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## CHEMICAL CONTROL OF BROWN PATCH IN TALL FESCUE

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The efficacy of selected fungicides for the control of brown patch (caused by *Rhizoctonia solani*) on tall fescue (*Festuca arundinacea* 'Coronado') was assessed in 2000 at the Plant Science Research Farm in Adelphia, NJ. Turf was established September 1998 on a Freehold sandy loam with a pH of 6.3. The site was mowed at a height of 2.0 inch, twice a week, and clippings were collected. Turf was irrigated to prevent drought stress.

Fertilizer was applied as 16-4-8 on 14 April (0.75 lb nitrogen (N)/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>), 10 June (1.0 lb N/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>), and 10 July (0.75 lb N/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>). Plots were 3 X 9 ft and were arranged in a randomized complete block with four replications.

Fungicides were applied in water equivalent to 2.0 gal of water per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> with a CO<sub>2</sub> powered sprayer at 30 psi using TeeJet 8003VS flat fan nozzles. Treatments (trt) were initiated on 26 June, except for trt 11 to 14, which were applied on a curative basis on 10 July. Fungicides were reapplied as indicated in Table 1. Percent of turf area infested with *Rhizoctonia solani* was assessed on 7 August, 16 August, and 25 August. Turf quality was evaluated on 8 September

on a 1 to 9 scale, where 9 = best quality. Data were subjected to an analysis of variance and means separation by Waller-Duncan *k*-ratio *t*-test (*k* = 100) following arcsine transformation.

Disease pressure was rather light this season and did not appear until 7 July. However, the disease developed uniformly throughout the field by early August and through the end of September. Almost all treatments provided acceptable control of brown patch. Fore Rainshield 80W (trt 2 and 3), Fore 80W (trt 4), Daconil Ultrex 82.5SDG (trt 5), preventive and curative applications of Ortho Fungicide 29.6 F (trt 10 and 14, respectively), Daconil Ultrex 82.5SDG + Heritage 50WG (trt 21), TM-41702 40W + Heritage 50WG (trt 19 and 20), and Heritage 50WG (trt 22 and 23) were most efficacious. The only non-curative treatments that did not suppress brown patch to an acceptable level were Scotts Lawn Fungicide 2.3G (trt 8) and TM-41702 40W (trt 15). Moreover, all curative treatments provided acceptable levels of brown patch control with the exception of Scotts Lawn Fungicide 2.3 G (trt 12). No phytotoxicity was observed.

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Table 1. Impact of chemical products on the incidence of brown patch in tall fescue in North Brunswick, NJ: 2000.

Treatment and rate/1000 sq ft	Spray interval (days) <sup>3</sup>	Turf area infected (%) per plot <sup>1</sup>			Turf Quality <sup>2</sup> 8 Sept.
		7 Aug.	16 Aug.	25 Aug.	
1. Eagle 40W 0.6 oz	14	13.0 i-k	9.8 de	6.2 g-i	6.8 de
2. Fore Rainshield 80W 6.0 oz	14	1.5 ab	0.8 a	1.8 b-f	8.2 h
3. Fore Rainshield 80W 8.0 oz	14	1.2 ab	0.8 a	0.8 a-c	8.0 gh
4. Fore 80W 8.0 oz.	14	1.0 ab	0.0 a	0.2 ab	8.2 h
5. Daconil Ultrex 82.5SDG 1.8 oz	14	4.5 c-f	1.0 a	0.8 a-c	7.2 e-g
6. Bayleton 50W 0.5 oz.	14	8.5 f-i	5.0 bc	4.2 f-h	6.2 b-d
7. Bayleton 1G 24.0 oz	14 <sup>4</sup>	9.8 g-j	6.2 b-d	7.8 h-j	7.0 d-f
8. Scotts Lawn Fungicide 2.3G 21.8 oz	14 <sup>4</sup>	12.5 i-k	15.5 f	13.5 j-l	5.0 a
9. Spectracide Immunox Fungicide 1.55SC 14 fl oz	14	4.8 d-g	3.8 b	3.0 c-g	6.2 b-d
10. Ortho Fungicide 29.6F 12 fl oz	14	1.5 a-c	0.0 a	1.0 a-e	8.2 h
11. Bayleton 1G 48.0 oz	14 <sup>4,5</sup>	12.0 h-k	6.0 b-d	5.5 g-i	6.5 c-e
12. Scotts Lawn Fungicide 2.3G 21.8 oz	14 <sup>4,5</sup>	15.8 jk	19.0 fg	15.2 kl	5.2 a
13. Spectracide Immunox Fungicide 1.55SC 14.0 fl oz	14 <sup>5</sup>	5.2 e-g	4.0 bc	4.0 e-h	6.5 c-e
14. Ortho Fungicide 29.6F 12 fl oz	14 <sup>5</sup>	3.2 b-e	0.0 a	0.8 a-c	8.0 gh
15. TM-41702 40W 0.1 oz	14	13.0 i-k	14.0 ef	13.5 j-l	5.0 a
16. TM-41702 40W 0.25 oz	14	10.0 h-j	9.0 d	9.2 i-k	5.5 ab
17. TM-41702 40W 0.5 oz	14	6.0 e-h	6.5 b-d	7.8 h-j	6.5 c-e
18. TM-41702 40W 0.7 oz	14	7.8 f-i	4.0 bc	4.0 e-h	6.2 b-d
19. TM-41702 40W 0.25 oz + Heritage 50WG 0.1 oz	14	1.8 a-c	0.0 a	0.0 a	8.0 gh
20. TM-41702 40W 0.5 oz + Heritage 50WG 0.1 oz	14	0.0 a	0.0 a	0.0 a	8.5 h
21. Daconil Ultrex 82.5SDG 1.8 oz + Heritage 50WG 0.1 oz	14	1.8 a-c	0.0 a	0.0 a	8.2 h
22. Heritage 50WG 0.1 oz	14	2.2 a-d	0.2 a	0.5 a-c	7.8 f-h

Table 1 (continued).

Treatment and rate/1000 sq ft	Spray interval (days) <sup>3</sup>	Turf area infected (%) per plot <sup>1</sup>			Turf Quality <sup>2</sup> 8 Sept.
		7 Aug.	16 Aug.	25 Aug.	
23. Heritage 50WG 0.2 oz	14	2.0 b-d	0.5 a	0.5 ab	8.2 h
24. TM 43801 2.5W 4.0 oz	14	7.5 f-i	7.0 cd	3.8 d-h	7.0 d-f
25. Untreated Check	—	18.5 k	21.8 g	18.5 l	5.8 a-c
	INT <sup>6</sup>	DAT <sup>7</sup>	DAT	DAT	DAT
	14	14	7	2	16

<sup>1</sup>Values are means of four replicates. Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different according to Waller-Duncan *k*-ratio *t*-test ( $k = 100$ ).

<sup>2</sup>Turf quality on a scale of 1 to 9, where 9 = best turf quality. Values above 6.0 represent acceptable turf quality.

<sup>3</sup>Fungicides were applied on 26 June (all treatments, except treatments 11 to 14), 10 July (14 day treatment), 24 July (14 day treatment), 9 August (14 day treatment), and 23 August (14 day treatment).

<sup>4</sup>Treatments 7, 8, 11, and 12 were irrigated with 1 gal water/plot immediately following application.

<sup>5</sup>Treatments 11 to 14 were applied on a curative basis starting 10 July, and reapplied 24 July, 9 August, and 23 August.

<sup>6</sup>Spray interval in days.

<sup>7</sup>Days after treatment (DAT) for each spray interval.