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PREVENTIVE CONTROL OF GRAY LEAF SPOT WITH FUNGICIDES AND BIORATIONAL PRODUCTS ON PERENNIAL RYEGRASS, 2007

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Fungicides were evaluated in 2007 for their ability to control gray leaf spot (caused by *Pyricularia grisea*) at the Rutgers Turf Research Farm in North Brunswick, NJ on perennial ryegrass (*Lolium perenne* cv. Paragon). Turf was established 15 July 2007 with 5.5 lb seed/1000 ft² on a Norton loam with a pH of 6.2. Mowing was performed weekly at a height of 3 inches with clippings returned. The site was irrigated as needed to prevent drought stress and to encourage gray leaf spot.

Fertilizer was applied as 16-4-8 at establishment on 15 July (0.7 lb nitrogen (N)/1000 ft²) and on 25 July (0.6 lb N /1000 ft²). The pre-emergence herbicide Tupersan 4.7G (2.5 lb/1000 ft²) was applied at seeding to suppress weed ingress. Subdue 0.97G (28.8 oz/1000 ft²), Banol 6L (2.5 fl oz/1000 ft²), Chipco Signature 80WG (4.0 oz/1000 ft²), and Alude 44L (5.0 fl oz/1000 ft²) were applied to the entire test area on 15, 20, 27, and 30 July, respectively, to control Pythium blight (caused by *Pythium aphanidermatum*). ProStar 70W (2.8 oz/1000 ft²) was applied on 13 and 27 August to suppress brown patch (caused by *Rhizoctonia solani*). Plots were 3 x 5 ft and were arranged in a randomized complete block with four replications.

Fungicides were applied in water equivalent to 2 gal/1000 ft² with a $\mathrm{CO_2}$ powered sprayer at 30 psi using TeeJet 8003VS flat fan nozzles. Treatments (trt) were initiated on 9 August when environmental conditions were conducive to gray leaf spot development. Fungicides were reapplied as indicated in Table 1A and B. Turf was visually evaluated for percent turf area infested with *P. grisea* on 16, 22, and 29 August, 5, 18, and 27 September, and 4 and 16 October. Turf quality was rated on 29 August using a 1 to 9

scale, where 9 = best turf quality and 5 = acceptable quality. Data were subjected to analysis of variance and means were separated using the Waller-Duncan k-ratio t-test (k = 100).

A natural infestation of gray leaf spot developed on 13 August and became uniformly distributed throughout the study by 16 August. Disease severity increased quickly in the test and peaked on 18 September (85 to 92% turf area infested with P. grisea on non-fungicide treated turf). Less than 10% turf area infested per plot represented an acceptable level of disease control. Due to the rapid development and extreme severity of the disease epidemic, only Spectator Ultra 1.3EC + Manicure Ultra 82.5WDG (trt 12), Disarm 480SC + Manicure Ultra 82.5WDG (trt 14), 3336 Plus 19.4F @ 4.0 fl oz (trt 18), Heritage TL 0.8ME + Daconil Ultrex 82.5WDG (trt 33), and RU GLS Program #1 (trt 35) provided adequate control of gray leaf spot throughout the study. Concert 4.3SE (trt 26; a premix of propiconazole and chlorothalonil) also adequately suppressed this disease through 16 October with only two slight reductions in control (> 10% disease) during the study. The high label rates of Heritage TL 0.8ME (trt 10) and Insignia 20WG (trt 15) afforded good protection from gray leaf spot until 5 September when the disease intensified on untreated turf (80 to 89% turf area infested with P. grisea).

Turf quality was acceptable (greater or equal to 5.0) for all products evaluated in this study on 6 August, except for Rhapsody AS (trt 9), Trinity 1.67SC (trt 17), LEM17 50WDG (trts 21 to 23), Chipco Signature 80WG (trt 32), and ARY 0473003 G (trts 37, 38) due to poor disease control throughout the study. No phytotoxicity was observed during the treatment period.

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Table 1A. Preventive control of gray leaf spot with fungicides and biorational products on perennial ryegrass: Rutgers University, 2007.

	Rate per	Spray Interval		Turf Ar	rea Infested (%)	per Plot1	
	Treatment 1000 sq ft)	(days) ²	16 Aug.	22 Aug.	29 Aug.	5 Sept.	18 Sept.
1	Disarm 480SC0.18 fl oz	14	5.0 ac	6.3 gi	7.8 hj	27.5 eh	41.3 hi
2	Disarm 480SC	28	3.8 ac	3.0 hi	6.0 ij	40.0 de	56.3 gf
3	ARY 0534002 SC0.30 fl oz	14	5.5 ac	12.5 di	11.3 hj	8.8 hk	20.0 mn
4	ARY 0534002 SC	28	2.5 ac	8.8 fi	8.5 hj	26.3 ei	65.0 df
5	ARY 0534003 SC3.5 fl oz	14	5.0 ac	12.5 di	15.5 gi	17.5 fk	22.5 ln
6	ARY 0534001 SC	14	1.8 ac	15.0 ch	18.5 gh	26.3 ei	33.8 il
7	Tourney 50WDG 0.37 oz	14	5.0 ac	21.3 ae	10.8 hj	32.5 dg	42.5 hi
8	Tourney 50WDG 0.44 oz	14	3.0 ac	7.5 gi	7.5 hj	23.8 ej	35.0 hk
9	Rhapsody AS5.0 fl oz	14	8.0 ab	31.3 a	66.8 ab	61.3 bc	82.5 ab
10	Heritage TL 0.8ME2.0 fl oz	14	0.5 bc	3.0 hi	3.5 ij	8.8 hk	23.8 In
11	Rhapsody AS5.0 fl oz						
	+ Heritage TL 0.8ME1.0 fl oz	14	2.5 ac	11.3 ei	15.5 gi	27.5 eh	58.8 ef
12	Spectator Ultra 1.3EC2.0 fl oz						
	+ Manicure Ultra 82.5WDG 5.0 oz	14	0.5 bc	3.0 hi	8.3 hj	5.0 jk	3.8 q
13	Disarm 480SC0.18 fl oz						
	+ Spectator Ultra 1.3EC1.0 fl oz	14	0.5 bc	4.8 hi	4.0 ij	28.8 dh	12.5 nq
14	Disarm 480SC0.18 fl oz						
	+ Manicure Ultra 82.5WDG 3.25 oz	14	1.3 ac	1.3 i	5.3 ij	2.5 k	5.0 pq
15	Insignia 20WG 0.9 oz	28	1.5 ac	0.5 i	0.8 j	3.8 jk	28.8 jm
16	Insignia 20WG 0.5 oz						
	+ Trinity 1.67SC1.0 fl oz	28	0.0 c	4.3 hi	1.3 j	21.3 ek	46.3 gh
17	Trinity 1.67SC1.0 fl oz	28	6.3 ac	27.5 ab	59.0 bc	82.5 a	76.3 bd
18	3336 Plus 19.4F4.0 fl oz	14	2.5 ac	4.8 hi	2.5 j	6.3 ik	5.3 oq
19	3336 Plus 19.4F8.0 fl oz	21	2.5 ac	3.8 hi	1.0 j	21.3 ek	21.3 mn
20	CL EXP9 WG 1.2 oz	21	0.5 bc	3.0 hi	5.3 ij	23.8 ej	23.8 kn
21	LEM17 50WDG 0.2 oz	14	3.8 ac	21.3 ae	58.5 bc	72.5 ab	70.0 ce
22	LEM17 50WDG 0.3 oz	14	3.5 ac	26.3 ac	64.8 ab	81.3 a	83.8 ab
23	LEM17 50WDG 0.4 oz	14	4.3 ac	25.0 ac	48.5 cd	85.0 a	87.5 ab
24	Heritage TL 0.8ME1.0 fl oz	14	1.3 ac	1.8 i	0.5 j	8.8 hk	23.8 kn
25	Instrata 3.6SE4.0 fl oz	14	2.5 ac	5.0 hi	7.8 hj	10.0 hk	17.5 mo

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Table 1A (continued).

	Rate	Spray	Turf Area Infested (%) per Plot1					
	Treatment 1000 sq ft	Interval) (days)²	16 Aug.	22 Aug.	29 Aug.	5 Sept.	18 Sept.	
26	Concert 4.3SE5.4 fl oz	14	0.0 c	2.5 hi	6.0 ij	5.0 jk	16.3 np	
27	Spectator Ultra 1.3EC1.0 fl oz		1.0 ac	8.8 fi	19.0 gh	37.5 df	40.0 hj	
28	Spectator Ultra 1.3EC2.0 fl oz		1.0 ac	17.5 bg	26.5 fg	38.8 de	38.8 hj	
29	Daconil Ultrex 82.5WDG 3.2 oz		2.5 ac	3.5 hi	33.5 ef	77.5 ab	40.0 hj	
30	Chipco 26GT 2SC4.0 fl oz	14	0.5 bc	11.8 di	39.5 de	47.5 cd	56.3 gf	
31	ProStar 70W 2.2 oz		7.5 ac	21.3 ae	50.8 cd	76.3 ab	61.3 ef	
32	Chipco Signature 80WG 4.0 oz	14	5.0 ac	23.8 ad	47.5 cd	75.0 ab	82.5 ab	
33	Heritage TL 0.8ME1.0 fl oz							
	+ Daconil Ultrex 82.5WDG 3.2 oz	14	1.3 ac	0.5 i	2.0 j	1.3 k	1.3 q	
34	Heritage TL 0.8ME1.5 fl oz	21	2.5 ac	6.3 gi	5.3 ij	23.8 ej	46.3 gh	
35	RU GLS Program #1—	VAR ³	0.5 bc	1.5 i	2.0 j	6.3 ik	2.5 q	
36	Heritage TL 0.8ME2.0 fl oz	28	1.8 ac	2.5 hi	0.0 j	16.3 gk	38.8 hj	
37	ARY 0473003 G 2.3 lb	144	5.0 ac	20.0 af	58.3 bc	80.0 ab	80.0 bc	
38	ARY 0473004 G 3.4 lb	144	7.5 ac	30.0 a	72.0 a	88.8 a	81.3 ac	
39	Untreated Check—	_	8.8 a	28.8 ab	68.5 ab	88.8 a	92.5 a	
40	Untreated Check—	_	6.3 ac	30.0 a	74.3 a	80.0 ab	85.0 ab	
		INT ⁵	DAT ⁶	DAT	DAT	DAT	DAT	
		14	7	13	6	3	12	
		21	7	13	20	6	19	
		28	7	13	20	27	12	

¹ 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). Infection naturally occurred on 13 August 2007.

² Fungicides were applied on 9 August (all treatments, except treatments 37 and 38), 15 August (treatments 37 and 38 initiated), 23 August (14-day treatment), 30 August (21-day treatment), 6 September (14- and 28-day treatments), 20 September (14- and 21-day treatments), 4 October (14- and 28-day treatments), 11 October (21-day treatment), and 18 October (14-day treatment).

Table 1A (continued).

- ⁴ Treatments 37 and 38 were irrigated immediately after application with 0.5 gal water per plot.
- ⁵ Spray intervals in days.
- ⁶ Days after treatment (DAT) for each spray interval.

³ Variable application schedule, where treatment 35 (Rutgers GLS Program #1) received Insignia 20WG (0.9 oz) on 9 August, 3336 Plus 19.4F (4.0 fl oz) on 23 August, Disarm 480SC (0.18 fl oz) + Daconil Ultrex 82.5WDG (2.5 oz) on 6 September, 3336 Plus 19.4F (3.0 fl oz) + Daconil Ultrex 82.5WDG (2.5 oz) on 20 September, and Banner MAXX 1.3ME (2.0 fl oz) on 4 October.

Table 1B. Preventive control of gray leaf spot with fungicides and biorational products on perennial ryegrass: Rutgers University, 2007.

	Rate	Spray	Turf Ar	rea Infested (%)	per Plot¹	Turf Quality ²	
	Treatment per 1000 sq ft)	Interval (days) ³	27 Sept.	4 Oct.	16 Oct.	29 Aug.	
1	Disarm 480SC	14	33.8 ij	26.3 jm	10.0 cg	7.3 be	
2	Disarm 480SC	28	46.3 fh	40.0 gi	11.3 cf	7.5 ad	
3	ARY 0534002 SC0.30 fl oz	14	12.5 ot	16.3 mp	2.5 hj	7.0 ce	
4	ARY 0534002 SC0.60 fl oz	28	53.8 dg	42.5 ei	10.0 cg	7.0 ce	
5	ARY 0534003 SC3.5 fl oz	14	16.3 mr	13.8 nq	1.3 ij	7.0 ce	
6	ARY 0534001 SC0.35 fl oz	14	25.0 jn	16.3 mp	1.3 ij	7.5 ad	
7	Tourney 50WDG 0.37 oz	14	20.0 lq	22.5 lo	2.5 hj	6.0 eg	
8	Tourney 50WDG 0.44 oz	14	15.0 ns	11.3 ot	0.5 j	6.8 df	
9	Rhapsody AS5.0 fl oz	14	66.3 ac	56.3 ad	12.5 ce	4.0 ij	
10	Heritage TL 0.8ME2.0 fl oz	14	25.0 jn	35.0 hk	11.3 cf	8.0 ad	
11	Rhapsody AS5.0 fl oz						
	+ Heritage TL 0.8ME1.0 fl oz	14	42.5 gi	41.3 fi	7.5 di	6.8 df	
12	Spectator Ultra 1.3EC2.0 fl oz						
	+ Manicure Ultra 82.5WDG 5.0 oz	14	7.5 ru	10.0 pt	3.8 gj	7.3 be	
13	Disarm 480SC0.18 fl oz						
	+ Spectator Ultra 1.3EC1.0 fl oz	14	8.8 qu	16.3 mp	10.0 cg	7.8 ad	
14	Disarm 480SC0.18 fl oz						
	+ Manicure Ultra 82.5WDG 3.25 oz	14	1.3 tu	2.5 rt	1.3 ij	8.0 ad	
15	Insignia 20WG 0.9 oz	28	31.3 il	31.3 il	11.3 cf	9.0 a	
16	Insignia 20WG 0.5 oz						
	+ Trinity 1.67SC1.0 fl oz	28	23.8 jo	25.0 kn	5.0 fj	8.5 ac	
17	Trinity 1.67SC1.0 fl oz	28	58.8 be	58.8 ac	11.3 cf	4.0 ij	
18	3336 Plus 19.4F4.0 fl oz	14	3.8 su	3.8 qt	1.3 ij	7.8 ad	
19	3336 Plus 19.4F8.0 fl oz	21	13.8 ns	11.3 ot	10.0 cg	8.3 ad	
20	CL EXP9 WG 1.2 oz	21	10.0 pu	6.3 pt	2.5 hj	7.8 ad	
21	LEM17 50WDG 0.2 oz	14	60.0 be	52.5 bf	13.8 bd	4.5 hj	
22	LEM17 50WDG 0.3 oz	14	63.8 ad	50.0 cg	11.3 cf	3.5 j	
23	LEM17 50WDG 0.4 oz	14	70.0 ab	46.3 dh	10.0 cg	3.5 j	
24	Heritage TL 0.8ME1.0 fl oz	14	20.0 lq	31.3 il	7.5 di	8.8 ab	
25	Instrata 3.6SE4.0 fl oz	14	21.3 kp	15.0 mq	5.0 fj	6.8 df	

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Table 1B. Preventive control of gray leaf spot with fungicides and biorational products on perennial ryegrass: Rutgers University, 2007.

	Rat		Spray	Turf Area Infested (%) per Plot ¹			Turk Quality 2
	Treatment	per 1000 sq ft)	Interval (days)³	27 Sept.	4 Oct.	16 Oct.	Turf Quality ² 29 Aug.
26 27	Concert 4.3SESpectator Ultra 1.3EC		14 14	8.8 qu 35.0 hj	12.5 os 40.0 gi	1.3 ij 6.3 ej	8.0 ad 7.0 ce
28 29	Spectator Ultra 1.3EC	2.0 fl oz	14 14 14	32.5 ik 28.8 jl	41.3 fi 17.5 mp	8.8 dh 2.5 hj	5.0 gi 6.0 eg
30 31	Chipco 26GT 2SC	4.0 fl oz	14 14	50.0 eg 55.0 cf	51.3 cg 43.8 eh	8.8 dh 12.5 ce	5.5 fh 5.0 gi
32 33	Chipco Signature 80WG Heritage TL 0.8ME	4.0 oz	14	57.5 cf	50.0 cg	16.3 bc	4.5 hj
34	+ Daconil Ultrex 82.5WDG Heritage TL 0.8ME	1.5 fl oz	14 21	3.8 su 27.5 jm	1.3 st 36.3 hk	0.0 j 10.5 cg	8.8 ab 8.0 ad
35 36	RU GLS Program #1 Heritage TL 0.8ME	2.0 fl oz	VAR⁴ 28	0.0 u 30.0 jl	0.0 t 35.0 hk	0.0 j 7.5 di	8.8 ab 8.8 ab
37 38	ARY 0473003 GARY 0473004 G	3.4 lb	14 ⁵ 14 ⁵	63.8 ad 62.5 bd	53.8 be 37.5 hj	10.0 cg 10.0 cg	4.3 hj 3.3 j
39 40	Untreated CheckUntreated Check		_	75.0 a 65.0 ad	66.3 a 63.8 ab	20.0 b 27.5 a	3.5 j 3.3 j
			INT ⁶	DAT ⁷	DAT	DAT	DAT
			14 21	7 7	14 14	12 5	6 20
			28	21	28	12	20

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³ Fungicides were applied on 9 August (all treatments, except treatments 37 and 38), 15 August (treatments 37 and 38 initiated), 23 August (14-day treatment), 30 August (21-day treatment), 6 September (14- and 28-day treatments), 20 September (14- and 21-day treatments), 4 October (14- and 28-day treatments), 11 October (21-day treatment), and 18 October (14-day treatment).

Table 1B (continued).

⁴ Variable application schedule, where treatment 35 (Rutgers GLS Program #1) received Insignia 20WG (0.9 oz) on 9 August, 3336 Plus 19.4F (4.0 fl oz) on 23 August, Disarm 480SC (0.18 fl oz) + Daconil Ultrex 82.5WDG (2.5 oz) on 6 September, 3336 Plus 19.4F (3.0 fl oz) + Daconil Ultrex 82.5WDG (2.5 oz) on 20 September, and Banner MAXX 1.3ME (2.0 fl oz) on 4 October.

- ⁵ Treatments 37 and 38 were irrigated immediately after application with 0.5 gal water per plot.
- ⁶ Spray intervals in days.
- ⁷ Days after treatment (DAT) for each spray interval.

