HERBICIDE GROUPS AND SITES OF ACTION PART III OF IV: GROUP 2

HERBICIDE RESISTANCE



Group 2 herbicides inhibit the acetyl lactate synthase (ALS) enzyme in plants, which is important for producing certain amino acids, the building blocks of protein. There are 7 different herbicide families in Group 2. Only 3 of the families contain herbicides that control wild oat in western Canada. They are:



1. Imidazolinone (Imi) - imazamox (Solo), imazethapyr (Pursuit)

2. Triazolinone- flucarbazone (Everest), propoxycarbazone (Olympus), thiencarbazone (Varro)

3. Triazolopyrimidine (TP)

- pyroxsulam (Simplicity)



Target site mutations have been identified in wild oat that leads to Group 2 resistance; however, the primary mechanism of Group 2 resistance in multiple resistant wild oat is **non-target site** resistance. The non-target site resistant plants can metabolize the herbicides into non-toxic compounds.

The most prevalent wild oat resistance in western Canada is to Group 1; *however, Group 2 resistance is increasing.* The incidence of wild oats that are resistant to both **Group 1** and **Group 2** herbicides is also on the rise. Plants that are resistant to more than one herbicide group are referred to as possessing multiple resistance.



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