genetics

784. Wu, K.D. and W.F. Grant. 1966. Induced abnormal meiotic behavior in a barley plant (Hordeum vulgare L.) with the herbicide Lorox. ΦΥΤΟΝ 23(1):63-67.

Barley seeds were soaked for 24 hours in 500 ppm of Lorox (3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1-methoxy-1-methylurea), and pollen mother cells were examined subsequently in the resulting plants. Cytological observations were carried out from the first meiotic division through microspore formation. All cells showed abnormal meiotic behaviour including chromosome stickiness, chromosome clumping, "chromatin body" formation, cytoplasmic furrowing, unequal distribution of chromatin material into daughter cells, and asynchronous and multiple cell division. The action of Lorox is considered to be that of a radiomimetic compound. 8 refs.

785. Wu, K.D. and W.F. Grant. 1967. Chromosomal aberrations induced by a plant growth retarding chemical (B-995) in barley (Hordeum vulgare). Bot. Bull. Academia Sinica 8:191-198.

Barley seeds exposed to B-995 (a plant growth retardant) at 500-1500 ppm for 6-24 hours had chromosomal aberrations in the C<sub>1</sub> generation of 2.84-5.64%. This compared with 4.93-9.15% produced by 2000-5500R x-rays. Percentage of pollen mother cells in the C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub> generations was very low; scarcely above the controls. The root tip aberrations were very low in the C<sub>2</sub> generation indicating very low transmission rate of chromosomal aberrations. 10 refs.

786. Wu, K.D., and W.F. Grant. 1967. Chromosomal aberrations induced in somatic cells of Vicia faba by pesticides. The Nucleus 10:37-46.

Aqueous solutions of nine herbicides, three insecticides, two insect chemosterilants and one fungicide were prepared at several concentrations (10-600 ppm). 10-15 day old Vicia faba seedlings were placed with their roots in aerated solutions of the pesticides for 3-12 hours followed by 24 hours in tap water. Root tips were examined cytologically. All pesticides were highly effective at inducing chromosome aberrations in root cell tips at rates of 9.2-21.3%. Generally, the longer the exposure time, the greater the percentage aberration. The most common chromosome irregularities observed were fragments and anaphase bridges, but chromosome breakage in the satellite region of the SAT-chromosomes was also increased. 7 refs.

787. Davring, L. and M. Surner. 1971. Cytogenetic effects of 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid on oogenesis and early embryogenesis in Drosophila melanogaster. Hereditas 68:115-122.

It is reported that other studies have attributed chromosome aberrations and other disturbances of somatic cells of higher plants



to the action of phenoxyacetic acids, but that genetic studies of the effects of herbicides on the fauna are still very rare. In this study, very small doses of 2,4,5-T were shown to affect early oogenesis and to cause chromosome disturbances which could lead to sterility, depending on the age of the female fly at the time of exposure. The 2,4,5-T used was a butoxyethylester with a guaranteed level of dioxin of less than 0.1 ppm. 17 refs.

788. Grant, W.F. 1971. The case for mutagenic testing of chemical pollutants. *Can. Field Nat.* 85:203-204.

The conflict of attitudes between professionals responsible for short-term effects of pesticides (e.g. classical toxicologists) and those concerned over the long-term effects (e.g. geneticists, cancer researchers) is illuminated. A plea is made for requiring the testing of the mutagenicity as well as the toxicity of prospective chemicals as a requirement for their registration.

789. Grant, W.F. 1972. Pesticides - subtle promoters of evolution. *Symp. Biol. Hung.* 12:43-50.

A review of the ways in which pesticides can affect the course of evolution in target and non-target organisms. Evolution occurs principally through mutation, genetic recombination, natural selection and isolation. Pesticides can operate on all of these mechanisms. The effects of herbicides on plant genetics is reviewed including topics such as pollen sterility, production of mutants, and reduction in seed production. 41 refs.

790. Tomkins, D.J. and W.F. Grant. 1972. Comparative cytological effects of the pesticides menazon, metrobromuran and tetrachloroiso phthaonitrile in Hordeum and Tradescantia. *Can. J. Genet. Cytol.* 14:245-256.

Dormant seeds of barley were soaked in aqueous solutions of three pesticides: an s-triazine insecticide (MEN), a substituted urea herbicide (PAT), an aromatic hydrocarbon fungicide (DAC), and a chemical alkalizing agent (EMS). Percentage germination, seedling height and frequency of chromosomal aberrations were examined subsequently. Somatic mutations in inflorescences of Tradescantia treated with solutions of these chemicals were also examined. The effects on the barley were compared with x-ray radiation of the seed. The herbicide reduced germination percentage, seedling height and mitotic index in the barley. While the EMS and x-ray treatment produced cytogenetic effects, the only pesticide to produce an effect was the herbicide, which induced severe physiological effects. 27 refs.

791. Doxey, D., and A. Rhodes. 1949. The effect of the plant growth regulator 4-chloro-2-methylphenoxyacetic acid on mitosis in the onion (Allium cepa). *Annals of Botany (London), Series 2* 13:105-111.

792. Croker, B.H. 1953. Effects of 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid and 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid on mitosis in Allium cepa. Bot. Gaz. 114: 274-283.
793. McGahen, J.W., and C.E. Hoffmann. 1963. Action of 5-bromo-3-sec-butyl-6-methyluracil as regards replacement of thymine in mouse DNA. Nature 199: 810-811.
794. McGahen, J.W., and C.E. Hoffman. 1966. Absence of mutagenic effects of 3- and 6- alkyl-5-bromouracil herbicides on a bacteriophage. Nature 209 (5029): 1241-1242.
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800. Grant, W.F. 1971. Book review of Chemical mutagenesis in mammals and man. The Canadian Field-Naturalist 85 (3): 268-269.
801. Admed, M., and W.F. Grant. 1972. Cytological effects of the pesticides phosdrin and bladex on Tradescantia and Vicia faba. Can. J. Genet. Cytol. 14: 157-165.
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F. General ecological effects

803. Hanson, W.R. 1952. Effects of some herbicides and insecticides on the biota of North Dakota marshes. *J. Wildl. Mgmt.* 16:299-308.

Field applications of 2,4-D amine in water, 2,4-D ester in oil, chlordane, toxaphene, and DDT were made to small shallow marshes. The two herbicides produced a rather similar heavy kill of dicotyledonous plants, although these were replaced shortly. Damage to monocotyledons was greater for the ester than the amine formulation. The only observed effects on animal life were a few insects thought to have been killed by the oil carrier. The results of the insecticide sprays are presented. 14 refs.

804. Gratkowski, H. 1967. Ecological considerations in brush control. pp. 124-140, In, *Herbicides and Vegetation Management in Forests, Ranges, and Noncrop Lands. Proc. Symp. Oregon State Univ., Corvallis.*

Success in the use of herbicides depends upon a knowledge of the ecology of competing vegetation. Various aspects of ecosystems which are basic to understanding the ecological role of herbicides are reviewed: biotic interactions, solar radiation, and competition for water and nutrients. The silvicultural implications of these are discussed as is the role of fire in the ecology of brush species. 27 refs.

805. House, W.B., L.H. Goodson, H.M. Godberry, K.W. Dockter. 1967. Assessment of ecological effects of extensive or repeated use of herbicides. *Adv. Research Projects Agency ARPA order No. 1086 U.S. Dept. Defense.* 369 p.

This is a comprehensive review of herbicide usage, the toxicological effect of herbicides, the persistence of herbicide and the broad ecological effects of herbicides.

806. Galston, A.W. 1968. Defoliants. In: *Chemical and Biological Warfare*, S. Rose (Ed.), G.G. Harrap & Co. Ltd., London, pp. 62-75.

A review of the military use of herbicides in Vietnam, including discussion of the effects of defoliation, the mechanism of action, and the effects on the S.E. Asian environment. There is a brief section on the response of the U.S. scientific community to the military use of herbicides in Vietnam.

807. Karnig, J.J. and B.B. Stout. 1969. Diameter growth of northern red oak following understory control. *Black Rock Forest Papers No. 30*, 16p.

Diameter growth of northern red oak was studied in a 70 year old stand which had been either heavily thinned in 1956 with underbrush removed by 2,4,5-T sprays in 1959 and 1961, or heavily thinned in 1956 with no brush treatment. DBH's were measured in 1962, 1963 and 1964. The thinning resulted in an increased growth compared with the unthinned control, but the brush removed had only a modest overall effect on basal area increment. There was, however, a considerable increase in the growth of trees over 11 inches DBH while trees less than 11 inches DBH showed an apparent depression in growth. No explanation is given for this observation. 12 refs.

808. Orians, G.H., and E.W. Pfeiffer. 1970. Ecological effects of the war in Vietnam. *Science* 168: 544-554.

A review of the ecological impacts of herbicide defoliation in Vietnam, including a discussion of the effects on vegetation (mangrove and upland forests), animals and rubber plantations, Herbicide toxicity and the effects of accidental defoliation are discussed. It is concluded that the ecological consequences of the war, and in particular the herbicide defoliation, are severe. 21 refs.

809. Baffey, P.M. 1971. Herbicides in Vietnam: AAAS study finds widespread devastation. *Science* 171: 43-47.

This is a review of the findings of the AAAS Herbicide Assessment Commission which examined the military use of herbicides in Vietnam. The report concludes that one fifth to one half of South Vietnam's mangrove forests have been destroyed and that little new growth is occurring after several years. Perhaps half the trees in the mature hardwood forests near Saigon are dead and bamboo threatens to take over the area for decades to come. While no cause/effect relationship has been established between high rates of still-births and birth defects in heavily sprayed areas and the herbicide spraying operations, no satisfactory alternative explanation has yet been advanced. A number of other reports by scientists critical of the herbicide spray programme are discussed. No refs.

810. Norris, L.A. and D.G. Moore. 1971. The entry and fate of forest chemicals in streams. pp 138-159. In: *Forest Land Uses and Stream Environment*. Forest Extension, Oregon State University, Corvallis.

The behavior of pesticides and fertilizers in forest environments is reviewed including initial distribution, drift and volatilization losses, and movement to streams from the air, forest flow, soil, and vegetation. The fate of pesticides and fertilizers (nitrogen) in the aquatic environment is discussed. 82 refs.

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813. Geier, P.W., and L.R. Clark. 1960. An ecological approach to pest control. In: Symp.: The ecological effects of biological and chemical control of undesirable plants and animals, 8th Technical Meeting. I.U.C.N.: 10-18.
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822. Whiteside, T. 1970. Defoliation. Ballantine / Friends of the Earth: New York. 168 pp.

823. Woodwell, G.M. 1970. Effects of pollution on the structure and physiology of ecosystems. *Science*, N.Y. 168 (3930): 429-433.
824. Norris, L.A. 1971. The Behavior of chemicals in the forest. In: *Pesticides, Pest Control and Safety on Forest Range Lands*. Oregon State University, School of Agriculture. pp. 90-106.

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G. Effects of herbicide vapors

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826. Baskin, A.D. ,and E.A. Walker. 1953. The responses of tomato plants to vapors of 2,4-D and/or 2,4,5-T formulations at normal and higher temperatures. *Weeds* 2: 280-287.
827. Scotten, J.W. 1965. Atmospheric transport of pesticide aerosols. U.S. Dept. Health, Ed., and Welfare, Office of Pesticides, Washington D.C., 30 pp.
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H. Communication of herbicide information

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### III. EFFECTS OF HERBICIDES ON SOILS

#### A. Movement and persistence in soils

831. DeRose, H.R., and A.S. Newman. 1948. The comparison of the persistence of certain plant growth regulators when applied to soil. *Soil Sci. Soc. America Proc.* 12: 222-226.

There is a review of the early papers on the relative persistence of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T and on the importance of soil organic matter, quantity of precipitation, soil pH, and microbial activity in affecting persistence. In a greenhouse study in an unidentified soil, no 2,4-D was identified by bioassay (soybeans) after 67 days irrespective of application rate, while 2,4,5-T was still detectable after 330 days at the heaviest rate of application (12.5 mgm/lb soil). In a field study, 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T and 2-Me-4-Cl were applied as dusts to unidentified agricultural soils at either 5 or 20 lbs/acre. A soybean bioassay detected only 2,4,5-T after 93 days; rate of application had little effect on persistence. Temperature affected the persistence of all three, with a doubling of the rate of disappearance between 10°C and 30°C. 2,4-D disappeared in 21-36 days at 30°C, while 2,4,5-T disappeared in 166-190 days at the same temperature. Rate of disappearance increased rapidly with increasing soil moisture. At field capacity and 25°C 2,4-D disappeared in one week. Sterilization of soils by autoclaving was found to radically increase herbicide persistence: there was no measurable loss in sterilized soils during the experiment while all activity disappeared in 3 to 6 weeks in the unsterilized soils. It is concluded that herbicides will persist in dry areas much longer than warm moist areas, and also under situations which do not favour microbial activity. 10 refs.

832. Ogle, R.E., and G.F. Warren. 1954. Fate and activity of herbicides in soils. *Weeds* 3 (5): 257-273.

The study was concerned with the effects of soil type, exchange capacity, temperature, and amount of rainfall on breakdown, leaching, and retention of the following herbicides in soil: 2,4-D, NPA, TCA, CMU, and CIPC. The literature quotes 2,4-D persistence data under field conditions as varying from less than 10 days to 14 weeks. This variation is attributed to variation in microbial activity under environmental control. The literature on this topic is reviewed as is the topic of soil migration rates for 2,4-D. The smaller volume of comparable literature on the other herbicides is similarly reviewed. Experiments were undertaken with all herbicides on 3 soils varying in organic matter from 1-82%, in exchange capacity (meg/100gm) from 3-127, and bulk density from 0.4-1.5. Activity of herbicides was assayed with crabgrass (*Nigitoria sanguinalis*). For all herbicides decomposition increased with temperature and with % soil organic matter, and the period required for total inactivation increased with

rate of application. Rate of herbicide leaching in columns of soil were studied using constant volumes of water, as was the relative amount of rainfall required to produce a given soil migration. TCA was found to be the most mobile followed by 2,4-D and NPA. CMU moved even less, while CIPC was the most resistant to leaching. The second leaching experiment revealed considerable differences between the herbicides in their leaching behavior on the three soils; the role of organic matter in rates of leaching varies between different herbicides. The influence of exchange capacity and % organic matter on the movement of NPA was studied on 13 soils. Correlation coefficients of 0.88 and 0.74 were obtained for exchange capacity and organic matter, respectively: in both cases this was improved by excluding the much (highest organic matter) soils. The biological impact of herbicides will depend upon both rate of detoxification and rate of soil migration. Different herbicides vary greatly in these respects and so, therefore, do the environmental problems associated with their use. 27 refs.

833. Crafts, A.S., and H. Drever. 1960. Experiments with herbicides in soils. *Weeds* 8 (1): 12-18.

Bioassay employing kanota oats was used to examine the comparative initial toxicity and persistence on three loamy agricultural soils of IPC, CIPC, monuron, fenuron, dalapon, TCA, CMIPC, 2,3,6-TBA at 14 concentrations ranging from 0.1 ppm to 819 ppm over post-application periods of 1200 days. Monuron and fenuron were very persistent at all but the lower concentrations, with 2,3,6-TBA, CMIPC, CIPC, dalapon, TCA and IPC showing decreasing persistence in that order. Initial toxicities (to kanota oats) of seven of these are given in decreasing order as 2,3,6-TBA, CMIPC, TCA and dalapon, CIPC and fenuron, and monuron. It is pointed out that the persistence of some of these materials poses considerable environmental problems, particularly if the herbicides are susceptible to leaching to lower soil horizons where conditions promote their persistence. It is pointed out that bioassay data reflects the sensitivities of the bioassay species and may not hold true in other situations. 13 refs.

834. Freed, V.H., and W.R. Furtick. 1961. The persistence of amitrole in soil when used for chemical fallow. *The Hormolog.* 3(1): 2 pp.

Previous literature shows that amitrole (3-amino-1,2,4-triazole) is very susceptible to biological degradation even under suboptimal conditions. It is also very susceptible to absorption by soil constituents. This paper deals with the persistence of amitrole in various agricultural soils of the wheat growing region of Oregon. The herbicide was applied at one or two lbs/acre in the fall and the soils were sampled at 0 and 6 inch depths in late winter and the following spring. Samples were extracted with  $\text{CaCl}_2 + \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  in aqueous solution, the amitrole being measured colorimetrically after appropriate preparation of the extract. Detection limits using this method varied on different soils from 0.01-0.05 ppm. No detectable amitrole was found in any of the samples analysed. 4 refs.

835. Behrens, R. 1962. Soil residue from herbicides. *Agric. Chem.* 17 (34): 78-79.

Discusses briefly factors contributing to loss of herbicides from soil, including vaporization, adsorption, leaching and chemical, photo-chemical or biotic degradation.

836. Bailey, G.W., and J.L. White. 1964. Review of adsorption and desorption of organic pesticides by soil colloids, with implications concerning pesticide bioactivity. *Agric. and Food Chemistry.* 12: 324-332.

This review covers 161 references up to 1963, and is split into 10 major sections: (1) Nature of the colloid: there is an inverse relationship between soil organic matter and clay content, and herbicide bioactivity and leachability. Considering organic matter, total clay, cation exchange capacity and pH, all of which are correlated, organic matter is the best predictor of adsorption. Organic matter has the greatest adsorptive potential followed by montmorillonite and vermiculite. The degree of desorption possible varies greatly with different colloids. (2) Nature of adsorbate: herbicides vary in adsorptive behavior. Within one chemical family this relates to solubility. In different families, chemical reactivity and the basicity or acidity in aqueous solution become complicating factors. (3) Soil reaction: optimum conditions for adsorption at different pH's for different herbicides. This is thought to operate through control of the degree of molecular dissociation, the total charge on the inorganic soil colloids, and effects on solubility. (4) Effect of the saturating cation: the degree of adsorption is affected by the nature of the inorganic ions present on the exchange complex. (5) Soil moisture: many herbicides are adsorbed more in dry than in wet soils. Vaporisation losses tend to be greater in wet than in dry soils. This may be related to changing solubility and competition with water molecules for exchange sites as soil moisture levels vary. (6) Effect of temperature: increasing temperature generally leads to a reduction in adsorption, partly because of effects on solubility and vapour pressure but also due to direct effects on adsorption/desorption. This effect would tend to coordinate maximum bioactivity with maximum plant uptake. (7) Nature of formulation: behavior and bioactivity of different formulations of a single herbicide vary greatly. Solvents, emulsifiers and surfactants drastically modify interaction between herbicide and soil. (8) Physical properties of soil as a substrate: pore size and pore space affect rate of movement of soil water and gaseous diffusion, both of which will affect adsorption/desorption. Soil colour will affect soil temperature. (9) Climatic factors: affects type of soil, soil moisture, and soil temperature. (10) Nature of soil water: rate of mass movement of water and rate of diffusion of herbicides in water differs between water in close proximity to a clay surface and water in the main pores. Thus, the physical state of soil water will have a considerable effect on herbicide bioactivity. 161 refs.

837. Wiese, A.F. and R.G. Davis. 1964. Herbicide movement in soil with various amounts of water. Weeds 12: 101-103.

There is a brief review of the literature on factors affecting the leaching of herbicides into and through soils. The penetration of 12 herbicides into 24" columns of silty clay loam top soil (Texas) was examined using a soybean bioassay. Herbicides were added to the columns in varying volumes of water with various post-application leaching treatments. Following treatment the cores were cut into 1.5" lengths for bioassay. Herbicides included an alkanolamine salt and a butoxy ethanol ester of 2,4-D, a triethylamine salt and a PGBE-ester of 2,4,5-T, silvex and its PGBE-ester, fenuron, monuron, PBA, 2,4,6-TBA, fenac and its butylcellosolve-ester. There was a general relationship between depth of penetration and water solubility except for water soluble amine salts of 2,4,5-T and silvex. These only leached to half the depth reached by amine salts of benzoic acids, apparently as the result of differential sorption by soil colloids. Leaching also varied with the method of application (volume of water) and the soil moisture (dry vs wet soils). The movement of herbicides which leach easily such as 2,3,6-TBA and PBA was less affected by these variables than less easily leached types. Esters of silvex, 2,4,5-T and 2,4,-D remained in the upper 3" of soil. Dimethylamine salts of 2,3,6-TBA and PBA were leached almost to the wetting front of descending water, while the rest were leached to intermediate depths. 20 refs.

838. Goring, C.A.I., C.R. Youngson and J.W. Hamaker. 1965. Tordon herbicide disappearance from soils. Down to Earth 20(4): 3-5.

Tordon (picloram) is widely and successfully used for control of brush, woody-rangeland and deep-rooted, perennial, herbaceous weed species. Its persistence and susceptibility to leaching through the soil has made it effective on deeply-rooted species. Picloram was applied at rates varying from 1.5-4.0 lbs/acre to agricultural soils in various U.S. states. The soils were sampled at 6" depths down to 54" at intervals varying from 4-41 months post application. Picloram was quantified in soil samples by bioassay using safflower. Peak concentrations were generally in the upper 12" of soil except where there were excessive amounts of irrigation. Losses in the first year varied from 58-96%; 78-100% within the second year. Data do not represent scientific experiments, so it is difficult to draw conclusions. Rather, the data result from a largely unreplicated, somewhat random monitoring of picloram residues over a variety of soils, application rates, geographic areas, and sampling periods. 6 refs.

839. Bailey, G.W. 1966. Entry of biocides into water-courses, pp.94-103, In: Proc. Symp. Agric. Waste Waters, Water Resources Center, Univ. of Calif., Davis Calif., Rept. 10.

There is a discussion of the factors affecting the movement of biocides into water bodies. The author contends that of the 6 factors implicated

in determining the behaviour, fate and persistence of biocides in soils, movement and adsorption are the ones controlling the entry of biocides into water courses. The role of these two factors and of weather are reviewed. The status of current knowledge concerning mechanisms of overland flow is discussed. 74 refs.

840. Hamaker, J.W., C.A.I. Goring and C.R. Youngson. 1966. Sorption and leaching of 4-amino-3,5,6-trichloropicolinic acid in soils. pp. 23-37. In: Organic Pesticides in the Environment. Advances in Chem. Ser. No. 60.

The adsorption of 4-amino-3,5,6-trichloropicolinic acid by 10 soils varying in percentage organic matter from 0.2-44.3 was well correlated with organic matter; 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T behaved rather similarly. There was no clear correlation between sorption and percent clay, percent silt, or percent sand, but there was a good correlation between adsorption and pH. This was confirmed by examining the effect of varying the pH on the adsorption of the herbicides by the soils. Adsorption showed a marked relationship to pH as a result of the effect of pH on the ionisation and solution of the herbicide. A test of the efficiency of organic soil amendments, hydrated metal oxides, and clay minerals in adsorbing the herbicides indicated that steer manure and  $Fe_2O_3$  behave most like soils and that organic matter and hydrated metal oxides are principally responsible for soil adsorption of herbicides. Rate of leaching of the herbicides through the 10 soils confirmed the sorption data. Maximum sorption was attained rapidly where hydrated metal oxides were involved, while maximum sorption by organic matter was reached only after a lengthy equilibration period. Investigation of sorption by clays led to the conclusion that they were largely unimportant, except if they had significant levels of metallic impurities. 7 refs.

841. Herr, D.E., E.W. Stroube and D.A. Ray. 1966. The movement and persistence of picloram in soil. Weeds 14:248-250.

Surface applications of picloram were made at rates varying from 2 to 64 oz/acre to 3 different agricultural soils: a dark-coloured, heavy-textured silt clay (an old lakebed); a well-drained, light-textured soil (developed from stratified sand and gravel); and a dark-coloured, medium-textured soil (developed from a calcareous loam till). Soils were sampled at 6" depths down to 36" and bioassays (using Phaseolus vulgaris) determined the concentrations of picloram. After about 450 days maximum levels of picloram were found in the surface 6" for the medium and heavy-textured soils, and below the 24" level for the light-textured soil. Greenhouse studies indicated that soil organic matter was the most influential factor in retaining picloram against leaching and in the reduction of phytotoxicity. The quantity of precipitation was important in the rate of soil migration. The effect of soil texture could not be quantified since it was confounded with soil organic matter levels. Picloram was found to be dissipated more rapidly at low than at high application rates on all 3 soils. 13 refs.

842. Harris, C.I. 1967. Movement of herbicides in soil. Weeds: 15:214-216.

The movement of 28 herbicides in columns of two different soils (a silt clay loam and a sandy loam) was examined using oats as a bio-assay. Herbicides were introduced 1.75 inches from the bottom of 7 inch columns packed with soil. These were subirrigated for 3 days after which the columns were sliced longitudinally and oats grown at 1 inch intervals along the two halves. Data are presented on the relative mobilities of the various herbicides. 3 refs.

843. Bailey, G.W., J.L. White and T. Rothberg. 1968. Adsorption of organic herbicides by montmorillonite: role of pH and chemical character of adsorbate. Soil Sci. Soc. Amer. Proc. 32:222-234.

The fate and behavior of herbicides in soil depends upon chemical decomposition, photochemical decomposition, microbial decomposition, volatilization, soil migration, plant uptake, and adsorption. Adsorption-desorption appears to directly or indirectly affect all other six factors and is therefore of major significance. This study examined adsorption by montmorillonite clay (1.0-0.2 ppm) at pH 3.35 and 6.80 of 23 commonly used herbicides from the following families: s-triazines, substituted ureas, phenylcarbonates, aniline, anilides, phenylalkanoic acids, benzoic acids, and picolinic acids. Conformity to the Freundlich adsorption equation was found for nearly all organic compounds for both the H-clay and the Na-clay systems. Regardless of chemical character, adsorption occurred to the greatest extent on the highly acid H-montmorillonite compared with the near-neutral Na-montmorillonite. Within a chemical family, the magnitude of adsorption is governed by the degree of water solubility, while differences between chemical families are related to the dissociation constant of the adsorbate. The adsorption of basic compounds by montmorillonite clay systems is principally dependent upon the surface acidity and not upon the pH of the bulk solution: the reverse is true for the adsorption of acidic compounds. The surface acidity of montmorillonite appears to be 3-4 pH units lower than that of the bulk solution. Mechanisms for the adsorption of basic and acidic compounds are discussed. 45 refs.

844. Dowler, C.G., W. Forestier and F.H. Tschirley. 1968. Effect and persistence of herbicides applied to soil in Puerto Rican forests. Weed Science 16:45-50.

Six herbicides were applied at three rates to three different forest types in Puerto Rico. The soils were an alluvial clay, a permeable, well-drained laterite derived from serpentine, and a poorly-drained clay loam. The vegetation on the three types was xerophytic, moist tropical forest, and tropical rain forest, respectively. Picloram, dicamba, bromacil, prometryn, diuron and fenac were applied in a randomized complete block design with three replications using a cyclone hand spreader. Persistence and soil penetration were measured

in soil cores 3,6, and 12 months after application using cucumber (*Cucumis sativa* L.) as a bioassay. Defoliation and succession were studied on plots for 2 years post-treatment. Highly significant correlations were obtained between defoliation and plant kill. Picloram was the most effective on all sites, while fenac and diuron were ineffective. Defoliation was greatest on the dry sites. The timing of defoliation was similar for all herbicides starting one month post-treatment and increasing slowly over the next 6-8 months. 3 months after application herbicides were found down to the 48" soil depth. Persistence of herbicides was greatest in the driest area and least in the wettest. Residues dissipated faster from the upper 12" of soil than at greater depths. Persistence after 1 year was in the order fenac prometone picloram diuron bromacil dicamba. Dissipation was not due to volatilisation or photodecomposition since sufficient rain fell on all sites to wash herbicides into the soil. Persistence increased with rate of application but was not correlated with effectiveness. Post-treatment secondary succession was more affected by precipitation and light intensity (i.e. degree of defoliation) than by the type of herbicide residue. 18 refs.

845. Phillips, W.M. 1968. Persistence and movement of 2,3,6-TBA in soil. *Weed Science* 16: 144-148.

2,3,6-TBA has a high initial phytotoxicity and persistence. There is a brief review on the conflicting literature concerning persistence and degradation of this herbicide. 2,3,6-TBA has been applied at rates of 16-20 lbs/acre to plots on a silty clay loam in Kansas from 1955-1965. Soil cores were taken to either 8ft. or 11ft. and divided up into 12 inch sections, each of which was bioassayed for 2,3,6-TBA using soybeans which were sensitive to 0.025 ppm by weight. Phytotoxic residues were found down to 11 ft. and the level of residues did not reflect time since application. Peak residue concentrations occurred at the 3-5 ft. level, with a tendency for greater residues resulting from fall than from spring and summer applications. There was considerable variation in persistence and penetration even between replicate cores on a single plot, and these could not be related to post-treatment weather. A rough estimate of 50% is given for the amount of the original application remaining, this level having persisted in the soil for 11 years. 12 refs.

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The favoured herbicides in Australian forestry are picloram and 2,4,5-T. This greenhouse study studied persistence of picloram and 2,4-D (Tordon 50D), and of 2,4,5-T each at two levels of application. The effects of leaching and soil sterilization (autoclaving) on persistence were examined. The soil was a 1:1 mixture of silty-loam and coarse sand and herbicides were detected using *Pinus radiata* D. Don seed germination and seedling survival as a bioassay. Germination (emergence) was much less affected than seedling establishment and

survival; only 2,4,5-T reduced germination and then only at a 5 lb/acre application rate. This effect only lasted one month. All herbicide treatments affected survival for one month, while the effect of Tordon 50D was more persistent than the other treatments. All treatments affected the morphology of seedling cotyledons and hypocotyl, and in many seedlings this led to mortality. However, only in the case of Tordon 50D did the effect persist more than 2 months, and the secondary foliage and shoots were normal. Tordon effects persisted for at least 6 months. Soil sterilization produced no differences in persistence. It is concluded that Tordon 50D will retain its toxicity for an extended period, but since its effects are chiefly to cotyledons and hypocotyls this should not pose a problem for radiata pine seedlings planted a few months after herbicide application. 1 ref.

847. Bovey, R.W., C.C. Dowler and M.G. Merkle. 1969. The persistence and movement of picloram in Texas and Puerto Rican Soils. Pesticides Monitoring Journal 3(3): 177-181.

Picloram is an effective control agent for woody tropical and non-tropical species. Higher rates are required for woody than perennial weeds. Picloram tends to be very persistent, microbial and chemical decomposition being very slow. Leaching and photodecomposition are important factors controlling residue levels. The loss of picloram was studied from 2 soils (clay loam and sand) in Texas and 3 soils (lateritic clay derived from serpentine, a calcareous clay, and a poorly drained sand) in Puerto Rico. K salt of picloram was applied at 1,3 and 9 lbs/acre. Cucumber (*Cucumis sativus* L.) was used as a bioassay. Gas chromatography was used to analyse some of the samples. Treated soils were sampled at 12" depths to 48" for 12-18 months post-treatment. Picloram was most persistent in the clay soil where the rainfall was lowest, and was least persistent in sandy soils where rainfall was highest. It was thought that there was some lateral movement of picloram. It was concluded that the study was unable to account for all of the herbicide applied. 23 refs.

848. Doherty, P.J. and G.F. Warren. 1969. The adsorption of four herbicides by different types of organic matter and a bentonite clay. Weed Res. 9:20-26.

This study attempts a direct comparison of the biological significance of herbicide adsorption by organic matter and clay (bentonite). The herbicides used were prometryne, simazine, linuron and pyrazon and the bioassay species was sugar beet or Indian mustard. The technique required a 2 week assessment period since these herbicides are photosynthetic inhibitors. The plants were grown in quartz plus 1% of bentonite, sphagnum moss, fibrous peat, or muck soil at various levels of herbicide to find the level causing 50% growth inhibition. Peat and muck adsorbed much more than sphagnum or bentonite, the latter having the lowest adsorptive capacity, scarcely above that of quartz sand. A comparison of the adsorption of prometryne on 6 soils varying in organic matter by a factor of 55 gave a variation of 30-



fold. It is concluded that organic matter is very much more significant in the adsorption of herbicides by soil than clay; that organic matter varies in its sorptive efficiency although this difference cannot be explained simply by cation exchange and hygroscopic surface. It appears that the chemical rather than the physical properties of the organic matter are important in explaining variations in adsorption. There was no general relationship between sorption and solubility, but this is not expected between different chemical formulae. 19 refs.

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Air dried 10-50 mesh forest floor from a red alder (Alnus rubra Bong.) stand was buffered (pH 6.5 using potassium phosphate) and mixed with 14 C-labeled solutions of 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T, picloram, or amitrole. At equilibrium (30°C) the following % adsorptions were observed: 27% for picloram, 34% for 2,4-D, 61% for 2,4,5-T, and 72% for amitrole. Time to reach equilibrium varied with herbicide and with temperature. Adsorption and desorption occurred at the same rates for 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T but varied for picloram and amitrole. No refs.

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IV. HERBICIDES, HYDROLOGY, AND AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS

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The paper reports a series of experiments into physical, chemical and biological factors affecting the persistence and degradation of 5 formulations of 2,4-D. Sorption by bentonite, illite, and kaolinite clays was found to be insignificant. Formation of salts with Ca and Mg was not found to remove 2,4-D from solution because of the high solubility of these salts. Ultraviolet photolysis occurred and was found to be pH dependent: it occurred faster at pH 9.0 than at pH 7.0 or 4.0. However, ultraviolet energies in sunlight are too low to duplicate the laboratory photolysis. 2,4-D was decomposed (80-85%) within 24 hours by bottom mud containing 2,4-D-adapted flora: it disappeared completely in 65 days from untreated lake mud. 2,4-D persisted up to 120 days in lake water aerobically incubated in laboratory. 19 refs.

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Contamination of streams in Oregon as the result of spraying salmon-berry with amitrol-T was studied. Concentrations as high as 400 ppb were found 5 minutes after treatment immediately downstream from

treated areas. This decreased to zero after 72 hours. One mile downstream there was virtually no detectable contamination. This was ascribed to dilution and adsorption onto colloids and stream organic matter.

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The study was undertaken to get quantitative data on the movement of various formulations of 2,4-D in "washoff" (defined as the water-soil mixture resulting from the combination of surface runoff and eroding soil). Three different formulations were used: iso-octyl ester, propylene glycol butyl ester, and alkanolamine salt of the ethanol and isopropanol series. Applications were made to a cultivated fallow sandy loam soil, and simulated rainfall approximating 1, 10, 80 and 100 year storm intensities and durations was used to produce washoff. Herbicide movement was bioassayed using cucumber seedling root length. The amino salt was most resistant to washoff, less than a third as much being lost in a one-year frequency storm as compared with the esters; less than one fifth as much was lost for a 100 year storm. Most of the 2,4-D remained in the surface three inches of soil, however, irrespective of formulation. 8 refs.

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not found after 24, 8 and 4 days, respectively. Paraquat and diquat persisted in the soils for 85 and 160 days, respectively. In ponds with dense weed infestations, a large fraction of the herbicide may be held by plants for some time. 6 refs.

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The fate of herbicide applications to the forest environment is reviewed. Drift and volatilization can result in considerable losses (example of 25-75% are quoted). Of the herbicide which is intercepted by vegetation, most will be transferred to the forest floor by the leaf or into the stem. The fate of various brush-control herbicides in the forest floor is discussed and data on rates of disappearance from the forest floor are presented. This parameter is of importance since it affects stream contamination by the herbicide, such contamination being the most important polluting aspect of herbicides. Data are presented from experiments examining stream contamination by 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T, and amitrole following helicopter spraying of brush areas in Oregon. In some cases the sprayed areas included active streams. It was concluded that some herbicides will appear in nearly all streams which flow by or through treated areas, but that most of this results from direct application to the streams and is therefore short lived. Short lived concentration peaks were very much less than LD<sub>50</sub> data for fish and mammals, but in some cases concentrations exceeded for a short period the concentration at which some biological effects may have occurred (100 ppb). 8 refs.

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The chief environmental problem of herbicide use is said to be water pollution. The paper reviews studies which suggest that the only stream contamination from spraying brushlands with 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T or amitrole occurs a few hours after spraying. Levels of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T drop below detection limits (0.5 ppb) within a few days. Amitrole levels in streams dropped from 400 ppb 5 minutes after spraying to 4 ppb after 10 minutes. Heavy rain storms may induce temporary post-treatment increases (10 ppb). Studies are cited to support the claim that these levels do not have a "substantial" impact on stream bottom fauna and salmon fry. The importance of the chemical formulation of herbicides is discussed. Lack of more serious stream contamination problems is ascribed to rapid biological degradation of these herbicides as shown in laboratory studies. Diesel oil carrier is similarly held and degraded in the upper soil layers and the literature on this topic is reviewed. It is concluded,

however, that while much of the available literature minimises the problems of stream contamination, the broad ecological implications of brush removal must be considered and it should be remembered that much existing information is from studies conducted before there was a full recognition of the potential dangers associated with herbicide use. 35 refs.

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Dicamba, 2,4,5-T and picloram were applied to a clay loam soil with and without a sod cover. Plots were watered and surface runoff collected 24 hours and 4 months after treatment. The relative losses of the different herbicides varied between the sod and the fallow plots. The slope of the plot and movement over untreated soil influenced the per cent of picloram lost. The maximum loss from the plots of any herbicide was 5.5% of that applied and the average was about 3%. The amount of herbicide in the surface flow varied according to application rate, but was proportional to the application rate. 5 refs.

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The grass cover on a steep Appalachian watershed was sprayed initially with atrazine and paraquat, and later with atrazine and 2,4-D. The initial spray included water courses. Water samples were taken weekly and analysed for herbicides. Maximum concentrations of paraquat were 19 ppb; none was detected a month after application. No contamination was found in streams after the second application which left a 10 foot strip unsprayed each side of water courses. 7 refs.

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V. HERBICIDES AND PLANTS

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Warburg studies were conducted on the effect of diquat and paraquat on respiration in duckweed. Similar studies of the effect of diquat, paraquat, monuron and atrazine on photosynthesis in duckweed were also undertaken. The degradation of  $^{14}\text{C}$ -labeled diquat and paraquat by beans and alligator weed is reported. Both diquat and paraquat stimulated respiration and inhibited photosynthesis in duckweed. Atrazine and monuron inhibited the Hill reaction at lower concentrations ( $10^{-6}\text{M}$ ) than diquat and paraquat, however. The effect on  $\text{O}_2$  production of combining monuron and diquat was additive. The degree of inhibition of the Hill reaction was related to the redox potential of the herbicides. Neither alligator weed nor beans effected any degradation of diquat or paraquat. 31 refs.

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Simazine and atrazine have been widely used to control weeds in tree plantations. The paper reviews evidence that low levels of simazine result in higher foliar nitrogen levels, higher water extractable protein, higher respiration rates, lower carbohydrate accumulation rates, and lower dry weight production. Most of this evidence refers to agricultural plants: this paper examines the effects of simazine and atrazine on the nutrition of slash pine growing in sandy soil in a controlled environment and of Scotch pine, white spruce and balsam fir nursery stock planted on a sandy loam. Atrazine, simazine, wood-chip mulch, and ammonium nitrate were applied as treatments in various combinations. Plots not receiving the triazines were treated with chlordane, Amitrol-T, and paraquat to reduce vegetative competition. Simazine was found to enhance accumulation of nitrogen in the 3-month-old slash pine seedlings but reduced top growth and total nitrogen uptake. Applied as a pre-emergent to the field-planted nursery stock, simazine did not significantly alter foliar nitrogen concentrations. Fertilizer added to simazine-treated plots did not increase foliar nitrogen concentrations. Simazine tended to reduce foliar phosphate concentrations and also produced needle cast and death in the spruce nursery stock. 12 refs.

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B. Effects on nutrient uptake and nutrient content of plants

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The experiment was designed to test the allegation that wild cherry trees sprayed with herbicides develop increased levels of HCN and therefore become more toxic to cattle. Different species of cherry were found to vary in foliar HCN, and wilted pin cherry foliage was found to have less HCN than fresh foliage. Pin cherry sprayed with 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T was found to have lower levels of foliar HCN than untreated trees. It is concluded that herbicide spraying does not render wild cherry species more hazardous to cattle. 2 refs.

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Radioisotopes of potassium ( $^{42}\text{K}$ ), chlorine ( $^{36}\text{Cl}$ ), calcium ( $^{45}\text{Ca}$ ) and sulphur ( $^{35}\text{S}$ ) were used to study the effect of foliar applications of 2,4-D on the uptake of these elements from soil by bean plants. The herbicide treatment greatly accelerated  $^{42}\text{K}$  uptake at 8 hours post-treatment, but by 24 hours there was a great inhibition of uptake. The same pattern was observed for  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  and  $^{45}\text{Ca}$ , although for calcium the inhibition was not obvious until 48 hours after herbicide application. There was very little herbicide stimulation of  $^{35}\text{S}$  uptake and inhibition was considerable by 24 hours. The observed patterns of uptake were attributed to the effects of herbicide on plant respiration; the initial low levels of herbicide absorbed produce an increase, but this is depressed as soon as phytotoxic amounts of herbicide are taken up. 7 refs.

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Most increases in growth and yield accompanying the use of herbicides have been ascribed to a reduction in weed competition for nutrients and water. This study examined the effects of herbicides on the growth and yield of fruit trees and examined if any increases could be related to herbicide-induced changes in nitrogen nutrition. Foliar nitrogen and shoot growth was examined in 5 year old fruit trees around which weeds had been controlled by hoeing, a black plastic mulch, or by simazine and amitrole-T application, and with different levels of added nitrogen. The herbicide treatments resulted in higher nitrogen and more growth than the hoeing, mulching, control

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Both corn and Johnson grass seeds were planted in sandy loam soil in the field and treated with three preemergence levels of atrazine. Similar plantings were made in loamy fine sand in growth chamber studies and five day old seedlings of the two species were grown in nutrient culture. All plants were harvested between 10 and 18 days following herbicide treatment. Plants of both species and under all treatments were smaller than untreated plants and contained higher percentages of nitrogen. However, because of the reduced size, total nitrogen per plant was reduced by the herbicide treatment. Percentage increases in nitrogen were proportional to the rate of atrazine application. Concentrations of insoluble N, 80% ethanol soluble N, and nitrate N all showed increases, while free ammonia N was unaffected. 12 refs.

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Simazine and atrazine were applied in nutrient solution at sub-phytotoxic levels to slash and loblolly pine seedlings. Nitrogen was present in the solution as either  $KNO_3$  or  $(HN_4)_2SO_4$  (with N-serve to prevent oxidation to nitrate by *Nitrosomonas*). The concentration of foliar nitrogen was increased 24% by 0.8 ppm simazine with a linear relationship between nitrogen increase and simazine concentration down to 0.2 ppm simazine. This 24% increase was equivalent to tripling the amount of both nitrate and ammonium nitrogen in the nutrient solution in the absence of the herbicide. 0.4 ppm atrazine increased foliar N by 9.4%. Shoot/root ratios were significantly increased (p 0.01) by 0.8 ppm simazine as a result of a reduction in root growth. 7 refs.

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The paper describes experiments which examined the ability of simazine to affect plant protein levels. Low levels of simazine applied to sensitive plants increases the respiration rate, increases nitrate uptake and the amount of nitrate reductase enzyme. The increased levels of nitrate are reduced to ammonia which is then incorporated into amino acids and ultimately into protein. This holds promise for increasing the efficiency of utilization of nitrogen fertilizers, thus reducing the size of applications. The nutritional merits of the increased protein content requires further study, however. No refs.

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Seed of eight species of herbaceous plants were grown in sand with added nutrients. Picloram at concentrations of 0-1000 ppb was added 14 days after planting. After a further 21 days aerial portions of the plants were dipped and weighed. Plants from each treatment were analysed for protein. The treatments resulted in reduced soluble protein concentrations in all monocot species and sunflower, but increases in cotton and cowpea at the lower concentrations. Dry weight production was stimulated in five species at lower concentrations, while significant decreases showed at the higher concentrations with the dicots being the most sensitive. 25 refs.

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Atrazine and paraquat were tested as a means to improve the nutritional quality of pinegrass in the Douglas-fir zone near Kamloops. Neither were found to have a significant effect on yields or on the silica, ADF or lignin content of pinegrass. However, by the September following April or June sprays, the protein content of all paraquat treated grass and those areas receiving the highest levels of atrazine was significantly higher than in the untreated areas. 10 refs.

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E. Effects on germination

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F. Phytotoxicity and resistance

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Reports a study of the effects on conifer regeneration of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T applied with three different carriers in midsummer and early autumn after height growth had ended and buds were set. Responses of Douglas-fir, sugar pine and ponderosa pine regeneration of between 4 and 8 feet in height is shown pictorially. The early autumn sprays were much less damaging than the midsummer sprays. The pines were much more susceptible to damage than the Douglas-fir, and more so with 2,4-D than 2,4,5-T. Of the three formulations, a 5% diesel oil emulsion produced the greatest damage to the conifers. 9 refs.

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The difference in toxicity of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T to many plants has been thought to be a function of differences in absorption and translocation, metabolic detoxification, or intrinsic differences in sensitivity. Autoradiography and <sup>14</sup>C were used to study absorption, translocation, and metabolic degradation of leaf and root-labelled wild and cultivated cucumber plants. In wild cucumber, 2,4-D penetrated rapidly and moved throughout the plant within 24 hours when applied to leaves, while root applications remained in the roots. 2,4,5-T showed exactly the reverse. Cultivated cucumber showed less difference in response to the two herbicides. Considerably more 2,4-D is absorbed than 2,4,5-T in both species, but 75% of the 2,4-D is converted to other compounds within 24 hours. Only traces of such secondary compounds were formed from 2,4,5-T after 8 days. Decarboxylation, measured by release of <sup>14</sup>C was 10 times greater in 2,4-D labelled than in 2,4,5-T labelled plants. The greater phytotoxicity of 2,4,5-T to these species as compared with 2,4-D appears to be related to the relative ability of plants to metabolically detoxify these two herbicides. 17 refs.

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temperature resistant weed, fiddleneck, were studied. Sensitivity to 2,4-D was greater at 26°C than at 10°C or 5°C at all stages of growth. The response of wheat to triazine herbicides was influenced by local environmental conditions at the time spraying. Application of thiamin increased the sensitivity of fiddleneck to 2,4-D at low temperatures. Other metabolites produced similar but smaller increases. The lack of such metabolites at low temperature may confer resistance to the herbicide. 9 refs.

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in a gas-flow counter and by autoradiography. Over a soil moisture range of 7.8%-13.8% no effect was found on the absorption of 2,4-D, but about twice as much 2,4-D was translocated at 1/3 atmosphere as compared with 4 atmosphere tension. More  $^{32}\text{P}$  was absorbed and 8 times as much was translocated below 1/3 atmosphere as compared with 3 atmosphere tension. 24 refs.

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H. Translocation in plants

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Marabu is rarely killed by single aerial applications of 2,4-D; defoliation is the main effect. Transport of foliarly-applied 2,4-D to woody material was investigated using a bioassay. Less than 1% of the 2,4-D applied moved from foliage to woody parts and such movement ceased after 24 hours. Phytotoxic amounts did not move through living tissues, presumably because of interference with transport mechanisms. Sufficient 2,4-D was transported, however, to affect bud formation. 12 refs.

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Pea plants were found to absorb 2,4-D applied to leaves for 24 hours, while in tomato plants movement from leaves to the rest of the plant continued throughout the 7-day experimental period. In contrast to the situation for bean plants, the absorbed material accumulated in the lower stem and roots of the pea and tomato plants. 7 refs.

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The isooctyl ester of 2,4,5-T was applied to the tops of water oak, post oak, longleaf pine, and American holly seedlings preconditioned for 2 weeks at one of 4 light intensities. Distribution of 2,4,5-T in the plants was studied after harvesting by gas chromatography. Absorption varied more than 20% between species. There was a linear increase for the evergreen species while the deciduous species showed a peak at an intermediate light intensity. Translocation was unaffected by varying light intensity in pine and holly, while the 2 deciduous species showed both increasing and decreasing responses. 2,4,5-T exposed to high light intensity showed a rapid curvilinear disappearance with 60% being lost in the first 8 hours and 20% being lost after 96 hours. 9 refs.

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Root systems of young bean plants were immersed in nutrient solution containing <sup>14</sup>C-labeled picloram for periods of 3-11 hours. Liquid scintillation and autoradiographic techniques were used to study within-plant distribution of the labeled material. Bending of upper stem and leaves accompanied accumulations of very small amounts of picloram. Greatest accumulation was associated with the terminal buds. The results contradicted earlier reports that the translocation characteristics of 2,4-D and picloram are similar. Picloram was found to move rapidly out of the roots to areas of high metabolic activity whereas other studies have shown little translocation of 2,4-D away from roots. It is concluded that very low concentrations of picloram can cause morphological aberrations in plants, and that xylem transport may not necessarily be the only pathway of picloram movement. 13 refs.

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I. Effects on plant pathogens

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Weed control in peanut fields has resulted in improved growth and vigour of the peanut plants. Laboratory studies showed that certain herbicides were controlling several parasitic fungi and a species of nematode. Subsequent field studies on the effects of the herbicides on the development of various diseases and infections on peanuts did not definitely establish fungicidal or nematocidal action by the herbicides, but suggested that disease development may be influenced by herbicide use. No refs.

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A report of exploratory tests involving 50 herbicide formulations applied in 246 tests on 2516 trees of 5 species against dwarf mistletoe. As isooctyl ester of 2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxy butyric acid was the most promising combining minimum tree damage with maximum mistletoe control. No refs.

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Ansar 160 and Silvisar 510, both containing cacodylic acid, were injected into Ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir and Engelmann spruce. Results showed fewer bark beetle attacks on treated than on untreated Ponderosa pine. Nearly all parent adults died before completing egg galleries in treated trees, and percentage egg hatch was reduced. The greatest brood mortality in treated trees occurred during the first larval instar with reductions as great as 99%. It is claimed that herbicides have great potential for bark beetle control because of low cost, operator safety, ease of application, less environmental contamination, and lower hazard to non-target insects than insecticide alternatives. It is not known if the herbicide acts directly as an insecticide or indirectly through the host tree. 4 refs.

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Different application rates and dates of cacodylic acid were studied to discover the combination that would make treated spruce trees as attractive to the spruce beetle as untreated trees and yet be lethal to the beetles. Half-strength Silvisar-510 applied in mid-June with the trees felled two weeks later provided this combination. Woodpecker activity was noted to be much less on the treated trees in spite of their completment of insect attacks. 7 refs.

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Describes an experiment to control an outbreak of roundheaded pine beetle by frilling recently attacked green trees and injecting the frill with Silvisar 510. This was found to give 100% mortality of parent adults. Hand frilling with a hatchet was more successful than with a power saw. 4 refs.

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Cacodylic acid (as Silvisar 510) was applied to frill girdled Englemann spruce which were felled 9-14 days after post treatment and tested as trap trees. The treated trees were fatal to *Dendroctonus rufipennis* (Kirby) and several other phloem-feeding bark beetles, but were highly attractive to ambrosia beetles. The effect on bark beetles was thought to be indirect (by inducing anaerobic fermentation) rather than by direct chemical action on the insects as the development of the ambrosia beetles was not affected. Water content of the trees was not significantly affected by the treatment, but the development of blue stain fungi was inhibited. 9 refs.

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Sixty year old Ponderosa pines were injected with organic arsenical herbicides in a simulated precommercial chemical thinning. Materials used were cacodylic acid, MSMA, or a mixture of the two. All treatments resulted in lower attack levels than in felled, untreated trees; bark beetles were much more affected than ambrosia beetles or flat-headed borers. Season of treatment and the formulation applied both affected insect attack, probably because of the relationship of these parameters to phytotoxicity. The reduction in insect activity was reflected in reduced blue stain. Endometatotoxic reactions involving reduction of the organic arsenicals to insecticidal arsines is advanced as an explanation for the insect response in addition to the conventional theory of herbicide-induced deterioration of insect habitat. 9 refs.

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J. Persistence on or in plants

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VI. EFFECTS ON NON-SOIL ANIMALS

A. Effects on birds

1382. Bergstrand, J. and W.D. Klimstra. 1962. Toxicity of "Dybar" to bobwhite quail. *J. Wildl. Mgmt.* 26: 325-27.

Eight-month-old bobwhite quail were debeaked and fed pellets of fenuron (Dybar) at several different dosages over a 10 day period. Behaviour and alertness of the birds was checked periodically and body weight was monitored. No ill effects were noted, and body weight increase was greater in birds fed the herbicide pellets than in the control birds. Internal organs were analysed for fenuron residues. Only at the highest rate of feeding were any found and these were located in the kidneys. Subsequent field studies in areas where dybar was broadcast on spoilbanks failed to note any immediate effects on wildlife. No refs.

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B. Effects on mammals

1386. Fertig, S.N. 1952. Livestock poisoning from herbicide treated vegetation. Proc. 6th Ann. Northeast Weed Control Conf. 6: 13-19.

There is a brief review of cases of livestock deaths following herbicide spraying of pastures or adjacent areas with 2,4-D or 2,4,5-T. Results are reported of experiments to quantify nitrate increases in several weed species treated with 2,4-D or MCP. Increases were observed in all four species examined with peak nitrate accumulations occurring 2 to 3 days post treatment. No refs.

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A review which concludes that in general the high dosages of herbicides required to produce poisoning reduces the hazard of their use. Examples are given of the pathological effects of various herbicides on various animals. 13 refs.

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Application of 2,4-D or 2,4,5-T to pastures is not thought to result in herbicide poisoning of livestock or poultry. They are known to affect nitrate and hydrocyanic acid metabolism of some plants, however, and nitrate poisoning of cattle by 2,4-D-treated sugar beets has been known to occur. In this study, Canadian thistle was sprayed with an ester of 2,4-D, tall larkspur with silvex (ester of 2,4,5-T), and sneezeweed with either silvex or 2,4-D. Plants were harvested at various intervals following application, dried, ground, and fed to calves and sheep via rumen fistulas. A considerable number of tests were conducted, but no major differences were observed in the effects of these plants on the animals. Some differences were observed in blood urea nitrogen, serum albumin, gamma globulin, and certain other physiological parameters of sheep fed sneezeweed sprayed with the herbicides. 13 refs.

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A summary of three years of toxicological research on insecticides, organic fungicides and herbicides in sheep and cattle. Daily doses of up to 500 mg/kg body weight were administered for up to 481 days, and the effects of various doses continued for various periods are described. The studies did not alter the generally accepted concept

of the hazards presented by the herbicides studied (2,4-D, 2,4,5-T, 2 benzoic acid herbicides, 3 triazine herbicides, and 4 miscellaneous herbicides). When used as recommended, these compounds posed very little hazard to sheep and cattle. Two herbicides, a triazine and one called Bandane resulted in adenalopathy and brain haemorrhaging, respectively, and should be investigated further. 10 refs.

1390. Bohmont, B.L. 1967. Toxicity of herbicides to livestock, fish, honey bees and wildlife. Western Weed Control Conf., Proc. 21: 25-27.

A brief review of the toxicity of herbicides to cattle concludes that high levels are required to produce toxicity problems. The little wildlife data that exist are not indicative of problems. Honey bees seem to be relatively unaffected. Fish, on the other hand, are affected and some herbicides are highly toxic to them. Some fish LC<sub>50</sub> (at 48 hours) data are presented. In summary, it is pointed out that for each animal group discussed there are some herbicides which are toxic, but that for many of the groups most herbicides have a low toxicity. 12 refs.

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Uses of herbicides which bring them into contact with livestock are reviewed briefly as is the fate of herbicides in soil and plants. Some data on the effects of herbicides on grazing and on forage residues are presented. Residues in animal tissues are discussed briefly. Herbicide toxicities and the effect of herbicides on the toxicity of plants to animals are reviewed. The author concludes that FDA, Fish and Wildlife, and other similar agencies exercise sufficient control over herbicides to prevent herbicide-induced livestock problems. 53 refs.

1392. Bailey, J.B., and J.E. Swift. 1968. Pesticide information and safety manual. Univ. California Agric. Ext. Service, 147 pp.

A review on safety and toxicity of a variety of pesticides, including four pages of herbicide toxicity data. 26 refs.

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An anonymous summary of the report of the U.S. National Cancer Institute on the potential teratogenicity of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T. The report, which summarises research by the Bionetics Research Labs. Inc. of Bethesda, Md., discusses the teratogenic activity of 53 pesticidal and industrial chemicals on mice and rats. The most conclusive results were those found for 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T. Gross malformation, cleft palates and eye deformities were found commonly

in the young of female mice fed 2,4,5-T during pregnancy. It was concluded that while these results refer to the specific strains of mice used, and to very high dosage rates, the 2,4,5-T results are very significant and the 2,4-D results are probably significant. While no conclusions can be drawn concerning the effects on pregnant women, it is pointed out that thalidomide had less effect on mice than on humans.

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Data are presented on the toxicity of 9 Tordon formulations for 15 species of fish and 3 species of birds. It is concluded that 4-amino-3,5,6-trichloropicolinic acid and its salts exhibit low toxicity to fish, but that ester formulations and the addition of 2,4-D increases the toxicity. All derivations of picloram have very low acute toxicity to birds. Biological concentration of Tordon herbicides apparently does not occur. 27 refs.

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Three cases of polyneuritis following heavy exposure (wetting of skin by herbicide without prompt washing) to an ester of 2,4-D are described in detail. Severe sensory and motor symptoms necessitated hospitalization and disability was protracted. Recovery was incomplete even after a lapse of several years. The herbicide apparently resulted in semi-permanent damage to the peripheral nervous systems. Great care in the handling of herbicides such as 2,4-D is advised. 5 refs.

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A review of research projects being undertaken on various aspects of precommercial thinning using arsenical herbicides. Progress reports are presented for experiments on human health hazard, arsenic residues in cattle and small mammals, the effects on wildlife, and the behaviour of the herbicides in the forest environment. Of the various compounds, MSMA appeared to present the greatest problems. No arsenic residues were detected in streams leaving treated areas even though the arsenic was found to be quite mobile in the soil.

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Cacodylic acid and MSMA are widely used for pre-commercial thinning. This study examined arsenic uptake and excretion in workers using these materials. Urine samples were analysed for arsenic levels on Monday morning and Friday afternoon over a period of two months. Workers were found to absorb arsenic in spite of protective clothing and safety precautions. There was

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## VII. DEGRADATION OF HERBICIDES

### A. Degradation by microorganisms

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Describes a small gram-negative motile rod isolated from conifer forest litter which will grow in a 2,4-D (up to 0.1%) mineral salt medium. It appears capable of decomposing the 2,4-D. 8 refs.

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This study isolated cultures of bacteria from agricultural soils and tested their ability to decompose 2,4-D. Decomposition was attributed to a species of the genus Corynebacterium, which are quite numerous in soils and have been implicated in the attack of various aromatic compounds. The isolate was able to decompose 1000 ppm 2,4-D in 3-5 days, the ring being ruptured followed by complete destruction. 13 refs.

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The bioactivity and persistence of amitrole is known to be affected by temperature, clay content, soil moisture, exchange capacity, levels of metallic ions in the soil, and by soil sterilization. <sup>14</sup>C-labelled amitrole was added to sterilized (autoclaved) and unsterilized sandy loam soil (Davis, California). Adsorption and persistence (at 80°F) were measured using organic extraction, chromatography, autoradiography, and planchet counting. Experiments of 96 hours and 59 days were conducted to quantify short and long term degradation. In the non-sterile soil, microbial action initiated decomposition within hours, 50% being decomposed after 28 days. In the sterilized soil there was very little decomposition. Both the amitrole and its unidentified degradation products were tenaciously held in unsterilised as compared to sterilised soil. Amitrole was found to form complexes with nickel, cobalt and copper ions. 8 refs.

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A diverse range of Streptomyces species was isolated from agricultural soils in Louisiana where seven chlorinated herbicides had been used in weed control. Some were able to germinate at 1,000 times the

recommended field rates for some of the herbicides. A cucumber seed bioassay showed that one species (*S. viridochromogenes*) detoxified 2,4-D, silvex, fenac and dalapon, but little detoxification was shown with CDAA, CIPC, or 2,4,5-T. Manometric studies showed that the streptomycete was capable of rapid adaptation to 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T, and silvex, but not to 2,4-dichlorophenol, a proposed intermediate of 2,4-D metabolism. 9 refs.

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A review of the physical properties, degradation in plants, soils and water, fate in animals, persistence and movement in soils and water, sorption in soils, and toxicity of tordon. A rather brief treatment, but provides a summary of some major points of interest concerning tordon. No refs.

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Reviews the relationship between the number, type, and position of chemical substituents on the resistance of aliphatic and aromatic pesticides to microbial decomposition. Microbial decomposition tends to decrease as the number of halogens on the molecule increases, and is affected by the position of these halogens. Results of studies of these effects are reported. 16 refs.

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<sup>14</sup>C-labeled 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T were incubated with forest litter from an alder stand in western Oregon. Degradation was measured by the evolution of <sup>14</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>. More than 89% of the applied 2,4-D was degraded in 315 hours as compared with 23% of 2,4,5-T; it was 690 hours before 53% of the 2,4,5-T was decomposed. The agents responsible for the degradation of 2,4-D increasingly adapted to its use as a substrate with time.

1471. Hamaker, J.W., C.R. Youngson, and C.A.I. Goring. 1968. Rate of detoxification of 4-amino-3,5,6-trichloropicolinic acid in soil. *Weed Res.* 8: 46-57.

4-Amino-3,5,6-trichloropicolinic acid was incubated with 13 different Californian or Texan soils for up to two years at various concentrations. Cucumber bioassay was used. Losses varied from complete to non-measurable by this method; the lower the initial concentration, the greater the percentage loss. Half order and Michaelis-Menten kinetics were found to describe the observed detoxification. 57 refs.

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This paper is largely a review of published material but contains some original data. The relative rates of degradation of 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T, amitrole and picloram in forest floors are considered, as are the effects of the type of forest floor and the formulation. Experiments on the effects of DDT, serin, phosphamidon on rates of degradation are described. Degradation of 2,4-D was independent of any other material except DDT which may accelerate the process slightly. Picloram and 2,4,5-T may cause an initial slowing, but there was no overall effect. The rate of breakdown of 2,4,5-T may be accelerated for 60 days by the presence of 2,4-D, but over 4 months there is no effect. Amitrole degradation was unaffected by the presence of the other substances, as was the case for picloram. Amitrole degrades as rapidly or more rapidly than 2,4-D and is abundantly degraded even in steam-sterilized material. Degradation of 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T, and amitrole appear to follow first order kinetics, although this may change over time. Mixed order kinetics may reflect changes in availability of herbicide or efficiency of its utilization by microorganisms. 27 refs.

1473. Kearney, P.C., and D.D. Kaufman (Eds.) 1969. Degradation of herbicides. Marcel Dekker Inc., N.Y., 394 pp.

Individual chapters by 17 authors deal with the degradation of phenoxyalkanoic acids, s-triazines, the substituted ureas, methyl- and phenylcarbamates, thiolcarbamates, chloroacetamides, amitrole, the chlorinated aliphatic acids, trifluralin and related compounds, diquat and paraquat, and the benzoic acid herbicides. A final chapter discusses photodecomposition of herbicides. There is an author and subject index.

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Studies were made of the phytotoxicity of five substituted urea herbicides to three species of Aspergillus. The rate of degradation of these materials by the species in culture broth was quantified using oat seedlings as a bioassay. Significant differences in rates were found between herbicides and between the three fungi. The effects of variations in the nitrogen and carbon content of the soil on phytotoxicity and rates of degradation were examined. Phytotoxicity decreased as organic nitrogen levels increased, except with monuron. Fenuron plus high levels of organic nitrogen were found to stimulate plant production. 12 refs.

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Three species of *Aspergillus* were found to utilize methylthio-s-Triazine (prometryne) as a sulphur nutrient source. These and other common soil inhabiting fungi were cultured on broth media containing various levels of this herbicide. The effect of additional sulphur sources on degradation by *Aspergillus* species was also investigated. Thin-layer chromatography was used for detection of residues. All fungal isolates used exhibited high tolerance for prometryne at concentrations up to 1 mg/ml in broth media. 9 refs.

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VIII. HERBICIDES AND CELLS

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for 3 days. Maleic hydrozide was only mildly inhibitory at 200 ppm but completely at 300 ppm. Stam-F-34 exhibited slight inhibition at 5 ppm and complete inhibition at 50 ppm. Dalapon exhibited little response up at low levels: at 500 ppm and above considerable inhibition was evident. Both Fenac and Zytron exhibited the highest rates of inhibition. It was concluded that only Zytron has any inhibitory effects at concentrations found in normal field applications. 6 refs.

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