

IIRB Seminar
'Advances in combined weed control'
 Projects to reduce the use of herbicides

Is there nothing more to say about weed control?

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What's the current scenario and what are tendencies for the next future?

How to improve (and fulfill the Directive)?



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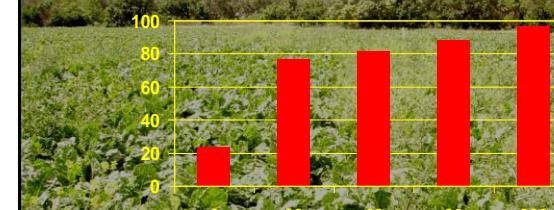
Competition, for instance in:

- yield losses
- water, light, nutrients
- harvesting
- control costs
- host of pest and diseases
- restore the seeds reservoir...

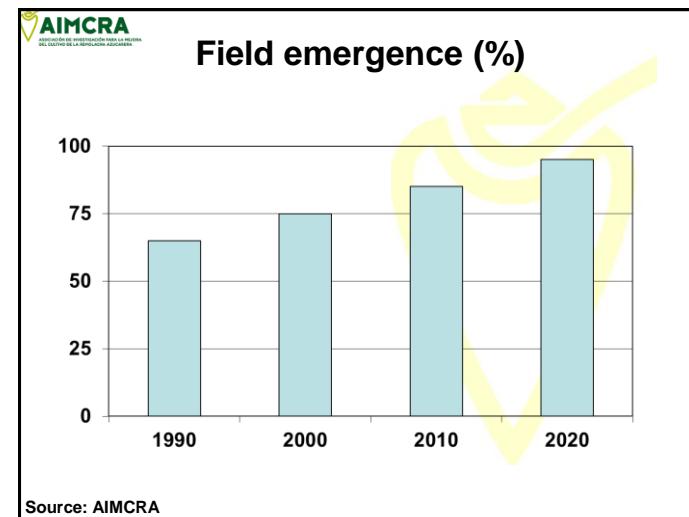
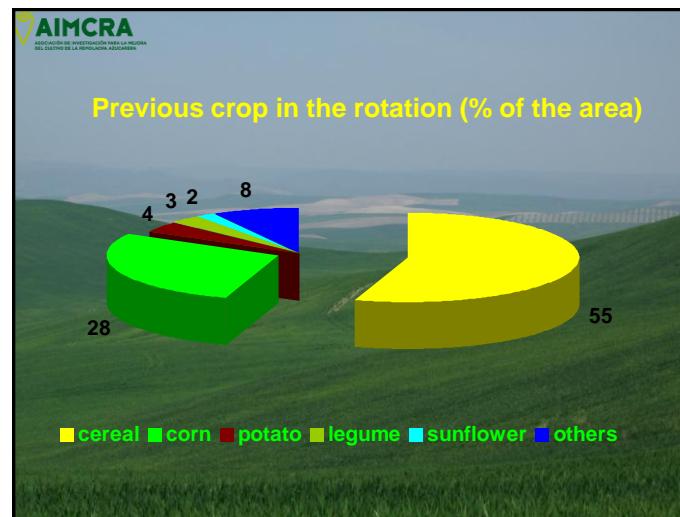
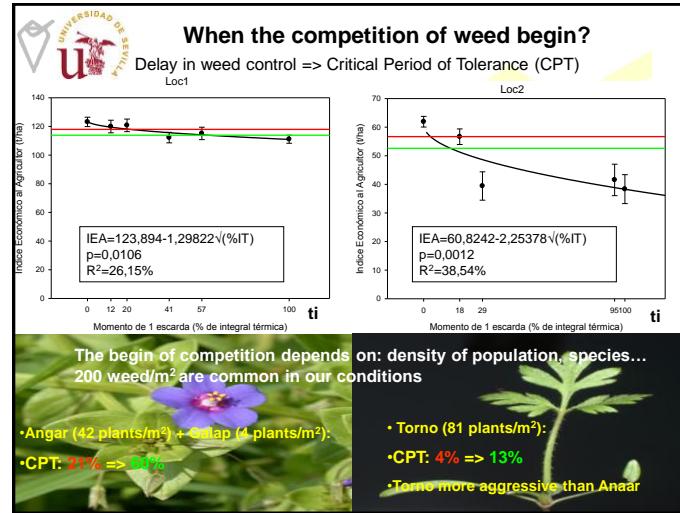


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Competition of weed: yield losses
 Yield (t of 16% /ha) according to the time free of weed competition



Treatment	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
1 Free of weed	200						
2 Natural weed infestation							0
3 clean till May						30	
4 clean till June						60	
5 clean till July						90	



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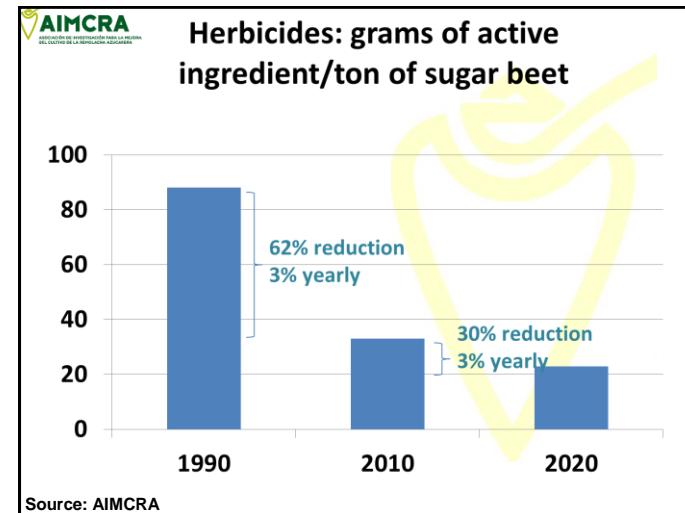
Earlier sowing, better field emergence and shorter emergence period, what is the explanation for this contradiction?

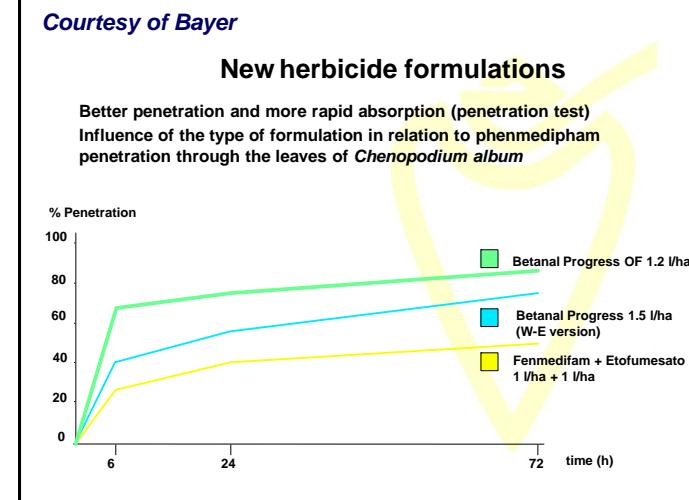
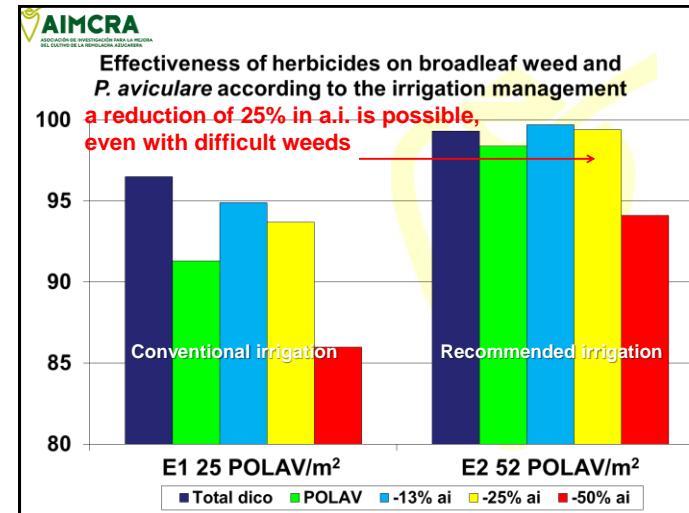
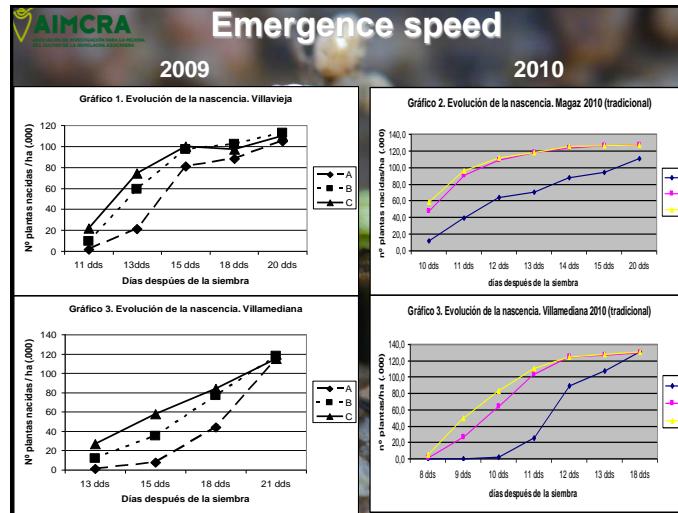
The diagram illustrates plant growth stages from seedling to mature plant. Above the plants, two time periods are shown: "1990-1995: sowing time 25 March" and "2005-2010: sowing time 10 March". Below the plants, five small figures represent the duration of the emergence period. The first two figures are tall and thin, representing a shorter emergence period (1990-1995). The last three figures are shorter and wider, representing a longer emergence period (2005-2010).

15 days for the early sowing plus 10 days for the fastest emergence

How long the emergence lasts?

Period	Days
1990-1995	25
2008-2011	12





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Some ideas to discuss

Weed control is a package of measures
all of them are important
and should be used in a chained way

Sugar beet is a good competitor when leaves cover the soil,
but needs for help in the beginning

Complementary tools are necessary to fulfill UE rules for
integrated management



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How to improve (and fulfill the Directive)?

- To plan weed control throughout the rotation
- Checking of the sprayers
- To educate and training farmers and technician
- Demonstration fields
- Treatment thresholds

