Comparison of fungicide programs for control of powdery mildew (Leveillula taurica) on tomato

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The study was conducted at the University of California West Side Research and Extension Center. On 20 May, H6368 tomato plants were transplanted into a Panoche clay loam. The field was sprinkler irrigated for 10 days and irrigated with buried drip for the remainder of the season. Each plot consisted of one 66-in bed, 75 ft long. Treated beds were separated by one untreated planted row and by 5 ft between plots within a row. The experimental design was a randomized complete block with four replications. Programs evaluated included the following:

- <u>Season-long weekly:</u> Quadris 6.0 fl oz (Q) and Rally 4.0 oz (R) alternated weekly from 26 Jun to 27 Aug at weekly intervals beginning with Q: 10 applications
- <u>Season-long bi-monthly:</u> Q and R alternated every other week from 2 Jul to 27 Aug; beginning with Q; 5 applications
- Late weekly: Q and R alternated weekly from 30 Jul to 27 Aug; beginning with Q: 5 applications
- Early weekly: Q and R alternated weekly from 2 Jul to 6 Aug; beginning with Q: 6 applications
- <u>Sulfur weekly:</u> Dusting sulfur 50 lbs applied weekly from 7/2 to 8/13: 7 applications
- <u>Untreated</u>

Rally and Quadris were applied in 50 gallons of water per acre with a CO_2 pressurized backpack sprayer at 40 psi. A spray boom with three Teejet 8002 flat fan nozzles spaced 19-in apart was used for all applications. Sulfur was applied using a hand operated applicator. Powdery mildew severity was rated on each of ten leaves per plot using a scale of 0 to 10 based on percentage of the leaf affected by powdery mildew Leaves rated 0 had no visible powdery mildew; leaves rated 10 were covered. Leaves were evaluated weekly from 29 Jul to 2 Sep. On 21, 27 Aug and 4 Sep, the severity of necrosis due to powdery mildew was rated on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 being unaffected and 10 being totally necrotic. On 22 Sep, 70 ft per plot was machine harvested and weighted. A 20 lb fruit sample was taken from each plot, sorted for green, rot, sunburn and a 50 fruit sample was taken to PTAB for analysis of color, pH and solids. Data was subjected to analysis of variance. Least significant difference (LSD) P=0.05 is presented. Means are presented as a percentage of the leaf surface covered with powdery mildew symptoms. Necrosis severity is presented as a rating.

| Treatments ^z | 29 Jul | 4 Aug | 13 Aug | | 21 Aug | | 27 Aug | | 2 Sep | |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|-------|----------|
| | | | basal | terminal | basal | terminal | basal | terminal | basal | terminal |
| Quadris/Rally, 7 | 2.8 | 1.3 | 11.0 | 0.0 | 9.0 | 4.5 | 16.0 | 5.0 | 31.0 | 13.8 |
| day interval, 6-26 | | | | | | | | | | |
| to 8/27 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Quadris/Rally, 7 | 7.3 | 2.0 | 35.5 | 0.0 | 13.5 | 3.5 | 36.0 | 3.8 | 38.0 | 15.0 |
| day, late, 7/30 to | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8/27 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sulfur 7 day, 7/2 to | 1.5 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 6.8 | 11.0 | 7.5 | 11.8 | 13.8 | 17.8 |
| 8/13 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Quadris/Rally, 14 | 8.0 | 0.8 | 21.8 | 0.0 | 14.8 | 9.3 | 44.0 | 18.3 | 50.3 | 28.3 |
| day interval, 7/2 to | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8/27 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Quadris/Rally, 7 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 10.5 | 0.0 | 12.8 | 12.0 | 21.5 | 35.3 | 26.5 | 49.3 |
| day, early, 7/2 to | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8/6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Untreated | 8.0 | 5.3 | 51.0 | 3.0 | 49.8 | 25.8 | 93.5 | 68.8 | 96.3 | 86.8 |
| LSD _{0.05} | 2.85 | 1.67 | 10.60 | 1.03 | 21.61 | 8.60 | 14.86 | 16.75 | 11.81 | 19.80 |
| CV (%) | 39.07 | 63.46 | 31.89 | 102.47 | 80.77 | 51.84 | 27.07 | 46.72 | 18.41 | 37.46 |

Influence of fungicide programs on percentage of leaf surface covered with powdery mildew, Fresno Co. 2009 on H6368 processing tomato..

Influence of fungicide programs on leaf death due to powdery mildew on processing tomatoes; rated from 0 to 10 with 0 being healthy and 10 being completely dead, Fresno Co., 2009

| Treatments ^z | 21 Aug | 27 Aug | 4 Sep |
|---|--------|--------|-------|
| Sulfur 7 day, 7/2 to 8/13 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Quadris/Rally, 7 day interval, 6-26 to 8/27 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| Quadris/Rally, 7 day, late, 7/30 to 8/27 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.0 |
| Quadris/Rally, 7 day, early, 7/2 to 8/6 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 2.8 |
| Quadris/Rally, 14 day interval, 7/2 to 8/27 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 3.3 |
| Untreated | 4.0 | 5.5 | 7.5 |
| LSD _{0.05} | 1.26 | 1.01 | 1.22 |
| CV (%) | 47.80 | 29.63 | 26.99 |

Influence of fungicide programs on yield and fruit quality of processing tomatoes, Fresno Co., 2009

| Treatment | Wt. | Fruit (% by weight) | | | | Color | pН | Solids |
|---|--------|---------------------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|--------|
| | (tons/ | Red | Green | Rot | Sunburn | | | |
| | acre) | | | | | | | |
| Sulfur 7 day, 7/2 to 8/13 | 34.03 | 47.0 | 12.6 | 19.0 | 17.3 | 25.25 | 4.510 | 5.375 |
| Quadris/Rally, 7 day, early, 7/2 to 8/6 | 30.96 | 35.9 | 9.0 | 30.6 | 21.8 | 29.50 | 4.470 | 4.425 |
| Quadris/Rally, 7 day interval, 6-26 to 8/27 | 29.67 | 34.8 | 8.5 | 28.9 | 25.2 | 27.75 | 4.505 | 4.675 |
| Quadris/Rally, 7 day, late, 7/30 to 8/27 | 26.29 | 27.7 | 17.6 | 27.6 | 21.7 | 30.25 | 4.460 | 4.875 |
| Quadris/Rally, 14 day interval, 7/2 to 8/27 | 23.61 | 32.8 | 16.2 | 27.3 | 18.7 | 27.50 | 4.510 | 4.225 |
| Untreated control | 22.28 | 44.0 | 4.0 | 25.0 | 25.2 | 28.00 | 4.565 | 4.000 |
| LSD | 6.24 | 12.4 | NS | NS | NS | 2.52 | 0.077 | 0.343 |
| CV(%) | 14.90 | 22.27 | 82.20 | 24.96 | 27.59 | 5.93 | 1.13 | 4.95 |