



# **Spray Wisely:**

## **Timing and techniques to reduce drift and maintain efficacy**

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# **Take home messages:**

**Sprayer setup and operation dictates how much product will be left in the air, the conditions determine where the airborne fraction will go.**

**Air movement at night and around sunrise is very different to air movement during the day**

**Different types of nozzle can respond differently to the tank mix**

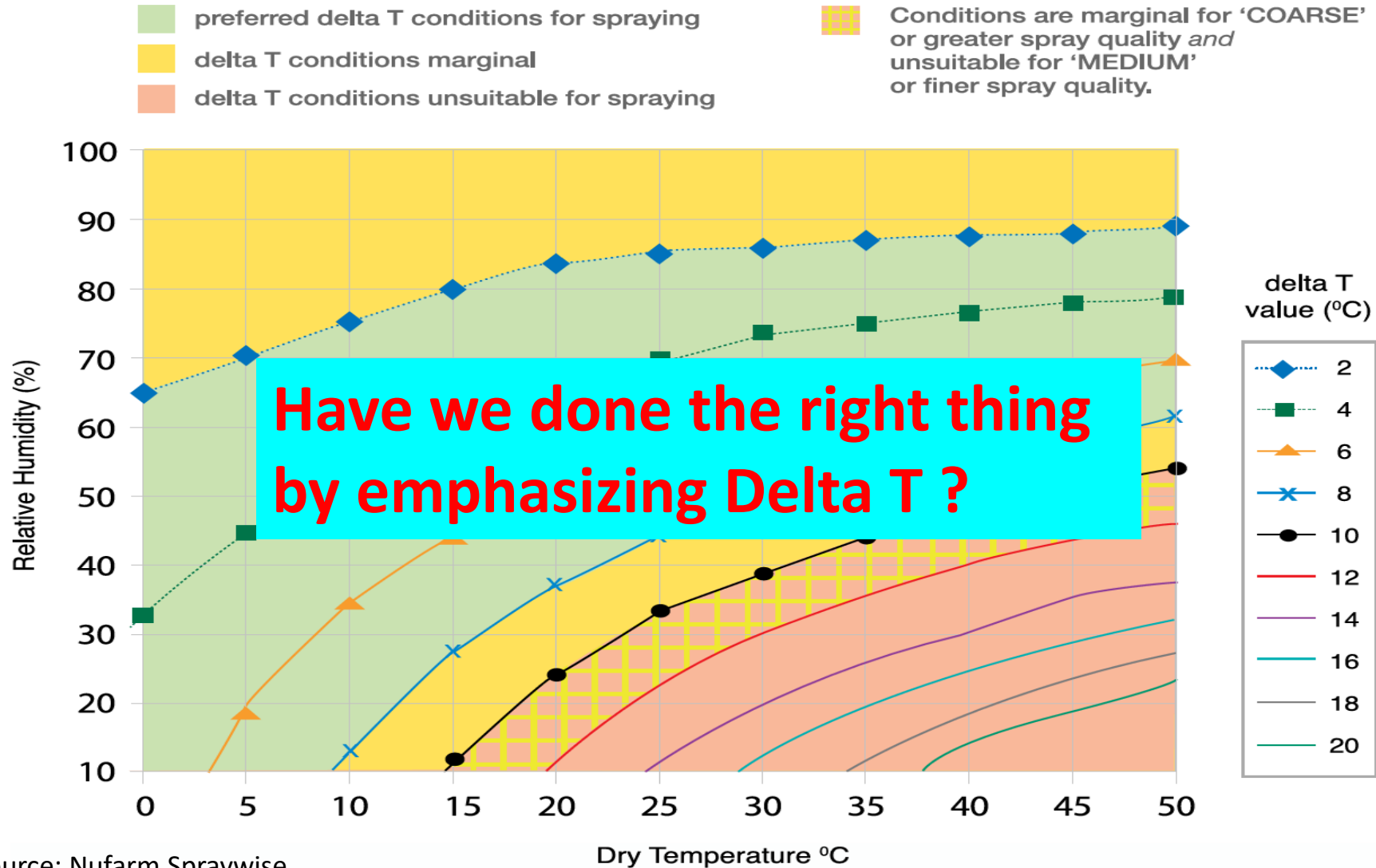
**Assessing spray deposits is tool for improving spray coverage and efficacy**



# Main factors that influence spray drift risk

- Conditions at the time of spraying
- Spray Quality / Nozzle choice
- Sensitivity of the target
- Product choice and Rate (including water volume)
- Adjuvant Choice
- Boom Height
- Spraying Speed

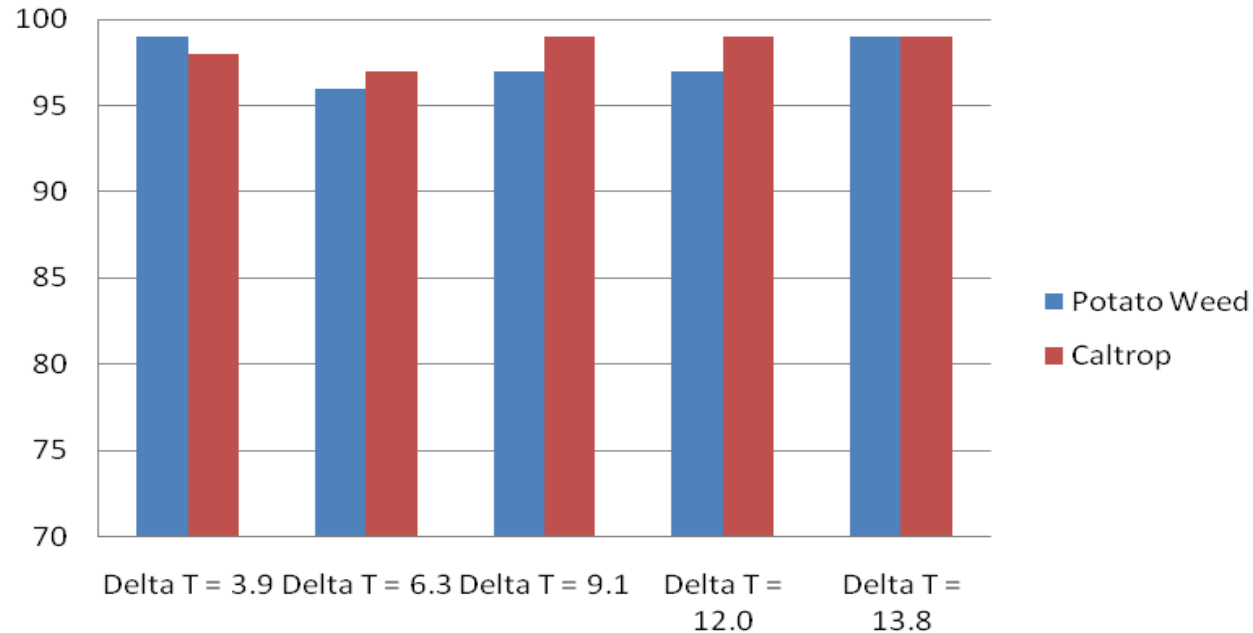
# Selecting the right delta T conditions for spraying



**NEVER SPRAY DURING A LOW-LEVEL INVERSION**

# Impact of Delta T on efficacy

% Brownout with 750 mL/ha Roundup DST at 7DAA  
(Applied at five intervals between 8 am and 1.45 pm)

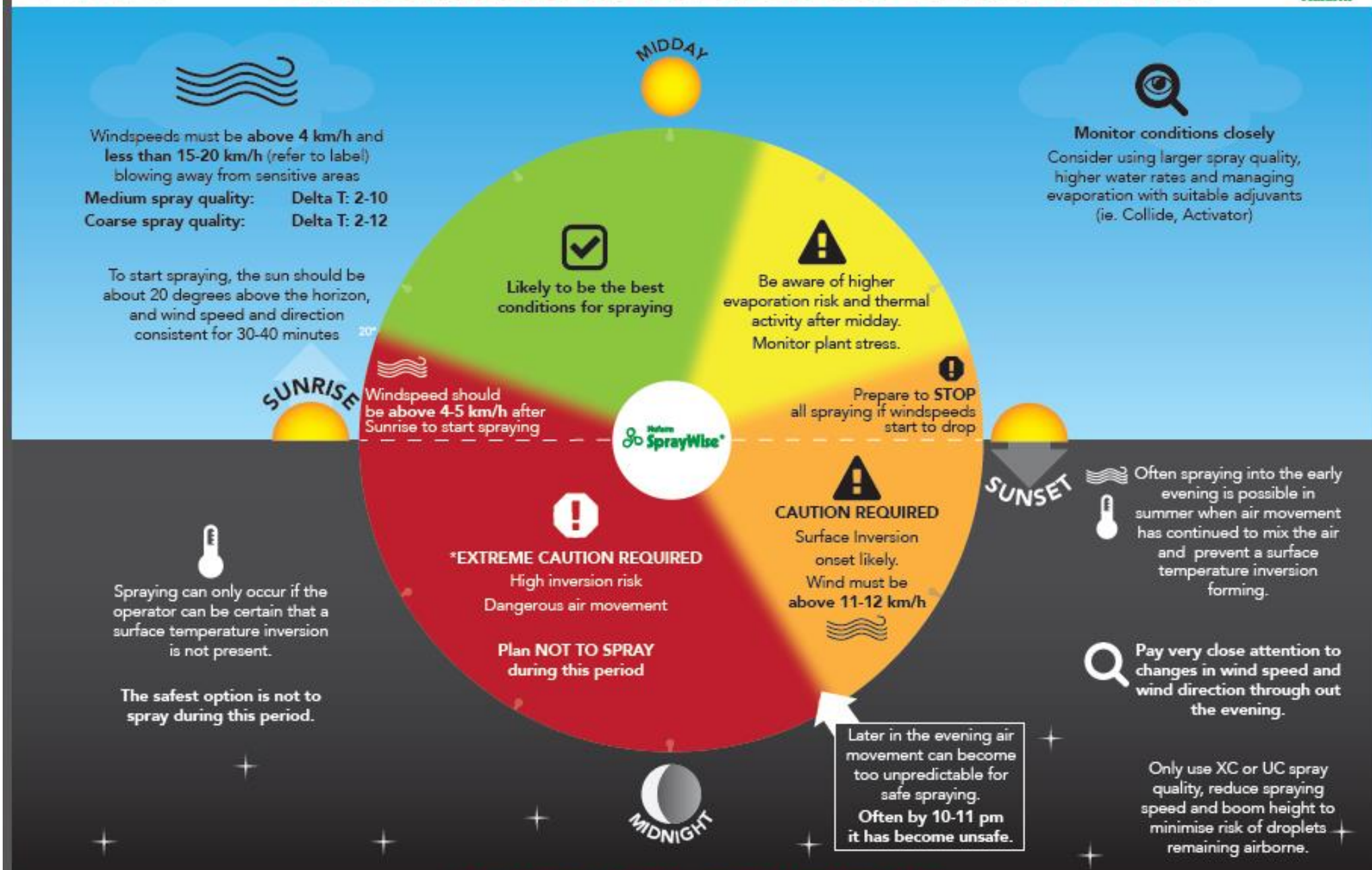


**Potato weed and caltrop on day of spraying (15-Jan-10)**

- *In choosing a day to conduct this trial (that is, a day when a wide range of Delta T readings would be achieved over a reasonable time period), the Spraywise Decisions website was used. The predicted Delta Ts, temperatures and humidity readings on the day the trial was applied were accurately predicted by Spraywise Decisions.*
- *For more information visit [www.spraywisedecisions.com.au](http://www.spraywisedecisions.com.au)*



Water Rate (L/ha)	Nozzle Type and Size	Spray Quality	SpraySeed % dessication		Glyphosate/ Phenoxy Mix % Stunting	
			16 DAT	24 DAT	16 DAT	24 DAT
60 L/ha	Untreated Control		0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	<b>0.0</b>
	TurboTeejet TT11002-VP (forward)	M	87.5	<b>92.5a</b>	27.5	<b>72.5ab</b>
	TeeJet AIXR11002VP	C	88.8	<b>98.0a</b>	30.0	<b>78.8a</b>
	TurboTwinJet TTJ60-11002VP	C	88.8	<b>94.0a</b>	30.0	<b>68.8ab</b>
	TeeJet AIT TJ60-11002VP	C	92.5	<b>93.8a</b>	27.5	<b>70.0ab</b>
	TurboTeejet Induction TTI11002-VP (alternating forward and backward)	XC	72.5	<b>82.5b</b>	25.0	<b>63.8b</b>
90 L/ha	Untreated Control		0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	<b>0.0</b>
	TurboTeejet TT110-025-VP (forward)	M	92.0	<b>94.5a</b>	23.8	<b>63.8b</b>
	TeeJet AIXR110025-VP	C	89.5	<b>95.5a</b>	25.0	<b>68.8ab</b>
	TurboTwinJet TTJ60-110025VP	C	85.0	<b>95.5a</b>	38.8	<b>72.5ab</b>
	Teejet AIT TJ60-11002VP	C	94.8	<b>96.8a</b>	18.8	<b>61.2b</b>
	TurboTeejet Induction TTI1102-VP (alternating forward and backward)	XC	86.0	<b>92.3a</b>	21.2	<b>66.2b</b>
LSD (0.05)			8.6	<b>5.9</b>	8.3	<b>11.5</b>



**ALWAYS FOLLOW LABEL INSTRUCTIONS**



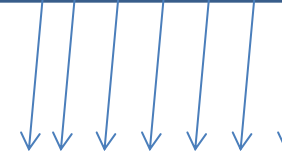
# Drift Study Night vs Day Spraying

Millee NSW, Feb, 2011  
GRDC and CRDC funded research.

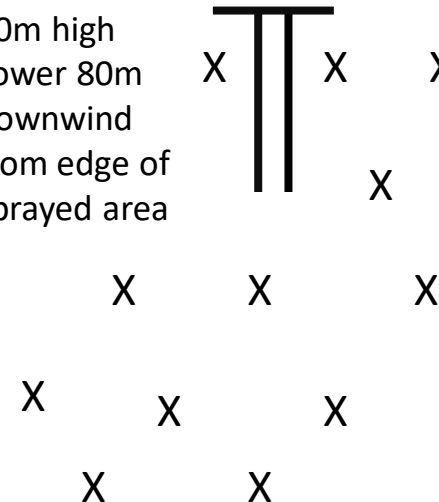
- Night Time Spraying   
conducted around 2.30am

- Daytime spraying   
conducted around 7.30am

55 ha block  
X  
Sprayed with a 36 m  
boom @ 22km/h  
X X  
AIXR -02 nozzles  
@ 4 bar, X  
X 50 L/ha  
Coarse Spray X  
Quality



20m high  
Tower 80m  
downwind  
from edge of  
sprayed area

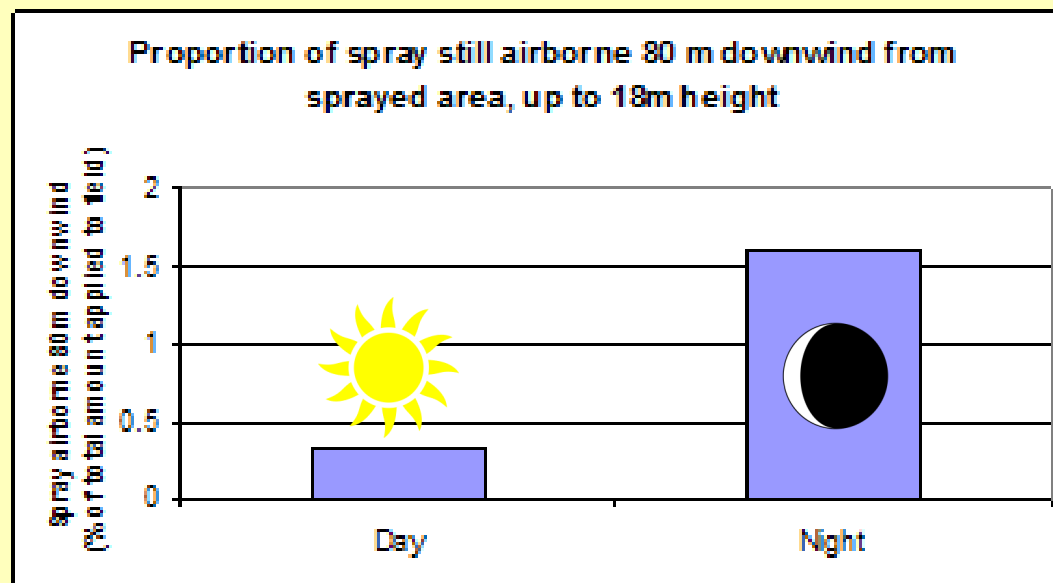




# Amount of product remaining airborne at 80 metres downwind from the sprayed field

## Night vs Day (Feb 2011, Millee)

	Wind Speed (km/hr)	Wind Direction (°)	Temperature (°C)	Relative Humidity (%)	Stability Ratio
Night	11.6	19	25.5	64	0.26
Day	18.3	4	28.7	61	-0.29





# Nozzle Selection and Adjuvant Choice

Your choice of nozzle and spray quality has a big influence on how much product could remain in the air.

- **Fine spray quality** approximately 40-50% less than 150 microns
- **Medium spray quality** approximately 20% less than 150 microns
- **Coarse spray quality** approximately 10% less than 150 microns
- **Very Coarse quality** approximately 5 % less than 150 microns
- **Extremely Coarse** spray quality approx. <2-3 % less than 150 microns

Adjuvant choice can help, but nozzle has the biggest impact!

# There are a lot of nozzles out there.....



Many have specific pressure ranges and differences in the droplet size (spray quality) they produce.

Some are affected in different ways by the formulation type or adjuvants that are used.

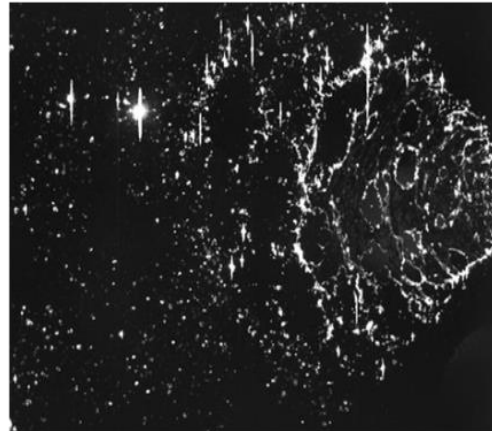




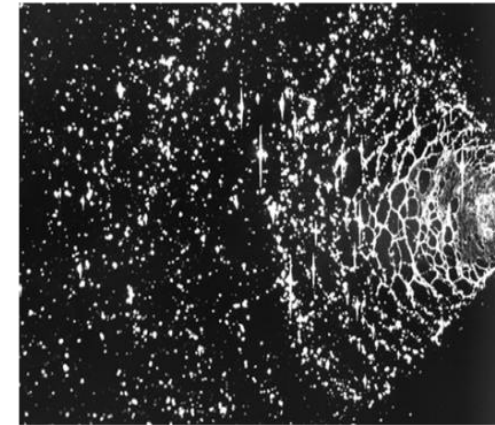
# Impact of formulation and/or adjuvants on nozzle outputs

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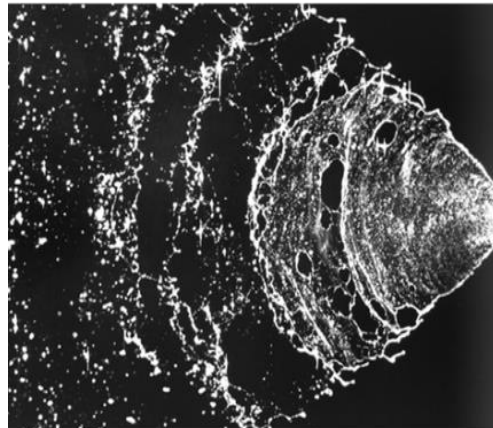
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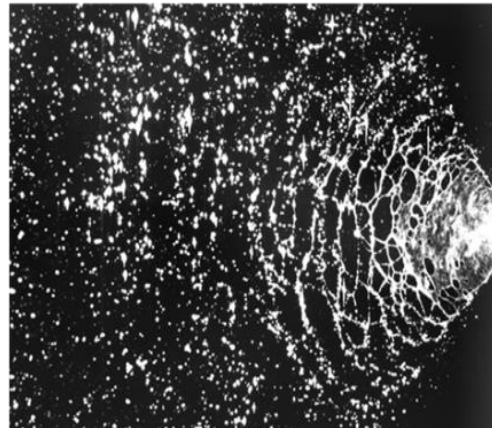
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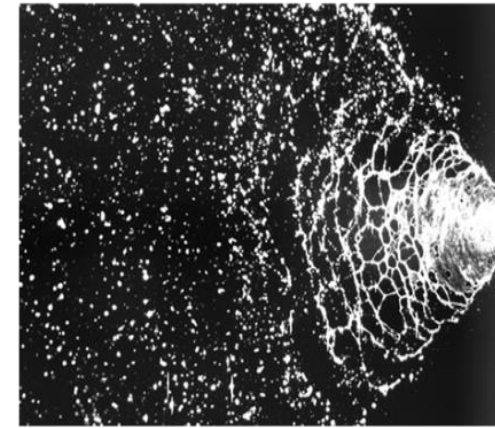
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modified seed oil



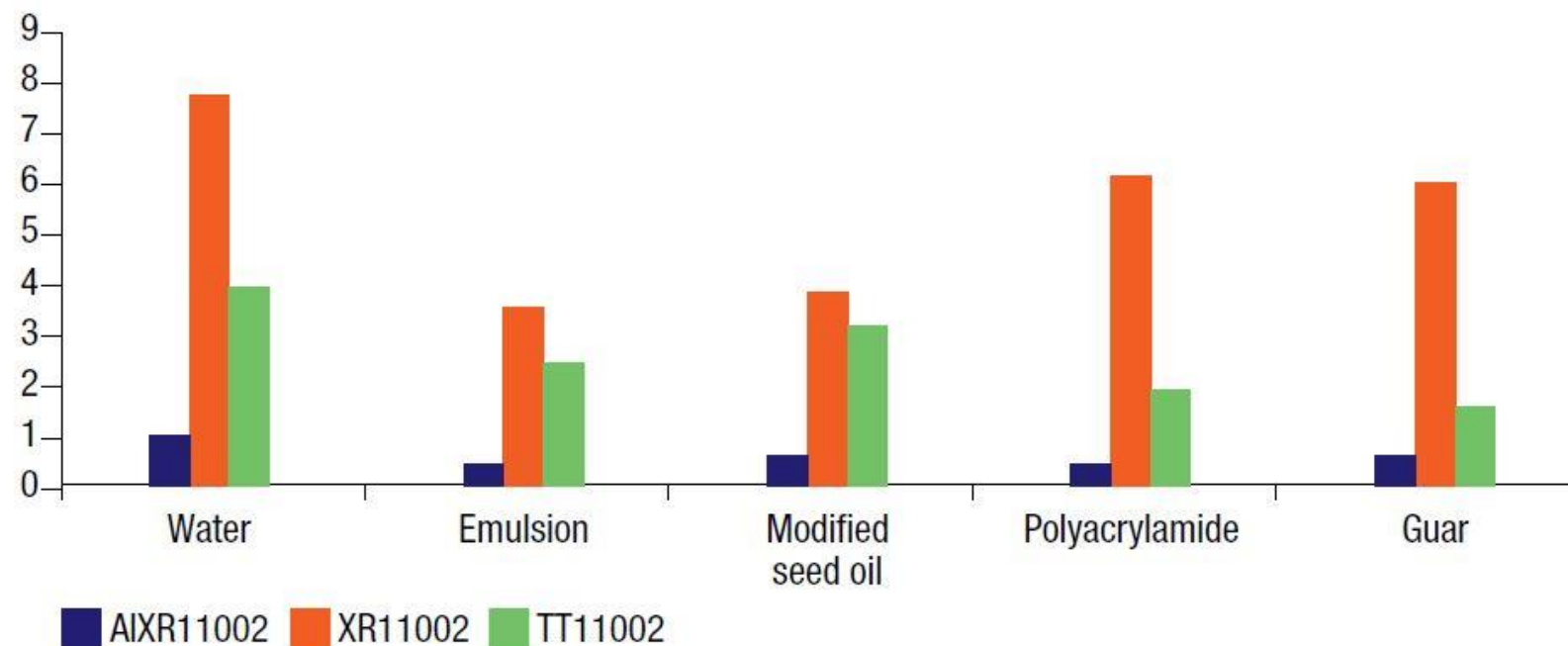
polyacrylamide





**FIGURE 1** Drift in a wind tunnel for three nozzles and various adjuvants.

Drift at 2m downwind (% applied)



Note: the amount of spray drift from the AIXR (air-induction) remained relatively consistent in this experiment, whereas the tank mix had a much greater effect on the standard XR nozzle and the TT.

SOURCE: UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND CENTRE FOR PESTICIDE APPLICATION AND SAFETY



Extended Range Fans				Pre-Orifice (RUN ABOVE 1.5-2 BAR)							Low Pressure Air Induction (RUN ABOVE 2-3 BAR)														High Pressure Air Induction (RUN ABOVE 3-4 BAR)													
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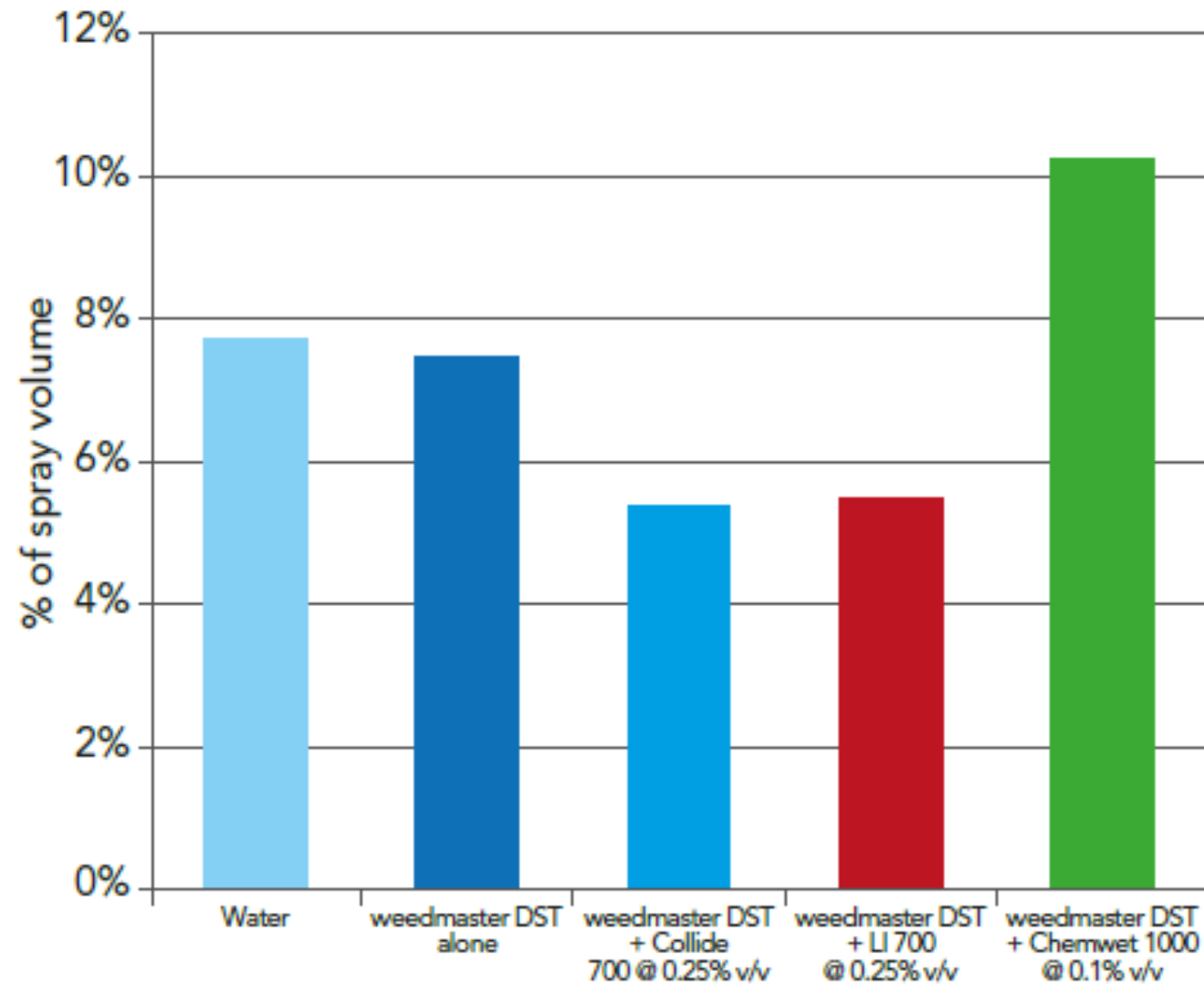


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**Figure 2: Percentage of driftable fines produced with various adjuvants** Using an Airmix 02 nozzle @ 3.5 bar



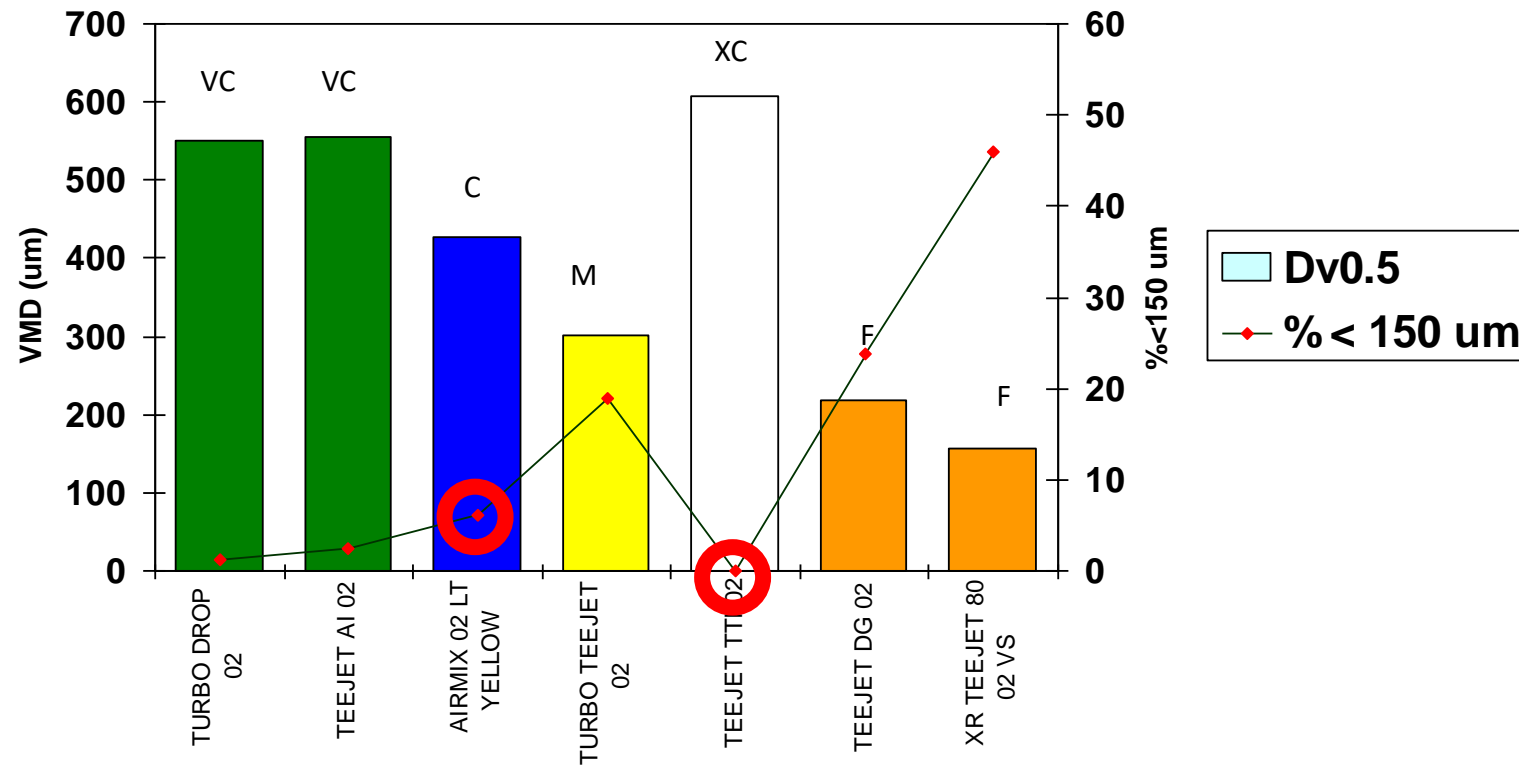
**Figure 2:** weedmaster DST rate 1.0L/ha 80L water/ha

**Source:** Uni QLD, Gatton 2012.



# Nozzle selection with 2,4 D – low pressure

Tank mix - 0.5% 2,4 D – 9 kph wind speed

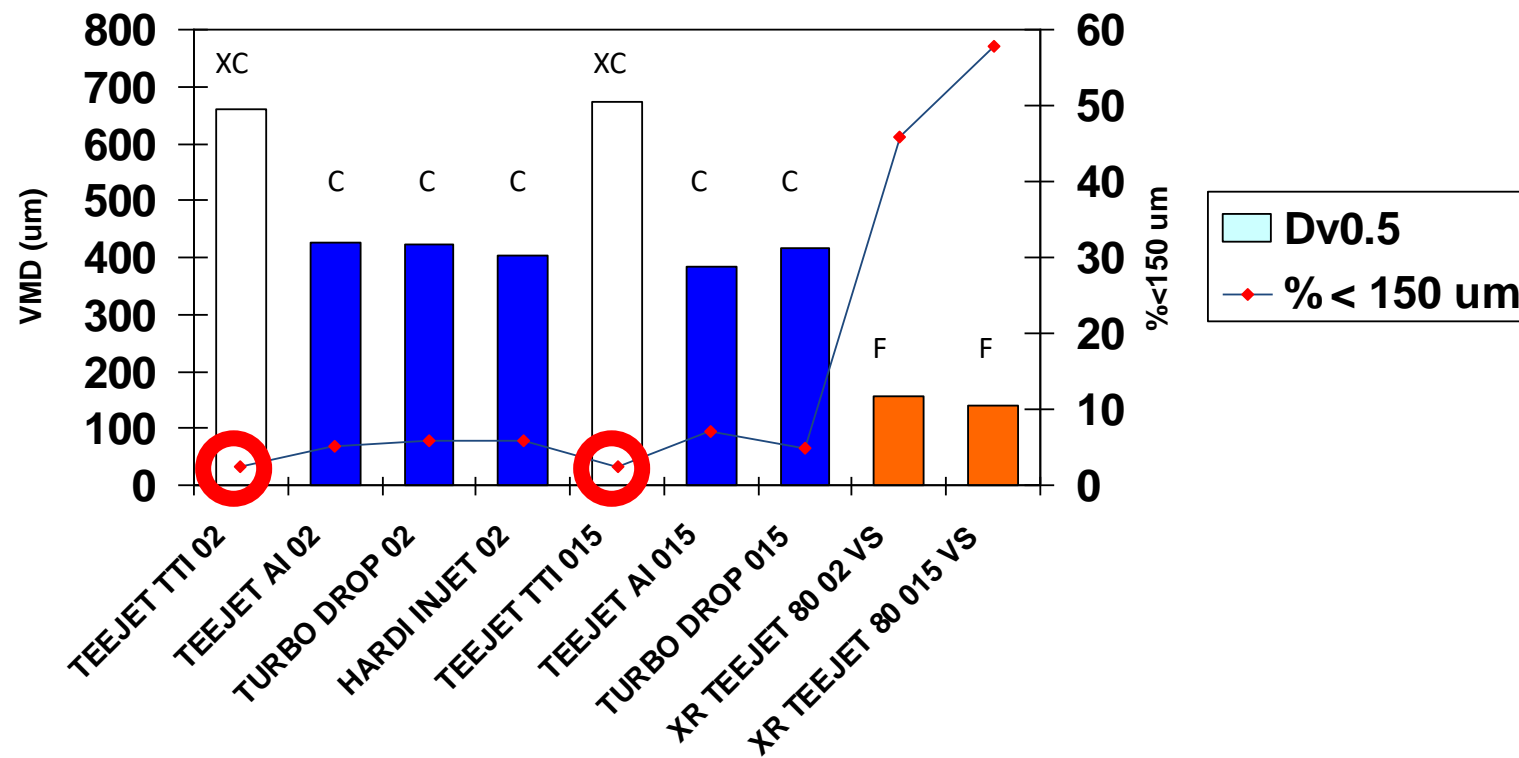


2.75 bar pressure

Source : C-PAS GRDC Project UQ 00032

# Nozzle selection with 2,4 D – higher pressure

Tank mix - 0.5% 2,4 D – 9 kph wind speed



5.0 bar pressure

Source : C-PAS GRDC Project UQ 00032

# Results from a single trial evaluating spraying speed and nozzle type on Glyphosate efficacy in a standing stubble

(Awnless Barnyard Grass & other summer weeds) Narrabri - 2014

	North ↑		wind direction at application ↓				
	Strip length 166m x 12m		Direction of sprayer travel ←				
			Subsamples 4 m x 25 cm, row spacing 33 cm				
Strip 7	UTC						
Strip 6	6	5	TTJ60 025 27 kph	4	3	2	1
Strip 5	6	5	AIXR 025 27 kph	4	3	2	1
Strip 4	6	5	TTI025 27 kph	4	3	2	1
Strip 3	6	5	TTJ60 20 kph	4	3	2	1
Strip 2	6	5	TTI 02 20kph	4	3	2	1
strip 1	6	5	AIXR 02 20 kph	4	3	2	1





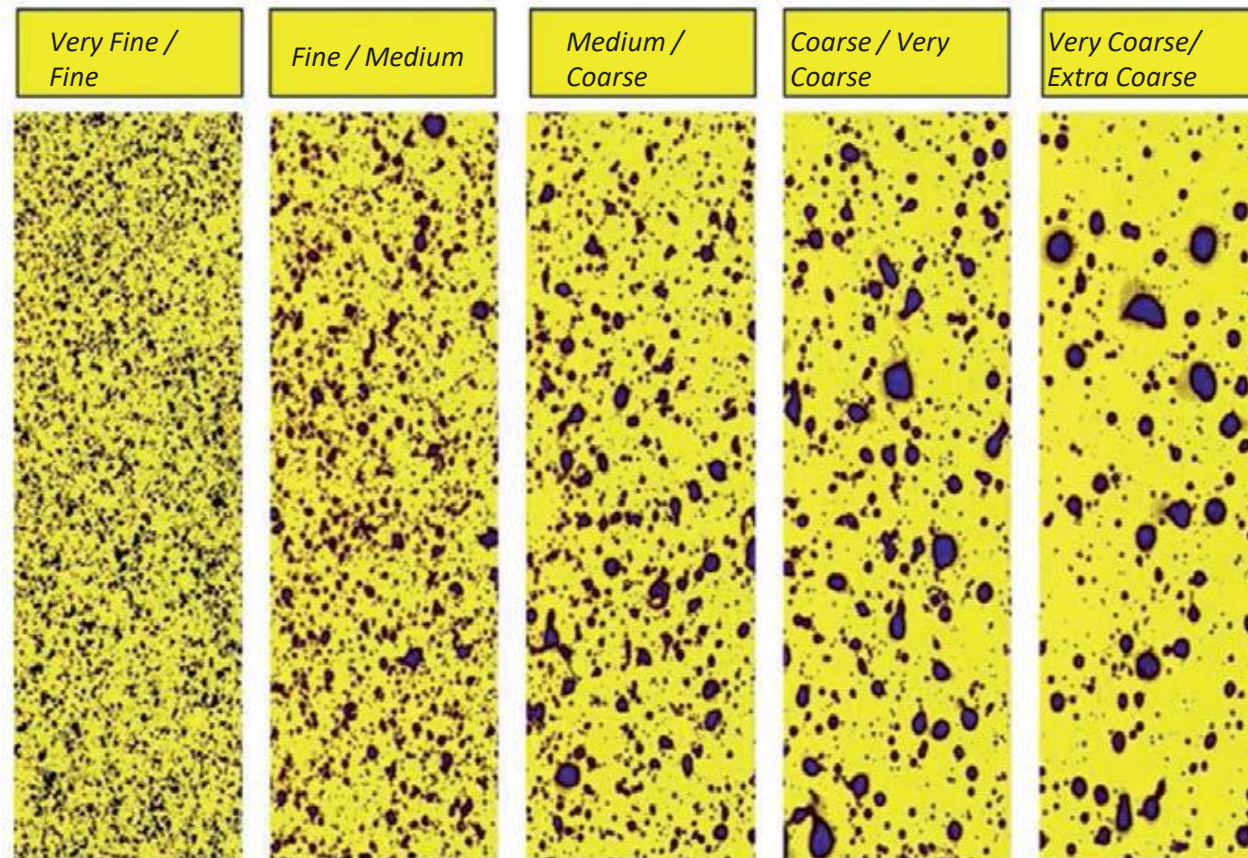


## Summary of speed and nozzle effects

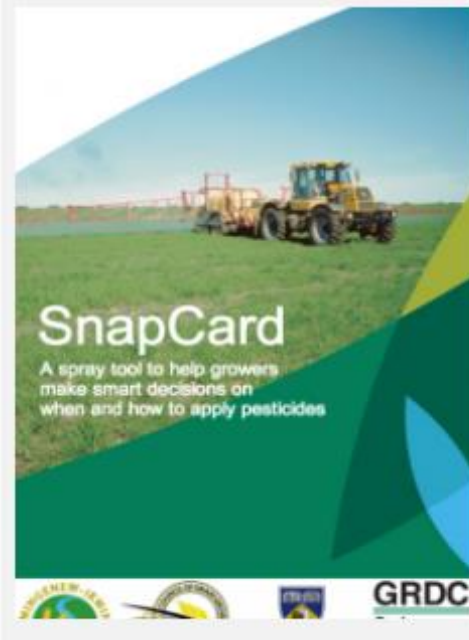
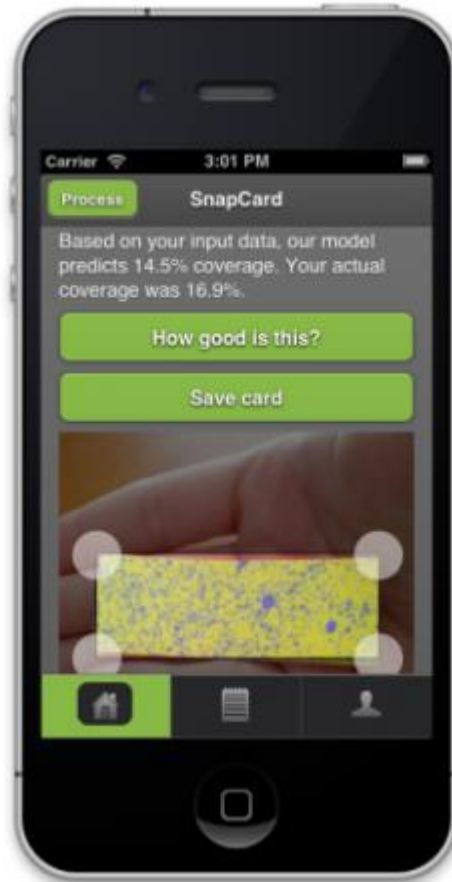
- Spraying at 27 km/h resulted in a 9.4% reduction in efficacy in the centre of the sprayer for all nozzles (compared to 20 km/h)
- TTI nozzles (XC) resulted in a 10-12% overall reduction in efficacy at either speed *(at the rate of Glyphosate actually used)*.

# When using larger droplets assess spray coverage and monitor efficacy

Coverage on Water Sensitive paper at the same application volume with different spray qualities



# Snapcard App



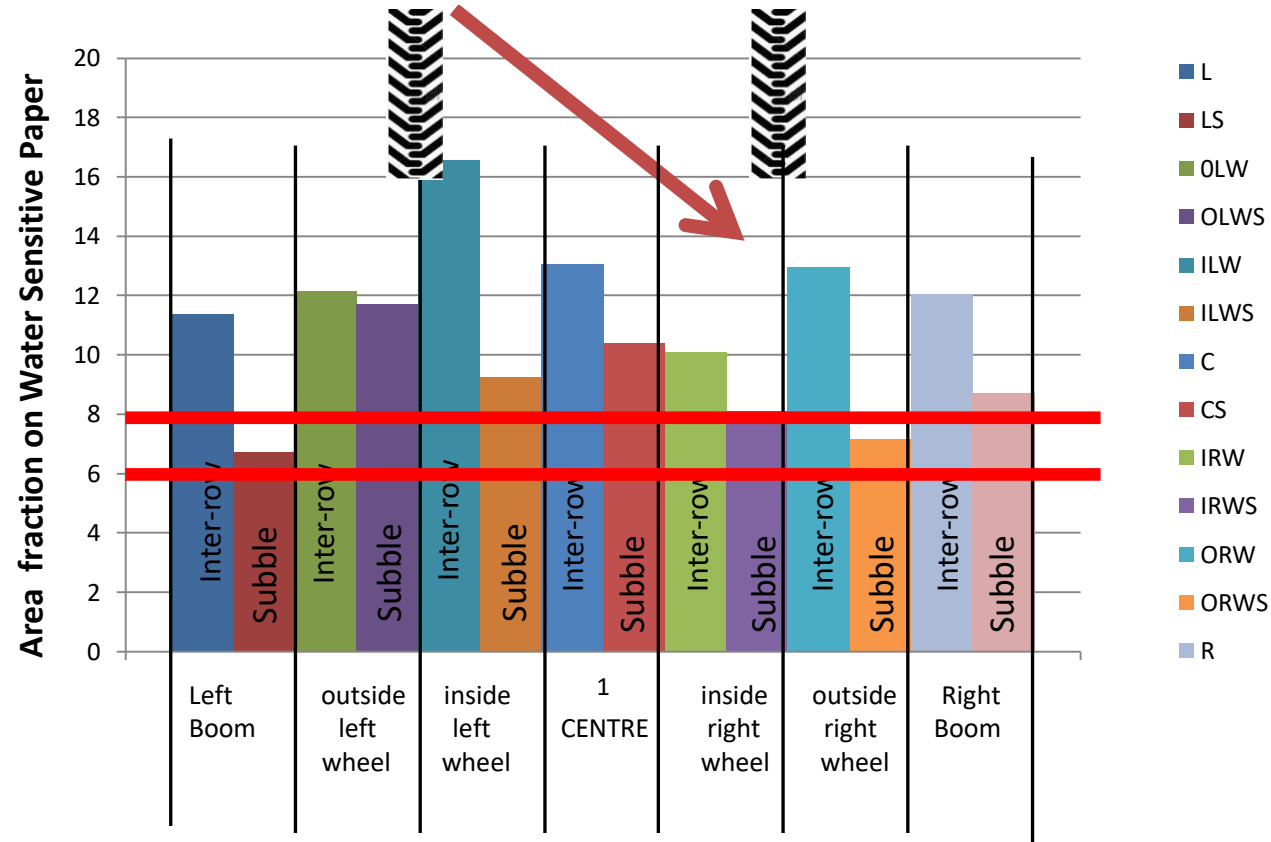
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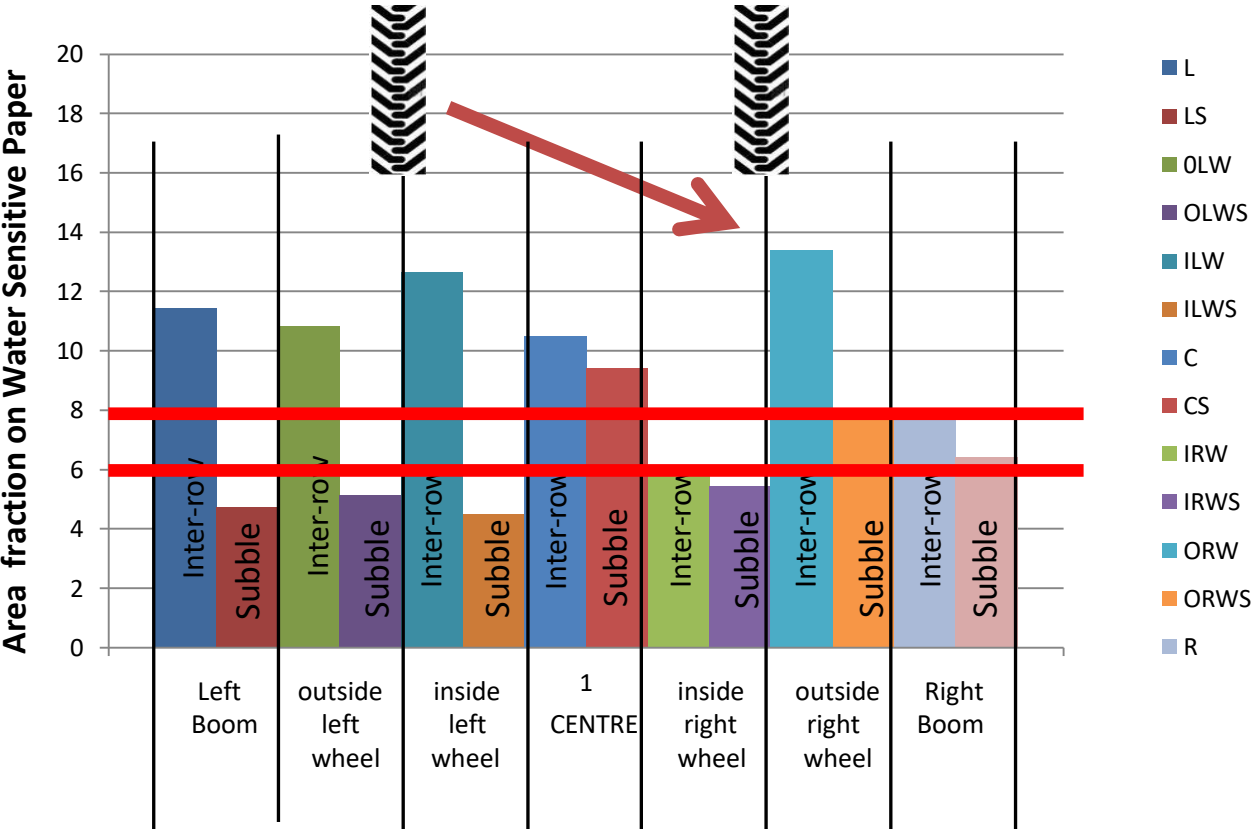




18 km/h, 60 L/ha, 50cm spacing  
AIXR 02 @ 4 bar (small end of Coarse)

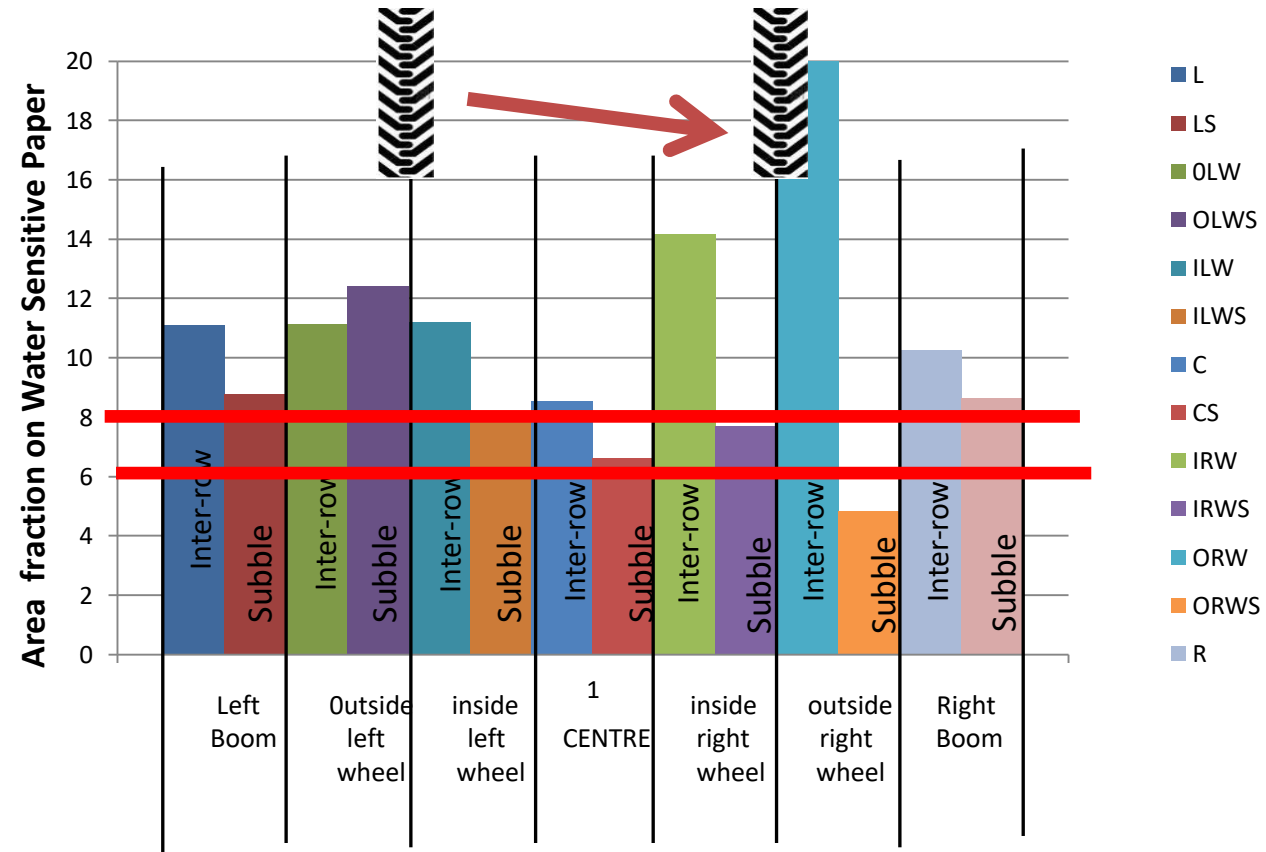


26 km/h, 60 L/ha, 25cm spacing  
AIXR 015 and 02 @ 2.5bar (very coarse)

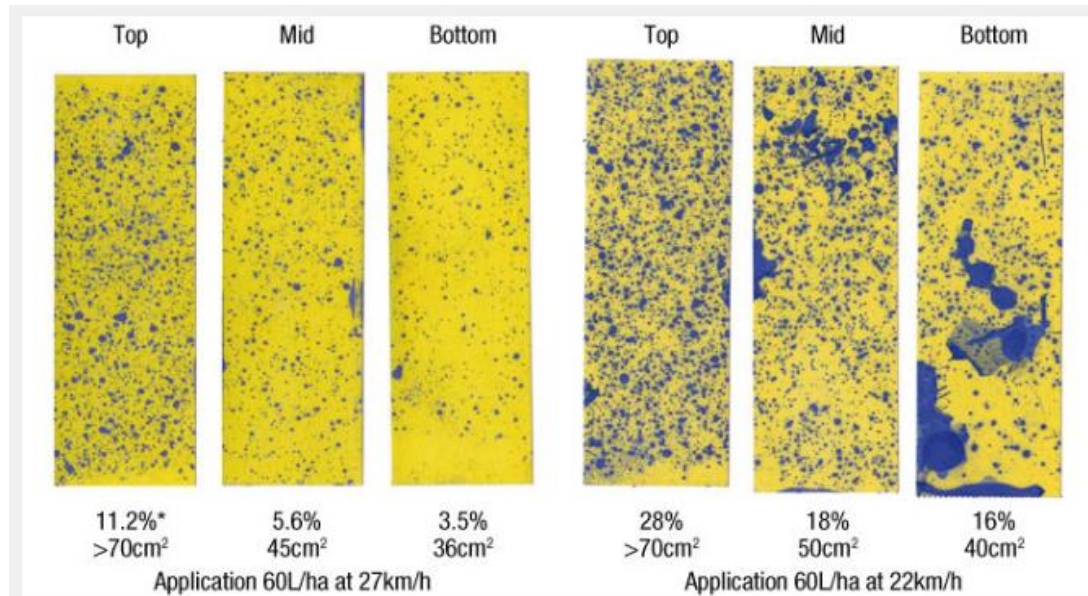




31 km/h, 60 L/ha, 25cm spacing  
 AIXR 015 and 02 @ 4 bar (small end of coarse)



# Penetration and coverage in a late canola canopy ( e.g. fungicide application)



**Figure 2** Deposits onto WSP cards at three locations in the canopy (top, mid and bottom).

**SOURCE:** Bill Campbell

Same application volume, but a reduction in spraying speed, and a minor change in spray quality have made a big difference to the penetration and coverage.

# Impact of droplet interception on coverage due to different stubble heights



70cm high, "stripper front"  
4.7 t/ha residue



<10cm high, < 2.2 t/ha residue


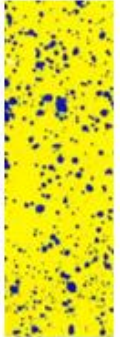
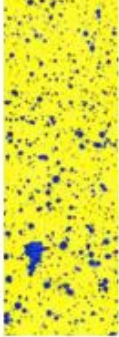

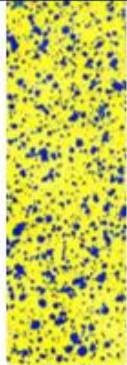
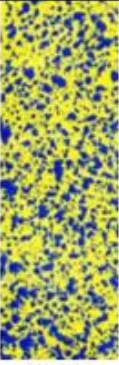
Pre-orifice 02 nozzle 3 bar, 16 km/h 50L/ha	Pre-orifice 03 nozzle 3 bar, 16 km/h 50L/ha	Pre-orifice 04 nozzle 3 bar, 16 km/h 50L/ha
Stripper front stubble		
		
9.9%	10.3%	16.7%
Baled stubble		
		
13.6%	26.2%	35.0%

Table 1. Spray card analysis for stripper front and baled stubble treatments, medium droplet size.





## Top Ten Tips for reducing spray drift

- Choose all products in the tank mix carefully, this includes the choice of active ingredient, the formulation type and the adjuvant used.
- Understand the products mode of action and coverage requirements
- Select the coarsest spray quality that will provide an acceptable level of control (& check the spray coverage).
- Always expect that surface temperature inversions will form later in the day, as sunset approaches, and they are likely to persist overnight and beyond sunrise on many occasions
- Use weather forecasting information to plan the application.



## Top Ten Tips for reducing spray drift

- Only start spraying after the sun has risen more than 20 degrees above the horizon and the wind speed has been above 4-5 km/h for more than 20-30 minutes, with a clear direction that is away from adjacent sensitive areas.
- Set the boom height to achieve double overlap of the spray patterns.
- Avoid high spraying speeds, particularly when ground cover is minimal.
- Be prepared to leave unsprayed buffers
- Continually monitor the conditions at the site of application.



# Thanks for Listening.

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

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**Or your local Nufarm Representative.**

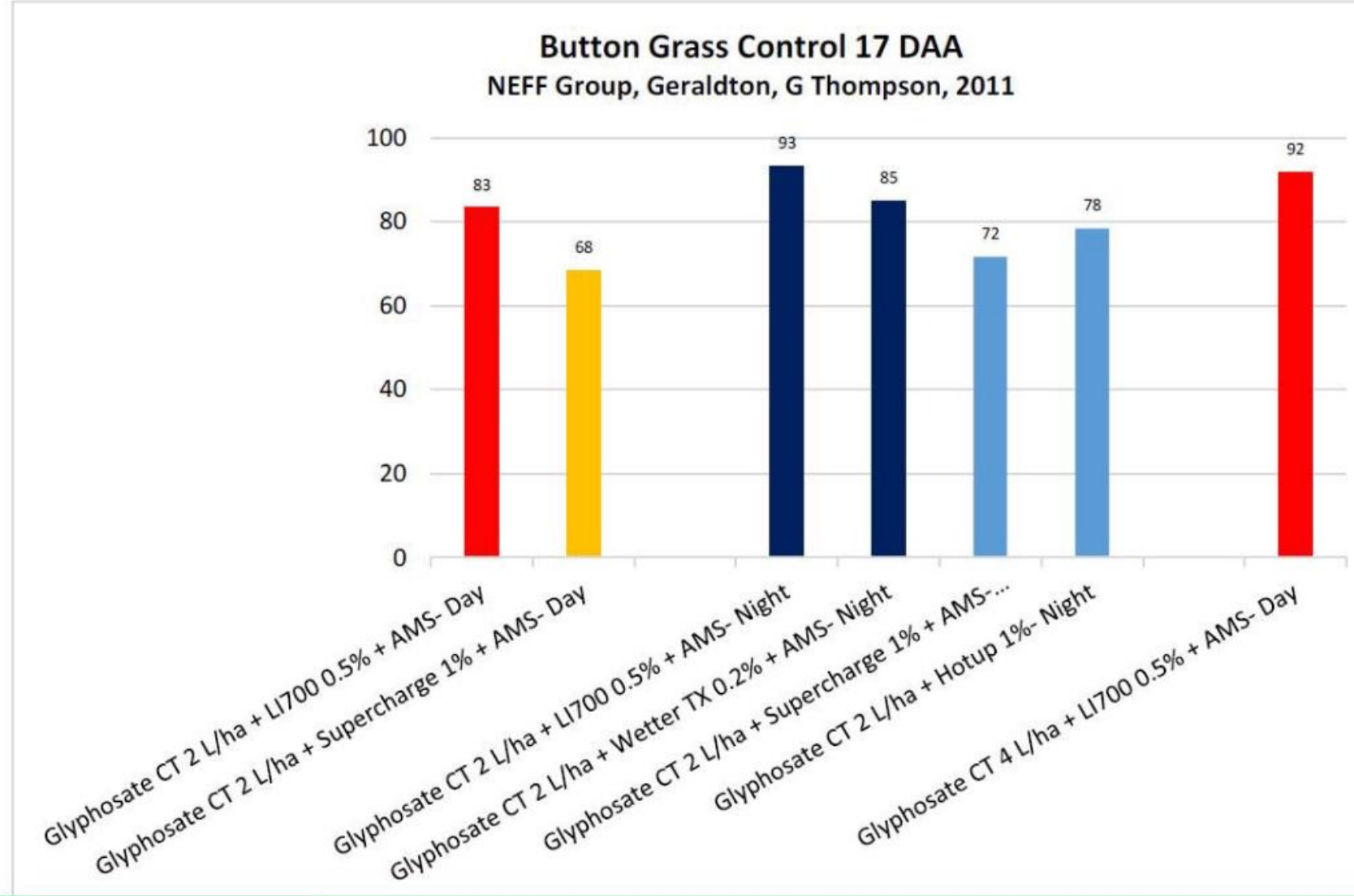


## A close-up photograph of green grass with yellow seed heads, likely a type of cereal grass. The image is oriented vertically and has a white border.

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# Why specialty adjuvants with Glyphosate

Oils impede uptake of Glyphosate



Delta T- Day 6.0 (light 6-6.30am), Night 7.6 (night 3.45-5.45 am)