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# **Broadleaf Weeds of** Kentucky Pastures J.D. Green, Plant and Soil Sciences



## **Response of Pasture Weeds to Herbicides and Mowing**

Weed Species	Life Cycle <sup>1</sup>	Preferred Time for Herbicide Treatment <sup>2</sup>	<b>2,4-D</b> (various products)	<b>dicamba</b> (Clarity, etc.)	<b>dicamba+2,4-D</b> (Weedmaster etc.)	Crossbow	Pasture Gard	DuraCor	GrazonNext	Chaparral <sup>3</sup>	metsulfuron <sup>3</sup> (MSM60, Patriot, etc.)	Sharpen	MOWING4
Amaranth, Spiny (Pigweed)	Α	May-July	F/G	F/G	G	G	F/G	G	G	G	G	-	Х
Aster spp. (White Heath Aster)	Α	July-Sept	F/G	G	G	G	-	-	-	-	F	Р	R
Burdock, Common	В	Feb-Mar	G	F	G	G	G	G	G	G	F	P	R
Buttercup spp.	A	Feb-Mar	G	F/G	G	G	F	G	G	G	G	P/F	Х
Carrot, Wild (Queen Anne's Lace)	В	May-June	F/G	F/G	F/G	F/G	F	G	G	G	G	Р	R
Chickweed, Common	Α	Nov or Feb-Mar	Р	F/G	G	F	G	G	G	G	G	P/F	Х
Chicory	Р	Feb-Mar or Aug-Nov	F/G	F/G	G	G	G	G	G	G	F/G	Р	R
Clover, White	Р	May-Aug	F	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	Р	Х
Cocklebur, Common	Α	May-July	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	R
Dandelion	Р	Oct-Nov or Mar-Apr	G	G	G	G	F/G	G	G	G	G	Р	Х
Deadnettle, Purple	Α	Feb-Mar	Р	F/G	G	F	G	G	G	G	G	-	Х
Dock, Curly or Broadleaf	Р	Feb-Apr	P/F	F	F/G	G	F/G	G	G	G	G	Р	Х
Dogbane, Hemp	Р	May-Aug	P/F	F	F	G	G	P/F	P/F	P/F	Р	Р	S
Garlic, Wild	Р	Nov or Mar-Apr	F	F	F	F	Р	F	F	F/G	G	Р	Х
Goldenrod spp.	Р	June-Aug	F	F/G	F/G	G	F	F	F/G	F/G	Р	Р	S
Hemlock, Poison	В	Nov or Mar-Apr	F/G	F/G	F/G	F/G	Р	F/G	F/G	-	F	Р	R
Henbit	Α	Feb-Mar	Р	F/G	G	F	F/G	G	G	G	G	-	Х
Horsenettle	Р	July-Aug	Р	P/F	F	F	P/F	G	G	F/G	F	Р	Х
Ironweed, Tall	Р	June-Aug	Р	F	F	G	G	G	G	G	Р	Р	S
Jimsonweed	Α	May-July	F	G	G	G	-	G	G	G	-	-	R
Lespedeza, Sericea	Р	June-July	Р	P/F	P/F	G	G	P/F	P/F	F/G	F/G	Р	Х
Marshelder (Sumpweed)	Α	May-July	F/G	F/G	G	G	F	G	G	G	F	-	R
Milkweed, Common	Р	July-Sept	Р	F	P/F	F	P/F	P/F	P/F	P/F	Р	Р	S
Mint, Perilla	Α	May-July	F	F	F/G	G	F/G	G	G	G	-	-	S
Multiflora Rose	Р	Apr-June or Sept	Р	Р	F	G	G	F	F	F/G	G	Р	Х
Passionflower, Maypop	Р	May-July	Р	Р	Р	P/F	F	Р	Р	Р	-	Р	Х
Plantain, Broadleaf or Buckhorn	Р	Oct-Nov or Mar-Apr	F/G	F	F/G	G	F	G	F/G	F/G	F/G	Р	Χ
Pokeweed, Common	Р	May-July	F	F/G	F/G	F/G	Р	F/G	F/G	F	Р	Р	S
Ragweed,Common	Α	May-July	F/G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	Р	G	R
Ragweed, Lanceleaf	Α	May-July	F/G	G	G	G	-	G	G	-	Р	-	R
Sida, Arrowleaf	Α	May-July	Р	Р	Р	-	-	F	F	F	-	-	R
Sneezeweed, Bitter	Α	May-July	F/G	F/G	G	G	G	G	G	G	-	-	R
Sorrel, Red (Sheep Sorrel)	Р	Sept-Nov or Mar	Р	F	F/G	F/G	F	-	-	F/G	F/G	Р	Χ
Spurge, Nodding	Α	June-July	P	Р	Р	P/F	-	P/F	P/F	G	G	-	R
Thistle, Bull	В	Oct-Nov or Feb-Mar	G	G	G	G	F/G	G	G	G	F/G	Р	R
Thistle, Canada	Р	Prebud or Oct-Nov	Р	P/F	F	F	P/F	G	G	G	F	р	S
Thistle, Musk	В	Oct-Nov or Feb-Mar	G	G	G	G	F/G	G	G	G	F/G	Р	R
Thistle, Plumeless	В	Oct-Nov or Feb-Mar	G	G	G	G	F/G	G	G	G	F/G	Р	R
Tickclover (Desmodium spp.)	Р	June-Aug	Р	-	F	F/G	F/G	F/G	F/G	-	-	Р	R
Trumpetcreeper	Р	Aug-Sept	P	Р	P/F	F	F	Р	Р	_	P	Р	Х

Control:  $\mathbf{G} = \text{Good or Excellent}$ ;  $\mathbf{F} = \text{Fair (suppression or partial control)}$ ;  $\mathbf{P} = \text{Poor}$ ;  $\mathbf{-} = \text{No Information}$ 

<sup>2</sup> The preferred time for herbicide treatment will depend on environmental conditions and other factors.

**Note**: This table should be used only as a guide for comparing the relative effectiveness of herbicides to a particular weed. The herbicide may perform better or worse than indicated in the table depending on the species, weed size, time of application, and/or extreme weather conditions. Consult herbicide label for weed height or growth stage and product amount. Read and follow all label directions and precautions before herbicide application. Adapted from *Weed Management in Grass Pastures, Hayfields, and Other Farmstead Sites* (AGR-172; revised 3-2021). Available at http://ww2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/agr/agr172/agr172.pdf.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Life Cycle: **A** = Annuals; **P** = Perennials; **B** = Biennials

<sup>3</sup> May cause temporary yellowing, stunting and seedhead suppression of tall fescue (consult label). Metsulfuron is an active ingredient in several products (e.g. Chaparral, MSM60, Patriot, Purestand).

<sup>4</sup> Mowing: **R** = Timely mowing reduces top growth and seed production; **S** = Suppression of top growth; **X** = Not very effective