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Brome species in Wheat

Table 1. Percent crop loss from downy brome and cheat that emerged 1 to 7 days after wheat emerged in late September or early October, Fort Hays Experiment Station, Hays, KS.

	% Crop Loss				
Year	20-25 weeds/yd²	40-50 weeds/yd²	85-100 weeds/yd²		
	Downy brome				
1983-84	17	21	45		
1985-86	1	10	26		
Mean	9	15	36		
		Cheat			
1983-84	6	19	35		
1985-86	16	22	38		
Mean	11	20	36		

Table 2. Percent crop loss from downy brome and cheat that emerged 1 to 7 days after wheat emerged in early November, 1984, Fort Hays Experiment Station, Hays, KS.

Species	% Crop Loss				
	20-25 weeds/yd²	45-50 weeds/yd²	85-100 weeds/yd²	180-190 weeds/yd²	
Downy brome	0	5	1	11	
Cheat	3	30	35	51	

Table 3. Percent crop loss from downy brome and cheat that emerged 21 to 28 days after wheat emerged in late September, 1985, Fort Hays Experiment Station, Hays, KS.

Species	% Crop Loss				
	20-25 weeds/yd²	45-50 weeds/yd²	85-100 weeds/yd²	180-190 weeds/yd²	
Downy brome	1	2	5	4	
Cheat	9	16	16	14	

Tables 1, 2, and 3: Stahlman, Phillip W.; Competition and Control of Annual Bromes in Wheat; Kansas State University; 1986. https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/historicpublications/pubs/SRL89.pdf

Herbicide Options for 2-leaf to 2-tiller cheat

PowerFlex 2 oz/A + NIS (3-leaf to jointing)
Olympus 0.6 oz/A + NIS (emerge to jointing)
Olympus Flex 3 oz/A + NIS + AmS (emerge to jointing)
Plant back restrictions are 12 (PowerFlex and
Olympus Flex) and 18 (Olympus) months for corn.
STS soybeans required following Olympus.

Check label for more restrictions.

Photo 1: Heavy cheat pressure



Photo 2: Cheat emerged between rows

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Photo 3: Brome sp. have hairs compared to wheat or ryegrass

