Improving weed control in peanuts with pre-emergence herbicides, 2010

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Highlights
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- Valor SX® applied pre-emergence improved control of many broadleaf weeds, including pigweed and morningglory species. Valor SX must be applied soil surface prior to peanut emergence to avoid crop injury and should be applied with additional PRE herbicides to improve control of other weeds, including grasses.

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Materials and methods
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Results and discussion
Valor SX® (active ingredient: flumioxazin) is a PRE herbicide used to improve control of many broadleaf weeds in peanuts. Valor SX belongs to the PPO inhibitor herbicide mode of action and is an excellent alternative to Cadre® or Strongarm® for controlling ALS-resistant pigweed species. Furthermore, since Valor SX must be applied to the soil surface prior to peanut emergence, it will provide early-season residual weed control and reduce the number of weeds present during POST treatments. In this trial, Valor SX provided the best weed control when used in combination with Dual Magnum® or Prowl H2O®. Valor SX is not particularly effective on grass weeds (63% control) and should be applied with other PRE herbicides to improve grass control.

Spartan® (sulfentrazone), when used in combination with Dual Magnum® or Prowl H2O®, provided excellent control of Palmer amaranth, yellow nutsedge, and morningglory (98-99% control); however, this product is currently not labeled for use in peanuts in Oklahoma because of the potential for crop injury.

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**Table 6. Visual estimates of crop injury and weed control at four weeks after planting for various pre-emergence herbicides and herbicide combinations for use in peanut production in Oklahoma.**

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* LSD = least significant difference.