PYRASULFOTOLE & BROMOXYNIL FOR EFFICACY AND CROP RESPONSE IN WINTER WHEAT. Patrick W. Geier, Phillip W. Stahlman, and Dallas E. Peterson, Assistant Scientist, Professor, and Professor, Kansas State University, Hays and Manhattan.

Three experiments during the 2007-08 and 2008-09 growing seasons determined the effects of pyrasulfotole & bromoxynil applied as a premixture and in combination with other herbicides on winter annual broadleaf weeds and winter wheat. The pyrasulfotole & bromoxynil premixtures and the premixtures in combination with dicamba, MCPA, or metsulfuron controlled flixweed, field pennycress, blue mustard, and bushy wallflower 95% or more regardless of application timing or experiment. During the 2007-08 season at Hays, fall-POST applications of all herbicides controlled henbit better than spring-POST treatments. Henbit control in this experiment was lowest (84 to 86%) with pyrasulfotole & bromoxynil plus metsulfuron or with the premix of dicamba & triasulfuron. At Manhattan, dicamba & triasulfuron controlled henbit 88 and 63% when applied fall-POST and spring-POST respectively, whereas all fall-POST treatments containing pyrasulfotole & bromoxynil controlled henbit 98% or more. Henbit control was essentially complete regardless of herbicide or application timing at Hays in 2008-09. Most wild buckwheat had not emerged prior to spring-POST applications at Manhattan. Spring application of dicamba & triasulfuron controlled wild buckwheat completely, whereas fall application provided 85% control. Fall and spring treatments of the pyrasulfotole & bromoxynil premixture and the premixture in combination with MCPA provided minimal wild buckwheat control. Spring treatments of pyrasulfotole & bromoxynil with dicamba or metsulfuron controlled wild buckwheat 85%, whereas the fall tank-mix with metsulfuron gave 67% control and the fall tank-mix with dicamba provided no buckwheat control. Minor wheat necrosis occurred at Manhattan and Hays in 2007-08; however injury was less than 10% and did not persist. Yields were not determined at Manhattan due to hail. At Hays in 2007-08, where weed pressure was heavy, herbicide-treated wheat yielded more than twice as much grain as nontreated wheat, but yields did not differ between herbicides. Weed pressure was light at Hays in 2008-09, and grain yields were similar among all herbicide-treated and nontreated wheat.