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WEED CONTROL AROUND THE FARMYARD

Weed control around the yard, in the machinery parking area, around power poles and pumps is desirable. A weed control program may be started at this time of year. If weeds are present, they should be disced or sprayed with contact herbicide such as oil or Paraquat. Follow this treatment with a long-lasting herbicide.

A soil sterilant such as Diuron, Simozine, Monuron, Atrazine or Bromocil among others can be used. A rate of 5 pounds per acre is usually enough to give good control of all annual plants for a year or more. Bromocil is somewhat more active and can usually be used at about half the rate of the others.

At this rate, these chemicals will not control perennial weed plants such as morning glory and bermuda grass. They work by killing the germinating weed seeds or the young plants with shallow roots; therefore, they should be applied to small weeds or, better yet, bare soil.

They should not be applied to any area where some type of planting will be done in the next year or two. Using a heavier rate will give longer control but the danger to adjacent trees and plantings becomes more of a problem.

The reason we treat in the fall or spring months is to let the rains carry the chemicals into the soil and the root zone of the

weeds. The cost at the 5-pound per acre rate is less than fifty cents per 1000 square feet. These chemicals can be obtained in 4- or 5-pound bags. What you have left this year can be used next year if you store it safely. These chemicals do not carry a poison label and should cause no problem around the farm in normal use.

Acre rates, when applied to small areas, may be readily determined. For example, when using a material at the 5-pound rate, use 1 ounce per 544 square feet (43,560 square feet ÷ 80 ounces). The amount of water is not too important. Use enough to get thorough coverage.

Circulars entitled "Using Herbicides Safely on Noncrop Land" and "Controlling Weedy Grasses Around the Home" are available by request from The Farm and Home Advisors Office, 684 Buena Vista Street, Ventura.

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