

# Control of volunteer adzuki bean in soybean

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## ABSTRACT

The objective of this research was to evaluate the efficacy of various pre-emergence (PRE) and post-emergence (POST) herbicides for the control of volunteer adzuki bean (*Vigna angularis* (Willd.) Ohwi & Ohashi) in soybean (*Glycine max* L.). Trials were conducted at two locations in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2009. Experiments were arranged in a randomized complete block design with either five PRE or nine POST herbicides. Volunteer adzuki bean interference in soybean resulted in yield loss of up to 25%. Cloransulam-methyl, linuron, metribuzin, flumetsulam, and imazethapyr applied PRE provided up to 6%, 24%, 14%, 8%, and 0% control, respectively at 8 weeks after emergence (WAE), while acifluorfen, fomesafen, bentazon, thifensulfuron-methyl, cloransulam-methyl, imazethapyr, and imazethapyr plus bentazon applied POST provided 2%, 2%, 5%, 34%, 6%, 4%, and 12% control, respectively at 8 weeks after application (WAA). Generally, with the aforementioned herbicides, soybean yield was equivalent to the weedy control and soybean grain contamination with adzuki bean seed was consistently above the 1% maximum threshold. Chlorimuron-ethyl and glyphosate applied POST provided up to 84% and 94% visual control at 8 WAA, respectively, decreased adzuki bean density, biomass, and seed production, and generally decreased soybean contamination with adzuki bean below the 1% threshold. The only herbicides evaluated in this study that controlled volunteer adzuki bean in soybean were chlorimuron-ethyl (9 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>) and glyphosate (900 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>) applied POST. All the other PRE and POST herbicides evaluated did not provide adequate control of volunteer adzuki bean in soybean.

**Keywords:** Acifluorfen; Bentazon; Chlorimuron-Ethyl; Cloransulam-Methyl;

Flumetsulam; Fomesafen; Imazethapyr; Linuron; Metribuzin; Pre-Emergence; Post-Emergence; Thifensulfuron-Methyl

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Production of adzuki bean (*Vigna angularis* (Willd.) Ohwi & Ohashi) in Ontario has grown over the last few years, and may continue to expand. From only 18 MT in 1994 [1], exports to Japan have reached approximately 5500 MT in 2005, with an additional 2500 MT exported to Taiwan [2]. Estimated land planted to adzuki bean in Ontario has ranged from 2500 to 4000 hectares between 2005 and 2008, and total production ranged from 4500 to 8500 MT [2]. While China exports a large amount of adzuki bean paste to Japan, Ontario has a 65% market share of global exports of unprocessed adzuki bean to Japan and Taiwan, with the USA and Australia providing the balance [2]. Adzuki bean produced in Ontario, Australia, and the USA is typically of higher quality than that of other locations [1]. Significant importers of adzuki bean include Taiwan and Korea, but Japan is the largest market for adzuki bean since there typically is a gap of 40,000 MT between annual consumption and domestic production [1]. Although it is still a minor crop, there is great potential for the adzuki bean acreage to increase in Ontario.

Despite the opportunity to produce adzuki bean for export to Japan and Taiwan, a significant obstacle for Ontario growers is that volunteer adzuki bean plants will emerge in subsequent years. Adzuki bean pods shatter easily [3], which leads to significant seed losses prior to and during harvest. The seed coat of adzuki beans is hard in comparison to soybean and other legumes, reducing permeability to water and increasing the longevity of seed viability in the soil [4]. Anecdotally, growers have remarked that the presence of volunteer adzuki bean plants can still be an issue even 10 years after the last crop was grown. The actual potential for adzuki bean seed to remain viable in agricultural situations has not yet been documented, although recent laboratory studies have demonstrated that the seeds remain viable for at

least 5 years at 13% moisture and 15% relative humidity [5]. The presence of volunteer adzuki bean plants can be especially problematic where an Identity Preserved (IP) soybean (*Glycine max* L.) crop is grown. Adzuki bean seeds, at 6 mm long and 5 mm wide, are slightly smaller than those of soybean [6]. Consequently, when the soybean crop is harvested, any volunteer adzuki bean seed present may also be harvested and contaminate the grain. IP soybeans containing more than 1% adzuki bean seed are downgraded and the premium associated with the IP soybeans is lost, severely reducing or eliminating potential profit. Therefore, it is necessary to control volunteer adzuki beans to prevent substantial monetary losses.

In addition to the aforementioned problem, early weed control is essential for optimizing soybean yield. For example, Barrentine [7] concluded soybean seed yield can be reduced by 10%, 28%, 43%, and 52% in the presence of *Xanthium strumarium* L. (common cocklebur) at densities of 3300, 6600, 13,000, and 26,000 plants ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. A study conducted by Weaver [8] evaluated the effects *Chenopodium album* L. (common lamb's-quarters), *Ambrosia artemisiifolia* L. (common ragweed), and *Setaria* spp. (green foxtail) on the yield of soybean. Soybean yield was reduced up to 75%, 70%, and 80% by high densities of *Chenopodium album*, *Ambrosia artemisiifolia*, and *Setaria* spp., respectively [8]. *Abutilon theophrasti* Medicus (velvetleaf), at populations from 130 to 204 plants m<sup>2</sup>, has been shown to reduce soybean yields by 23% [9]. Adzuki bean is not the first volunteer crop issue in soybean. Volunteer maize (*Zea mays* L.) within a soybean crop is one of the most common volunteer crop problems. Andersen *et al.* [10] showed that volunteer maize clumps, at the low density of 0.4 clumps per meter of row, decreased soybean yield by 31%. Additionally, Beckett and Stoller [11] reported 21% and 51% soybean yield loss at volunteer maize densities of 5380 and 10,760 clumps per hectare, respectively. These studies confirm the requirement of proper weed management to protect crop yield, whether the target species is a traditional weed or a volunteer crop.

The purpose of this study was to evaluate the efficacy

of various pre-emergence (PRE) and post-emergence (POST) broadleaf herbicides registered for use in Ontario for the control of volunteer adzuki bean in soybean.

## 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Field trials were conducted during the 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2009 growing seasons at Ridgetown and Exeter, Ontario. Sites were moldboard plowed in the autumn, and cultivated in the spring prior to planting. Phosphorus and potash were applied at 112 kg-ha<sup>-1</sup> each prior to plowing in the autumn. Adzuki bean seeds were spread at 55 kg-ha<sup>-1</sup> on the soil surface of the experimental area prior to cultivation in the spring. Soybeans were planted during the month of May of each year. Soil texture, soil organic matter content, soil pH, soybean cultivar, planting date, planting population and herbicide application dates are presented in **Table 1**.

Two trials were established at each location in a randomized complete block design with four replications. The first experiment at each location evaluated five PRE herbicides: cloransulam-methyl (35 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), linuron (2250 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), metribuzin (1120 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), flumetsulam (70 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), and imazethapyr (100 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), while the second experiment evaluated nine POST herbicides: acifluorfen (600 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), fomesafen (240 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), bentazon (1080 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), thifensulfuron-methyl (6 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), chlorimuron-ethyl (9 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), cloransulam-methyl (17.5 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), imazethapyr (100 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), imazethapyr plus bentazon (75 and 840 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), and glyphosate (900 g ae.ha<sup>-1</sup>). Adjuvants used for POST herbicides are listed in **Table 5**. Each plot consisted of four soybean rows spaced 75 cm apart and 8.0 m (Ridgetown) or 10.0 m (Exeter) in length. The herbicide doses used are the full-label dose registered for use in Ontario. Each trial also included two weedy and one weed-free control. The weed-free control was maintained weed-free with an application of glyphosate (1800 g ae.ha<sup>-1</sup>) applied POST followed by hand hoeing as required.

Herbicide treatments in Ridgetown were applied with a CO<sub>2</sub>-pressurized backpack sprayer equipped with ULD

**Table 1.** Environment, soil, soybean information, and herbicide application dates for all experiments.

Year	Location	Soil texture	Soil OM %	Soil pH	Soybean variety	Planting date	Planting population seeds ha <sup>-1</sup>	Spraying date (PRE/POST)
2005	Ridgetown	Clay loam	4.9	6.7	FL 3104RR	May 18	480,000	May 21/June 20
2005	Exeter	Clay loam	3.4	8.0	FL 2802RR	May 24	395,000	May 26/June 20
2006	Ridgetown	Clay loam	4.2	6.8	DK 31-04RR	May 30	480,000	May 30/June 27
2006	Exeter	Clay loam	3.7	7.4	DK 28-52RR	May 29	445,000	May 29/June 23
2007	Ridgetown	Clay loam	4.9	6.7	DK 30-07RR	May 23	480,000	May 24/June 15
2007	Exeter	Clay loam	4.7	7.4	DK 28-52RR	May 7	420,000	May 8/June 13
2009	Ridgetown	Clay loam	4.9	6.7	DK 31-10RY	May 20	480,000	May 23/June 24
2009	Exeter	Clay loam	4.4	7.9	DK 28-03RR	May 13	425,000	May 15/June 23

120-02 flat-fan nozzles (Hypro, New Brighton, MN) calibrated to deliver 200 L·ha<sup>-1</sup> of water at 210 kPa. In Exeter, herbicide treatments were applied with a CO<sub>2</sub>-pressurized backpack sprayer equipped with Teejet 80-02 flat-fan nozzles (Spraying Systems Co., Wheaton, IL) calibrated to deliver 200 L·ha<sup>-1</sup> of water at 241 kPa in 2005, 2006, and 2007, and ULD 120-02 flat-fan nozzles (Hypro, New Brighton, MN) were used in 2009. Herbicide applications were made with a 1.5 meter boom with four nozzles spaced 50 cm apart over the center two rows.

The PRE herbicides were applied 0 to 3 days after seeding, while the POST herbicides were applied when the adzuki bean was between 5 and 10 cm in height. Estimate of crop injury was rated 1, 2, and 4 weeks after crop emergence (WAE) for the PRE treatments, and 1, 2, and 4 weeks after application (WAA) for the POST treatments. Crop injury was rated visually on a scale of 0% to 100%, where a rating of 0 was defined as no crop injury and 100 was defined as crop death. At 4 and 8 WAE/WAA weed control was rated visually on a scale of 0% to 100% control, where 0 is no control and 100 is complete volunteer adzuki bean control. At 10 WAE/WAA, adzuki bean density and biomass were determined by counting the number of adzuki bean plants in two 0.25 m<sup>2</sup> quadrats in each plot. The adzuki bean plants were cut off at the soil surface, placed in paper bags, dried at 60°C to constant weight, and the dry weight was recorded. At crop maturity, the soybeans were harvested from the center two rows with a small-plot combine and the weight and moisture was recorded. Yields were adjusted to 13.5% moisture. In 2009 at Ridgetown and Exeter, when the volunteer adzuki bean plants within the trials approached maturity, volunteer adzuki bean plants within each plot were removed from two 0.25 m<sup>2</sup> quadrats. The number of plants that produced at least one seed pod was recorded, as well as the number of adzuki bean plants that failed to produce pods. The pods were then thrashed and the seeds counted to determine the number of seeds produced by surviving adzuki bean plants in each treatment. Additionally, samples were drawn from the harvested soybean to evaluate the percent contamination. A 100 g soybean sample was taken, from which the adzuki bean within the sample were removed and weighed to determine the percent contamination. Commercially, soybean samples with greater than 1% adzuki bean seed would be subject to downgrading and loss of the IP soybean premium.

In 2009, permanent quadrats were established within the weed-free plots at Ridgetown and left undisturbed for the entire growing season to determine the emergence pattern of volunteer adzuki bean within a soybean crop. On a weekly basis the emerged adzuki beans were counted and then physically removed.

An analysis of variance was conducted on all data. Data were analyzed using the MIXED procedure in SAS (Ver. 9.1, SAS Institute INC., Cary, NC). Variances were separated into the random effects of environment (year and location), replication (within environment), and environment by treatment interaction, and the fixed effect of herbicide treatment. Significance of random effects and their interaction with fixed effects was tested using the Z-test of the variance estimate, while the significance of fixed effects was tested using the *F*-test. Due to significant environment by treatment interactions resulting from varied levels of control by certain herbicides over years and location, the pooling of data was restricted to combinations of certain environments and is presented accordingly. To ensure the assumptions of the variance analysis (errors are independent, homogeneous, and normally distributed) were met, residuals were plotted by predicted, treatment, and replication for each variable analyzed. In addition, data were tested for normality using the Shapiro-Wilk statistic as generated by the PROC UNIVARIATE procedure in SAS. When necessary to achieve normality, data transformations (natural log transformation, square root transformation, and arcsine square root transformation) were applied and chosen by that transformation which produced the highest Shapiro-Wilk statistic. Treatment means were transformed back to the original scale for presentation. Means were separated using Fisher's protected LSD at *P* < 0.05.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 3.1. Pre-Emergence Herbicides

The PRE herbicides evaluated did not cause commercially significant injury to soybean. At 4 WAE, crop injury was less than 2% for all herbicides (data not presented).

The PRE herbicides evaluated did not provide acceptable control of volunteer adzuki bean. Cloransulam-methyl (35 g ai·ha<sup>-1</sup>), linuron (2250 g ai·ha<sup>-1</sup>), metribuzin (1120 g ai·ha<sup>-1</sup>), flumetsulam (70 g ai·ha<sup>-1</sup>), and imazethapyr (100 g ai·ha<sup>-1</sup>) provided up to 8%, 44%, 21%, 18%, and 2% control 4 WAE (**Table 2**) and up to 6%, 24%, 14%, 8%, and 0% control 8 WAE, respectively (**Table 3**). This is consistent with research in *Phaseolus vulgaris*, where Soltani *et al.* [12] found linuron injured black bean (27%) and white bean (31%) at 4 WAE. In addition, a study evaluating flumetsulam use in southern pea (*Vigna unguiculata* L.) reported that there was crop injury of 13% at 3 WAA, demonstrating southern pea's relative tolerance to flumetsulam [13]. Harrison [14] concluded that adzuki bean is tolerant to metribuzin, while Soltani *et al.* [15] showed that imazethapyr at 150 g ai·ha<sup>-1</sup> applied preplant incorporated had no effect on adzuki bean yield or maturity and is suitable for in crop

**Table 2.** Means for percent volunteer adzuki bean control in soybean with various PRE herbicides 4 WAE at Ridgetown and Exeter, ON from 2005 to 2009<sup>a</sup>.

	Dose g ai.ha <sup>-1</sup>	2005	2006	2007 <sup>b</sup>	2009
Untreated control		0 b	0 c	0 d	0 b
Weed free control		100 a	100 a	100 a	100 a
Cloransulam-methyl	35	4 b	0 c	8 c	7 b
Linuron	2250	14 b	2 bc	44 b	25 b
Metribuzin	1120	8 b	4 b	21 c	17 b
Flumetsulam	70	5 b	7 b	18 c	9 b
Imazethapyr	100	0 b	2 bc	0 d	0 b
SE		5	5	7	6

<sup>a</sup>Means followed by the same letter within a column are not significantly different according to Fisher's Protected LSD at  $P < 0.05$ ; <sup>b</sup>2007 data from Ridgetown experiment only.

**Table 3.** Means for percent volunteer adzuki bean control in soybean with various PRE herbicides 8 WAE, density and biomass 10 WAE, and soybean yield at crop maturity at Exeter and Ridgetown, ON from 2005 to 2009<sup>a</sup>.

Treatments	Dose g ai.ha <sup>-1</sup>	2005/2006	2007 <sup>b</sup>	2009	Density	Biomass	Yield T.ha <sup>-1</sup>	
		%	%	%	# m <sup>2</sup>	g m <sup>2</sup>	Exeter	Ridgetown
Untreated control		0.0 d	0 d	0 b	73 cd	128 d	2.45 b	2.54 c
Weed free control		100.0 a	100 a	100 a	0 a	0 a	3.11 a	3.33 a
Cloransulam-methyl	35	0.6 bcd	6 cd	6 b	64 bcd	119 bcd	2.42 b	2.71 bc
Linuron	2250	1.4 b	24 b	22 b	52 b	97 b	2.62 b	2.74 bc
Metribuzin	1120	0.5 bcd	5 cd	14 b	60 bc	105 bc	2.62 b	2.83 b
Flumetsulam	70	1.0 bcd	8 bc	8 b	63 bc	127 cd	2.45 b	2.83 b
Imazethapyr	100	0.3 cd	0 d	0 b	81 d	158 e	2.31 b	2.74 bc
SE		3.8	7	5	3	6	0.04	0.05

<sup>a</sup>Means followed by the same letter within a column are not significantly different according to Fisher's Protected LSD at  $P < 0.05$ ; <sup>b</sup>2007 data from Ridgetown experiment only.

use.

Similar to the control ratings, linuron reduced adzuki bean density and dry weight 29% and 24%, respectively (**Table 3**). The remaining PRE herbicides decreased volunteer adzuki bean density and dry weight 18% or less. There was no effect of the PRE herbicides evaluated on volunteer adzuki bean plants with pods, adzuki bean seed production, or seeds per plant, further indicating the lack of volunteer adzuki bean control with these herbicides (**Table 4**). Additionally, there was no effect on soybean seed contamination compared to the weedy control. Soybean seed from each of the PRE herbicide treatments exceeded 9% contamination with adzuki bean seed. PRE application of cloransulam-methyl, linuron, metribuzin, flumetsulam, and imazethapyr did not provide acceptable control of volunteer adzuki bean in soybean.

### 3.2. Post-Emergence Herbicides

The POST herbicides, with the exception of thifensulfuron-methyl, did not cause commercially significant soybean injury (>10%) at 1, 2 and 4 WAA (**Tables 5 and 6**).

Thifensulfuron-methyl (6 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>) applied POST at Exeter in 2009 resulted in 15% and 14% crop injury 1 and 2 WAA, respectively. This injury was transient with only 7% injury observed 4 WAA (**Table 6**).

Most of the POST applied herbicides provided poor control of volunteer adzuki bean. Acifluorfen (600 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), fomesafen (240 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), bentazon (1080 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), thifensulfuron-methyl (6 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), cloransulam-methyl (17.5 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), imazethapyr (100 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>), and imazethapyr plus bentazon (75 plus 840 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>) applied POST provided up to 12%, 20%, 24%, 43%, 23%, 12%, and 20% control 4 WAA (**Table 7**) and 2%, 2%, 5%, 34%, 6%, 4%, and 12% control 8 WAA, respectively (**Table 8**). In addition, these herbicides reduced volunteer adzuki bean density and dry weight only 34% or less (**Table 9**). Previous research focusing on the tolerance of adzuki bean and other *Vigna* species to some of the herbicides mentioned above supports the conclusion that these herbicides are inadequate for volunteer adzuki bean control in soybean. Jones *et al.* [16] demonstrated poor *Vigna unguiculata* L. (cowpea) control with acifluorfen of 48% 4 WAA, while Murphy and Gossett [17] reported

**Table 4.** Means for adzuki bean pod and seed production, and soybean seed contamination with various PRE herbicides at Ridgetown and Exeter, ON from 2005 to 2009 [There was no treatment effect to discern the differences between the herbicide applications and untreated control, therefore, mean separations were not performed].

Treatments	Dose g ai.ha <sup>-1</sup>	Plants with Pods # m <sup>2</sup>	Seeds # m <sup>2</sup>	Soybean contamination %
Untreated control		51	367	12
Weed free control		0	0	0
Cloransulam-methyl	35	56	422	12
Linuron	2250	48	275	10
Metribuzin	1120	34	226	9
Flumetsulam	70	51	347	11
Imazethapyr	100	59	484	14
Untreated control		50	405	13

**Table 5.** Means for soybean injury with various POST herbicides 1 WAA at Ridgetown and Exeter, ON from 2005 to 2009<sup>a</sup>.

Treatments	Dose g ai.ha <sup>-1</sup>	Ridgetown		Exeter		
		2005/06	2007	2005/07	2006	2009
Untreated control		0 a	0 a	0 a	0 a	0.0 a
Weed free control		0 a	0 a	0 a	0 a	0.0 a
Acifluorfen	600	3 c	3 cd	1 bc	0 a	7.2 cd
Fomesafen <sup>b</sup>	240	2 bc	4 d	2 bcd	4 b	7.7 cd
Bentazon	1080	2 bc	1 ab	4 cd	6 b	6.0 c
Thifensulfuron-methyl <sup>c</sup>	6	2 bc	5 d	2 bcd	0 a	15.0 e
Chlorimuron-ethyl <sup>de</sup>	9	1 bc	3 cd	4 cd	6 b	9.2 d
Cloransulam-methyl <sup>ef</sup>	17.5	1 bc	2 bc	1 ab	0 a	4.1 b
Imazethapyr <sup>ef</sup>	100	2 bc	3 cd	1 ab	0 a	9.2 d
Imazethapyr + bentazon <sup>e</sup>	75 + 840	2 bc	1 ab	5 d	8 c	6.5 c
Glyphosate	900	0 a	0 a	0 a	0 a	0.0 a
SE		0.2	0.4	0.3	1	0.7

<sup>a</sup>Means followed by the same letter within a column are not significantly different according to Fisher's Protected LSD at  $P < 0.05$ ; <sup>b</sup>Included Turbocharge (0.5% v/v); <sup>c</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.1% v/v) and UAN 28% (8.0 L·ha<sup>-1</sup>); <sup>d</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.2% v/v); <sup>e</sup>Included UAN 28% (2.0 L·ha<sup>-1</sup>); <sup>f</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.25% v/v).

**Table 6.** Means for soybean injury with various POST herbicides 2 and 4 WAA at Ridgetown and Exeter, ON from 2005 to 2009<sup>a</sup>.

Treatments	Dose g ai.ha <sup>-1</sup>	Injury 2 WAA				Injury 4 WAA	
		Ridgetown		Exeter		Exeter	
		2005/06/07	2005/06	2007	2009	2007	2009
Untreated control		0 a	0 a	0 a	0 a	0 a	0 a
Weed free control		0 a	0 a	0 a	0 a	0 a	0 a
Acifluorfen	600	1 ab	0 a	0 a	6 cd	0 a	5 c
Fomesafen <sup>b</sup>	240	1 ab	1 b	0 a	6 cd	0 a	6 cd
Bentazon	1080	1 ab	2 c	0 a	5 c	0 a	2 b
Thifensulfuron-methyl <sup>c</sup>	6	2 b	0 a	1 b	14 f	0 a	7 d
Chlorimuron-ethyl <sup>de</sup>	9	1 ab	0 a	0 a	8 e	0 a	3 b
Cloransulam-methyl <sup>ef</sup>	17.5	1 ab	0 a	0 a	2 b	0 a	2 b
Imazethapyr <sup>ef</sup>	100	1 ab	0 a	2 b	7 de	4 b	9 e
Imazethapyr + bentazon <sup>e</sup>	75 + 840	1 ab	2 c	2 b	5 c	6 b	5 c
Glyphosate	900	0 a	0 a	0 a	0 a	0 a	0 a
SE		0.1	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.5

<sup>a</sup>Means followed by the same letter within a column are not significantly different according to Fisher's Protected LSD at  $P < 0.05$ ; <sup>b</sup>Included Turbocharge (0.5% v/v); <sup>c</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.1% v/v) and UAN 28% (8.0 L·ha<sup>-1</sup>); <sup>d</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.2% v/v); <sup>e</sup>Included UAN 28% (2.0 L·ha<sup>-1</sup>); <sup>f</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.25% v/v).

**Table 7.** Means for percent volunteer adzuki bean control in soybean with various POST herbicides 4 WAA at Ridgetown and Exeter, ON from 2005 to 2009<sup>a</sup>.

Treatments	Dose g ai.ha <sup>-1</sup>	2005		2006/07		2009	
		Ridgetown	Exeter	Ridgetown	Exeter	Ridgetown	Exeter
Untreated control		0 f	0 e	0 e	0 d	0 f	0 g
Weed free control		100 a	100 a	100 a	100 a	100 a	100 a
Acifluorfen	600	1 ef	0 e	6 de	1 d	4 def	12 e
Fomesafen <sup>b</sup>	240	0 f	0 e	2 e	1 d	9 d	20 de
Bentazon	1080	0 f	24 d	15 d	18 c	7 d	17 e
Thifensulfuron-methyl <sup>c</sup>	6	34 c	25 d	43 c	31 c	36 c	32 d
Chlorimuron-ethyl <sup>de</sup>	9	90 b	45 c	84 b	82 b	76 b	74 b
Cloransulam-methyl <sup>ef</sup>	17.5	3 de	23 d	10 de	3 d	4 def	15 e
Imazethapyr <sup>ef</sup>	100	5 d	5 e	12 d	2 d	5 de	3 f
Imazethapyr + bentazon <sup>e</sup>	75 + 840	0 f	25 d	15 d	16 c	1 ef	20 e
Glyphosate	900	99 a	71 b	94 b	87 b	72 b	55 c
SE		7	5	4	4	6	5

<sup>a</sup> Means followed by the same letter within a column are not significantly different according to Fisher's Protected LSD at  $P < 0.05$ ; <sup>b</sup>Included Turbocharge (0.5% v/v); <sup>c</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.1% v/v) and UAN 28% (8.0 L·ha<sup>-1</sup>); <sup>d</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.2% v/v); <sup>e</sup>Included UAN 28% (2.0 L·ha<sup>-1</sup>); <sup>f</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.25% v/v).

**Table 8.** Means for percent volunteer adzuki bean control in soybean with various POST herbicides 8 WAA at Ridgetown and Exeter, ON from 2005 to 2009<sup>a</sup>.

Treatments	Dose g ai.ha <sup>-1</sup>	Ridgetown			Exeter	
		2005/06/07	2009	2005/2009	2006	2007
Untreated control		0 f	0 e	0 d	0 d	0 e
Weed free control		100 a	100 a	100 a	100 a	100 a
Acifluorfen	600	2 ef	0 e	2 cd	0 d	0 e
Fomesafen <sup>b</sup>	240	0 f	0 e	2 cd	0 d	0 e
Bentazon	1080	2 ef	0 e	5 cd	0 d	5 e
Thifensulfuron-methyl <sup>c</sup>	6	21 d	15 d	13 c	0 d	34 d
Chlorimuron-ethyl <sup>de</sup>	9	81 c	84 b	66 b	72 c	74 b
Cloransulam-methyl <sup>ef</sup>	17.5	1 ef	0 e	2 cd	0 d	6 e
Imazethapyr <sup>ef</sup>	100	4 ef	0 e	0 d	0 d	0 e
Imazethapyr + bentazon <sup>e</sup>	75 + 840	1 ef	0 e	12 c	0 d	5 e
Glyphosate	900	94 b	71 c	66 b	88 b	64 c
SE		4	6	3	6	6

<sup>a</sup> Means followed by the same letter within a column are not significantly different according to Fisher's Protected LSD at  $P < 0.05$ ; <sup>b</sup>Included Turbocharge (0.5% v/v); <sup>c</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.1% v/v) and UAN 28% (8.0 L·ha<sup>-1</sup>); <sup>d</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.2% v/v); <sup>e</sup>Included UAN 28% (2.0 L·ha<sup>-1</sup>); <sup>f</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.25% v/v).

**Table 9.** Means for volunteer adzuki bean density and biomass in soybean with various POST herbicides 10 WAA at Ridgetown and Exeter, ON from 2005 to 2009<sup>a</sup>.

Treatments	Dose g ai.ha <sup>-1</sup>	Density # m <sup>2</sup>			Biomass g m <sup>2</sup>	
		2006/07	2005/09	2009	2005/07/09	2006
			Ridgetown	Exeter		
Untreated control		77 cd	54 cd	83 e	97 de	248 e
Weed free control		0 a	0 a	0 a	0 a	0 a
Acifluorfen	600	76 cd	58 cd	61 cd	88 cd	232 de
Fomesafen <sup>b</sup>	240	83 d	82 d	77 de	105 e	241 de
Bentazon	1080	75 cd	45 cd	58 cd	83 cd	221 cde
Thifensulfuron-methyl <sup>c</sup>	6	73 cd	77 d	58 cd	77 c	164 c
Chlorimuron-ethyl <sup>de</sup>	9	18 b	26 bc	14 b	20 b	25 b
Cloransulam-methyl <sup>ef</sup>	17.5	77 cd	89 d	66 cde	90 cde	238 de
Imazethapyr <sup>ef</sup>	100	75 cd	54 cd	90 e	95 de	212 cde
Imazethapyr + bentazon <sup>e</sup>	75 + 840	57 c	65 cd	78 de	78 c	174 cd
Glyphosate	900	12 b	10 b	48 b	48 b	8 b
SE		3	4	4	4	11

<sup>a</sup>Means followed by the same letter within a column are not significantly different according to Fisher's Protected LSD at  $P < 0.05$ ; <sup>b</sup>Included Turbocharge (0.5% v/v); <sup>c</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.1% v/v) and UAN 28% (8.0 L·ha<sup>-1</sup>); <sup>d</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.2% v/v); <sup>e</sup>Included UAN 28% (2.0 L·ha<sup>-1</sup>); <sup>f</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.25% v/v).

only 30% control of *Vigna unguiculata* with acifluorfen at 4 WAA. Soltani *et al.* [18] concluded that fomesafen has an adequate margin of crop safety in adzuki bean, having no effect on plant height, dry weight, moisture or yield. Also, similar results are found in snap bean, where fomesafen applied POST at 0.84 kg·ha<sup>-1</sup> resulted in only 13% injury at 6 WAA [13]. Bentazon applied POST to an adzuki bean crop caused 30% and 38% injury at 1080 and 2160 g ai·ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, 4 WAA, which is significant injury to a crop, but is inadequate efficacy for weed control [18]. Talbert *et al.* [13] reported that cloransulam-methyl has an adequate margin of crop safety in snap bean and southern pea for weed control in these crops. Cloransulam-methyl applied POST at 0.02 kg·ha<sup>-1</sup>, injured snap bean 29% and 15% at 6 and 8 WAE, while injury to southern pea was 24, 18, and 18% at 5, 8, and 10 WAE, respectively. Talbert *et al.*'s [13] research in snapbean also documents imazethapyr (0.03 kg·ha<sup>-1</sup>) and bentazon (0.84 kg·ha<sup>-1</sup>) applied POST resulted in 25% and 10% injury at 6 WAE, respectively. Additionally, previous research shows that imazethapyr has an adequate margin of crop safety for application in adzuki bean [18].

Acifluorfen, fomesafen, bentazon, thifensulfuron-methyl, cloransulam-methyl, imazethapyr, and imazethapyr + bentazon applied POST did not reduce the number of volunteer adzuki bean plants with pods, seed production, or seeds per plant (Table 10). Also, the level of soybean contamination with adzuki bean seed was greater than the maximum allowable level of 1% and was not different than the weedy control. Based on this data the afore-

mentioned POST herbicides do not provide adequate control of volunteer adzuki bean in soybean.

Chlorimuron-ethyl (9 g ai·ha<sup>-1</sup>) applied POST provided 45% to 90% control at 4 WAA and 66% to 84% control at 8 WAA, respectively. This level of control is consistent to that of *Vigna unguiculata* in a study by Jones *et al.* [16], where chlorimuron-ethyl applied POST at 8.8 g ai·ha<sup>-1</sup> provided 95% and 93% *Vigna unguiculata* control at 4 WAA when sprayed 14 and 21 DAE, respectively. In this study, volunteer adzuki bean density and dry weight was also reduced by as much as 83% and 90%, respectively. Plants with developed pods, seeds produced, and seeds per plant were all reduced compared to the weedy control. Soybean yield was greater with the application of chlorimuron-ethyl than the other herbicides tested for use in conventional soybean. Additionally, the soybean contamination with adzuki bean was below 1%, which is acceptable for IP soybean.

Glyphosate (900 g ae·ha<sup>-1</sup>) applied POST provided 55% to 99% and 64% to 94% control at 4 and 8 WAA, respectively. Density and dry weight were reduced up to 84% and 97%, respectively. Adzuki bean plants with pods, seed production, and seeds per plant were all reduced, while soybean yield equaled that of the weed free control and soybean contamination with adzuki bean seed was below 1%.

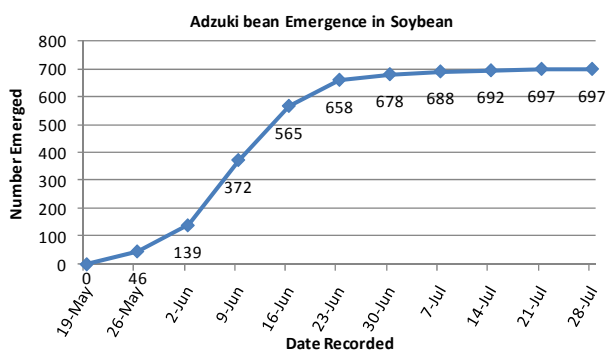
### 3.3. Volunteer Adzuki Bean Emergence

Adzuki bean emergence data were collected in 2009 at the Ridgetown location. Figure 1 shows the cumulative

**Table 10.** Means for volunteer adzuki bean growth in soybean with various POST herbicides<sup>a</sup>. Data for plants with pods, seeds and seeds/plant obtained in 2009 at Ridgeway and Exeter, ON.

Treatment	Dose g ai.ha <sup>-1</sup>	Plants with pods # m <sup>2</sup>	Seeds # m <sup>2</sup>	Soybean yield t.ha <sup>-1</sup>	Contamination %	
					2005/06	2009
Untreated control		55 c	412 b	2.28 d	17 cd	6 b
Weed free control		0 a	0 a	3.03 a	0 a	0 a
Acifluorfen	600	49 c	314 b	2.21 d	19 cd	6 b
Fomesafen <sup>b</sup>	240	60 c	417 b	2.22 d	20 cd	6 b
Bentazon	1080	48 c	295 b	2.49 bc	16 cd	4 b
Thifensulfuron-methyl <sup>c</sup>	6	45 c	215 b	2.50 bc	11 c	4 b
Chlorimuron-ethyl <sup>de</sup>	9	6 b	24 a	2.66 b	2 b	0 a
Cloransulam-methyl <sup>ef</sup>	17.5	55 c	382 b	2.26 d	22 d	6 b
Imazethapyr <sup>ef</sup>	100	56 c	331 b	2.21 d	19 cd	7 b
Imazethapyr + bentazon <sup>e</sup>	75 + 840	56 c	317 b	2.37 cd	18 cd	5 b
Glyphosate	900	13 b	42 a	2.93 a	1 ab	0 a
SE		3	21	0.60	1	0.4

<sup>a</sup>Means followed by the same letter within a column are not significantly different according to Fisher's Protected LSD at  $P < 0.05$ ; <sup>b</sup>Included Turbo-charge (0.5% v/v); <sup>c</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.1% v/v) and UAN 28% (8.0-L ha<sup>-1</sup>); <sup>d</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.2% v/v); <sup>e</sup>Included UAN 28% (2.0 L.ha<sup>-1</sup>); <sup>f</sup>Included non-ionic surfactant (0.25% v/v).

**Figure 1.** Cumulative emergence of volunteer adzuki bean in soybean at Ridgeway, ON in 2009.

emergence of volunteer adzuki bean within a soybean canopy. The soybean emerged on May 26 when 7% of the total adzuki bean population had emerged. By June 2, 20% of the total adzuki population had emerged. The majority of the population emerged in the following two weeks, as 61% of the total adzuki bean plants emerged between June 2 and June 16. At the time of the POST herbicide applications (June 24), 94% of volunteer adzuki bean had emerged, meaning most of the population would have been exposed to the herbicide application. Volunteer adzuki bean is not as competitive in soybean since the adzuki bean emerges later than the soybean crop. However, as evidenced by the decreased yield when comparing the weedy to the weed-free control, the

presence of volunteer adzuki bean reduced soybean yield, demonstrating a significant competitive effect.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

None of the PRE herbicides evaluated provided acceptable control of volunteer adzuki bean in soybean. Of the PRE herbicides evaluated, linuron provided the best control of adzuki bean, as indicated by visual control ratings, and reduction in density and dry weight of volunteer adzuki bean. Most of the POST herbicides (acifluorfen, fomesafen, bentazon, cloransulam-methyl, imazethapyr, and imazethapyr plus bentazon) provided poor control of volunteer adzuki bean in soybean as indicated by visual control ratings and reductions in volunteer adzuki bean density and dry weight. Thifensulfuron-methyl applied POST provided higher levels of control, though not high enough to warrant consideration for use to control volunteer adzuki bean.

Chlorimuron-ethyl and glyphosate applied POST provided good control of volunteer adzuki bean at 4 and 8 WAA and reduced adzuki bean density and dry weight substantially. Additionally, chlorimuron-ethyl and glyphosate caused reductions in adzuki bean pod and seed production and resulted in soybean seed contamination with adzuki bean seeds of less than 1%, protecting the premium price for an IP soybean grower.

In summary, the only herbicides evaluated in this study with potential to control volunteer adzuki bean are



the POST application of chlorimuron-ethyl (9 g ai.ha<sup>-1</sup>) or glyphosate (900 g ae.ha<sup>-1</sup>). All the other PRE and POST herbicides evaluated did not provide adequate control of volunteer adzuki bean in soybean.

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