

# Investigations of the Sensitivity of Ornamental, Fruit, and Nut Plant Species to 2,4-D and Dicamba



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# Introduction

- Herbicide resistant weeds
- Release of dicamba and 2,4-D tolerant crops
- Off-target movement of 2,4-D and dicamba



# Off-target Movement

The movement of a herbicide spray away from the intended target to an unintended target. It can happen during application, hours, or days after an application is made.

- Primary Drift
  - Physical spray particles
  - Influenced by wind, and sprayer setup.
- Secondary Drift
  - Vapors of herbicide
  - Influenced by herbicide formulation, temperature, RH, wind, & inversions



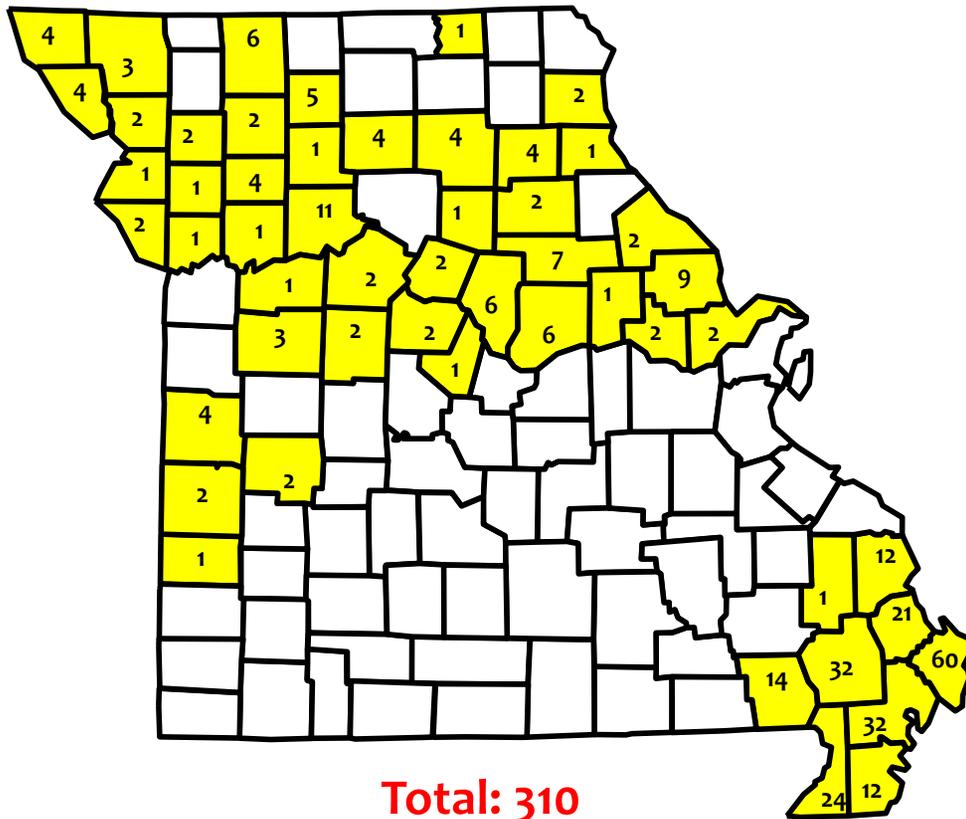
# Concern for nearby specialty crop growers



# Concern for general public



# Official Dicamba-related Injury Reports to MO Dept. of Agriculture (2017)



## Crops Damaged:

- 108,758 acres of soybeans
- 18,904 tomato plants
- 758 acres of peaches
- 132 acres of vineyards
- 130 acres rice
- 122 acres of watermelons
- 35 acres of alfalfa
- 24 acres organic vegetables
- 15 acres of pecan trees
- 12 acres of apple trees
- 11 commercial gardens
- 10 acres of cantaloupes
- 2 acres of pumpkins
- 900 mums
- 40 residential properties (gardens/trees/shrubs)

# Objectives

- To determine the **sensitivity** of ornamental, fruit, and woody and species to 2,4-D and dicamba
- To document differences in 2,4-D and dicamba **symptomology**





# Plant Species

- Apple
- Peach
- Norton Grape
- Black Walnut
- Pecan
- Raspberry
- Strawberry
- Elderberry
- Dogwood
- Red Maple
- Sweetgum
- Pin Oak
- Crabapple
- American Elm
- Redbud
- Hydrangea
- Viburnum
- Rose

Active Ingredient	1X Rate (kg ae/A)	Fraction of 1X Rate
2,4-D Choline (Enlist One)	1.09	1/2x 1/20x 1/200x
2,4-D Choline + Glyphosate (Enlist Duo)	1.09 + 1.1	1/2x 1/20x 1/200x
Dicamba (DGA+VaporGrip) (Xtendimax)	0.56	1/2x 1/20x 1/200x
Dicamba (DGA+VaporGrip) + Glyphosate (Xtendimax + Roundup)	0.56 + 1.1	1/2x 1/20x 1/200x

# Materials and Methods

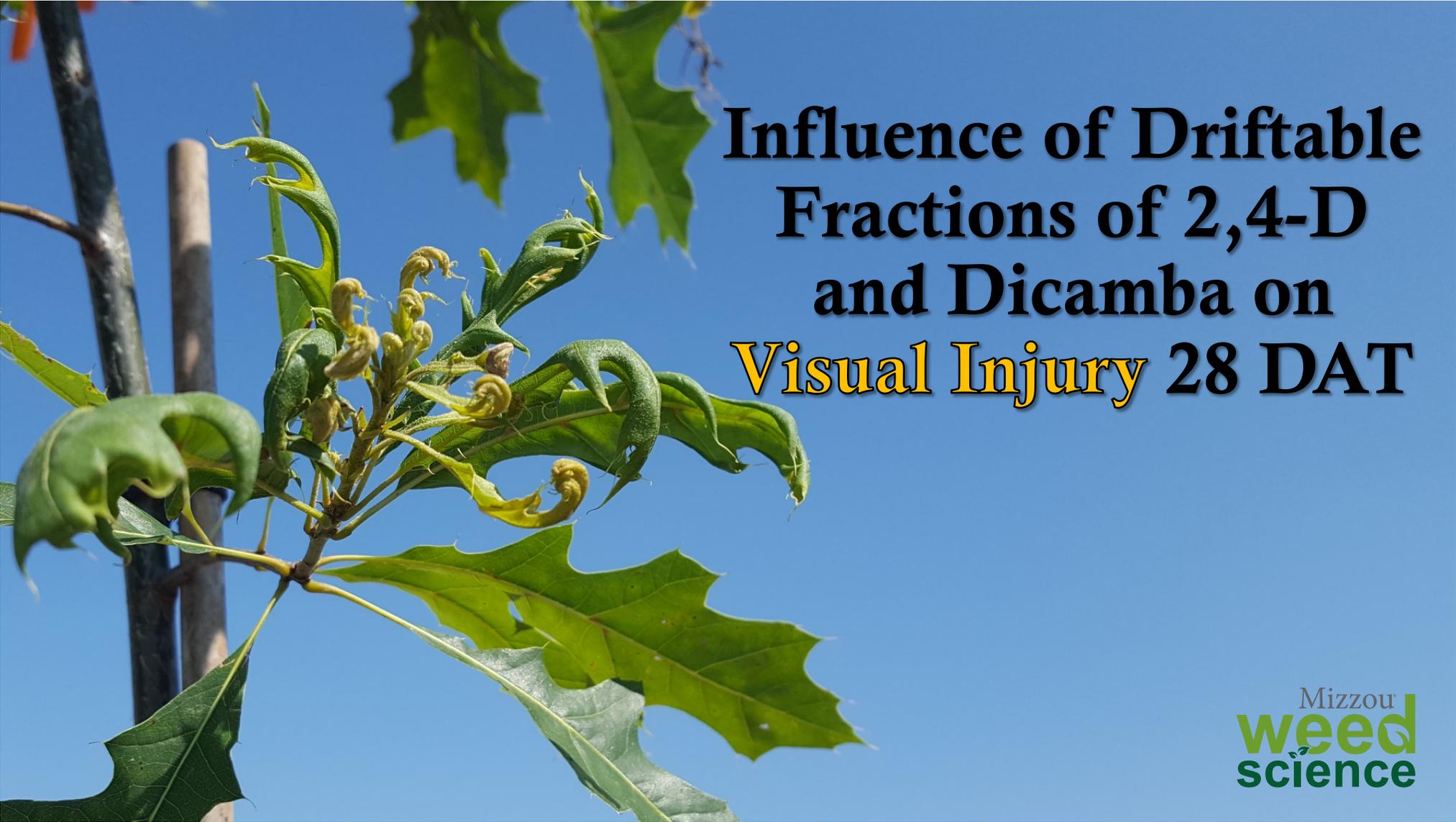
- 18 perennial species were established in 10-20 L pots in New Franklin, MO in spring of 2017 and 2018.
- The experimental design was a split-plot with five replications.
- Herbicide applications were made to plants on June 8, 2017 and June 12, 2018 with a CO<sub>2</sub>-powered backpack sprayer delivering 140 L/ha at 138 kPa.



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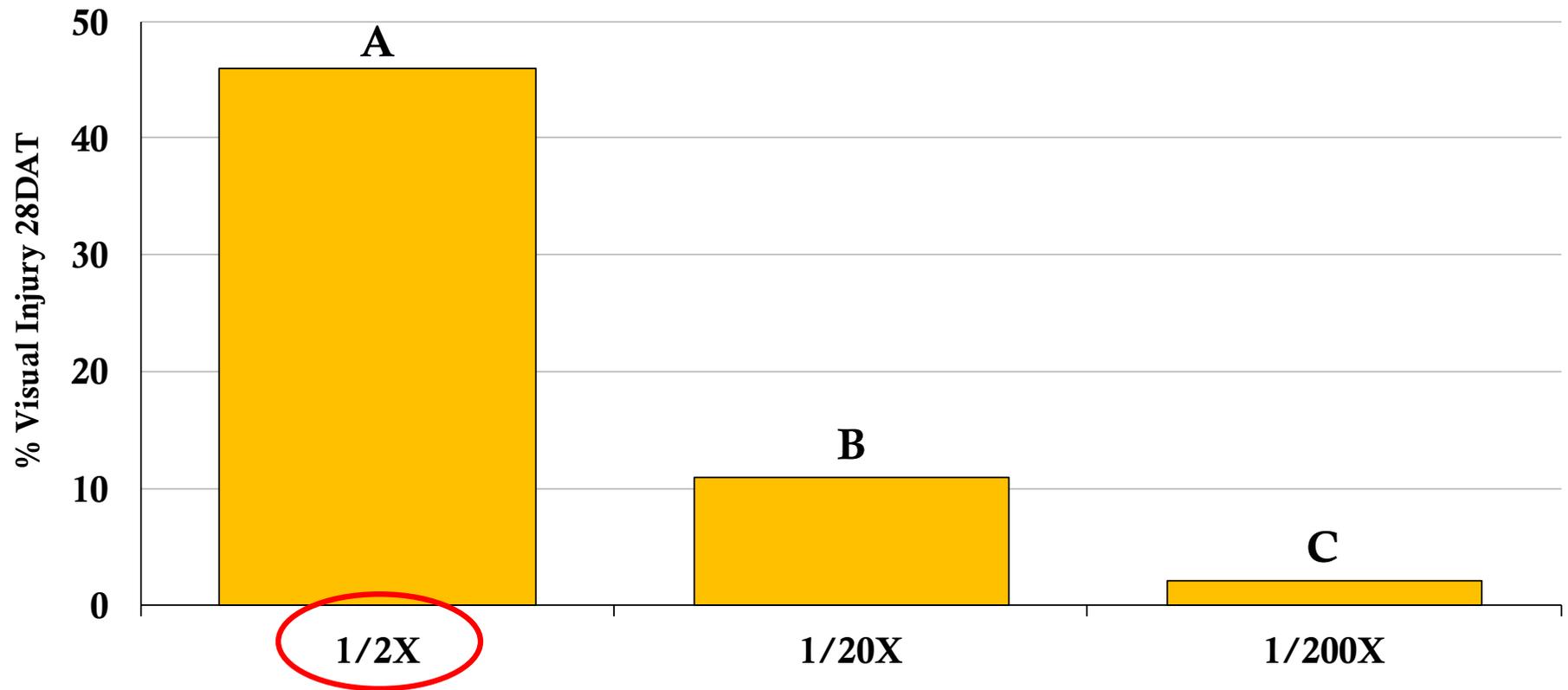
- Visual injury was assessed at regular time intervals following treatment.
- Tree trunk diameter and shoot length were also measured.
- Data was analyzed in SAS using the PROC GLIMMIX procedure. Means were separated using Fisher's Protected LSD,  $P \leq 0.05$ .



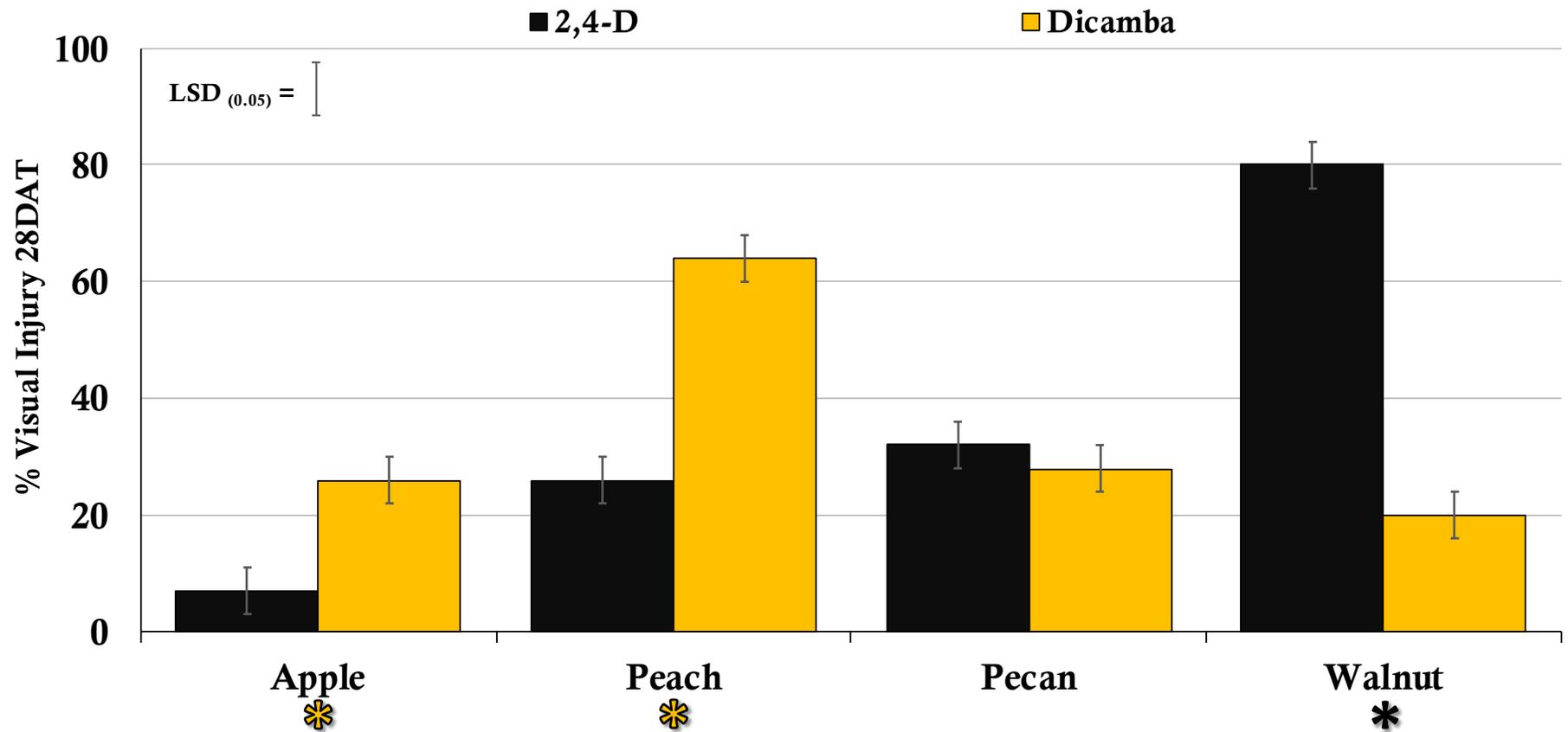


**Influence of Driftable  
Fractions of 2,4-D  
and Dicamba on  
Visual Injury 28 DAT**

# Influence of Herbicide Rates on Ornamental, Fruit, and Woody Plant Species



# 1/2X Rates of Dicamba vs. 2,4-D on Fruit and Nut Tree Species



# Dicamba Injury on Apple



# Dicamba vs. 2,4-D on Peach Trees

1/20X

1/2X

Dicamba

2,4-D

Dicamba

2,4-D



# Differences in Symptomology on Walnut



**Dicamba Injury**



**2,4-D Injury**

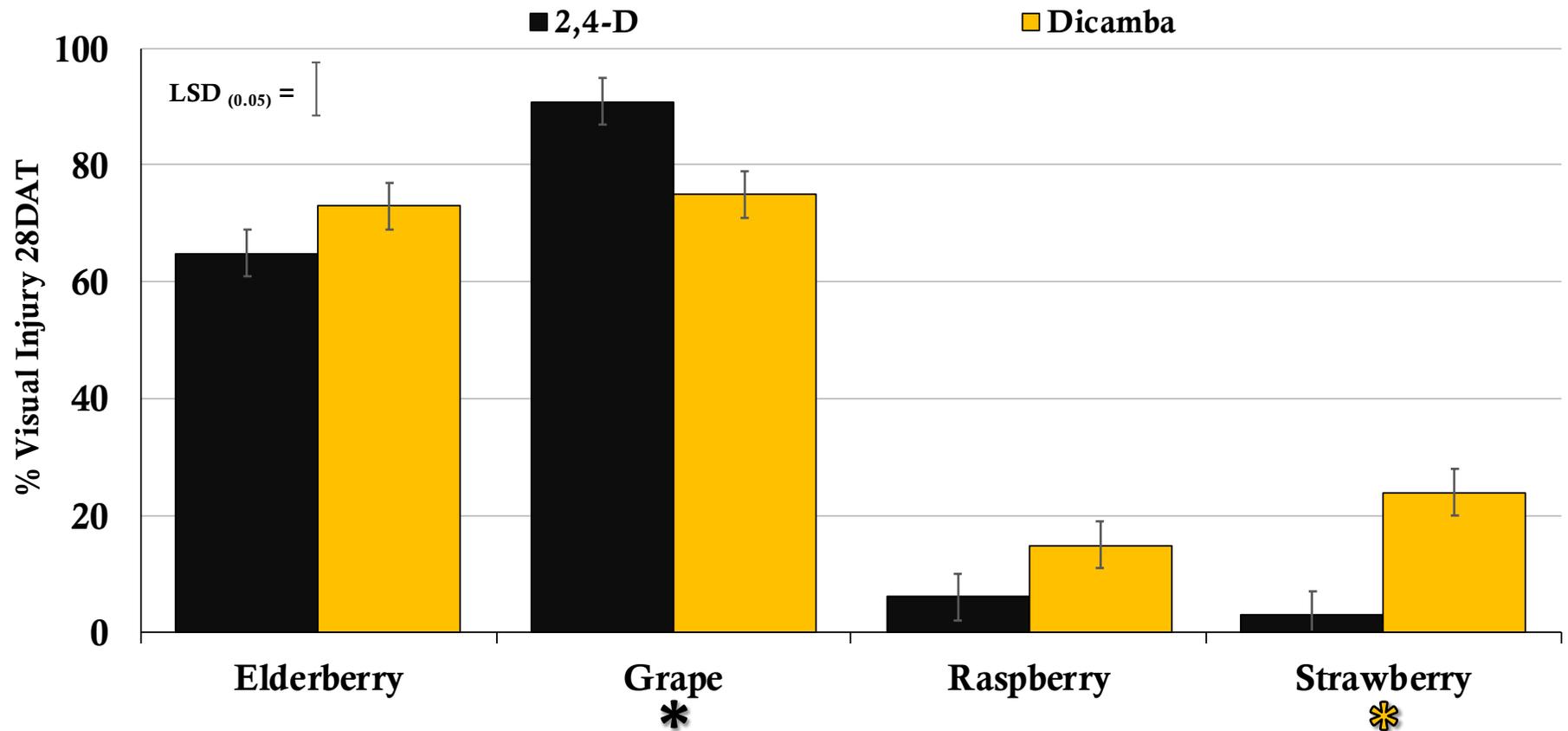
# Dicamba Injury on Pecan



# 2,4-D Injury on Pecan



# 1/2X Rates of Dicamba vs. 2,4-D on Berry Species



# Influence of 1/20x 2,4-D vs. Dicamba on Norton Grape



**Non-Treated**



**2,4-D**



**Dicamba**

# Differences in Symptomology on Grapes



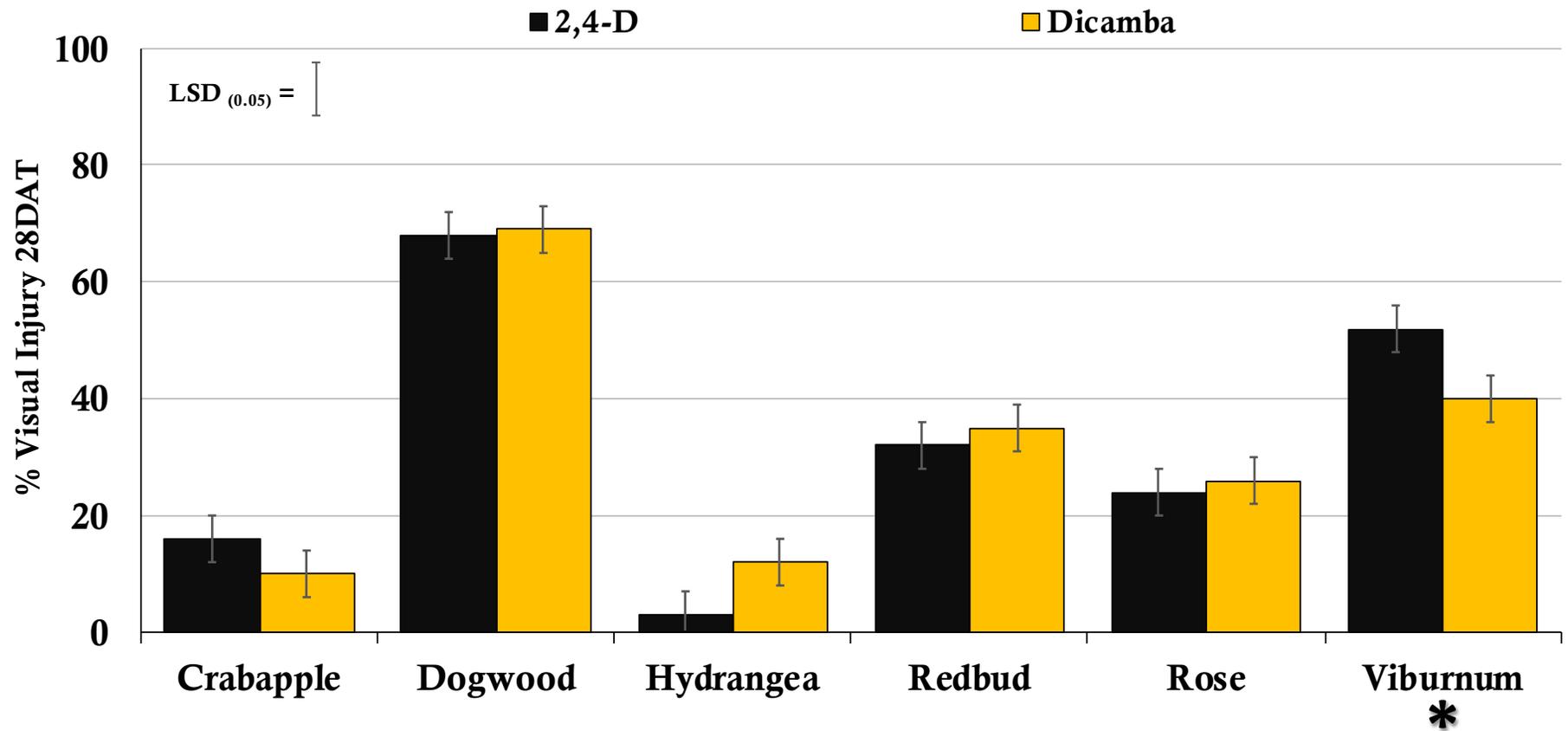
**2,4-D Injury**



**Dicamba Injury**



# 1/2X Rates of Dicamba vs. 2,4-D on Ornamental Species



# Dicamba Injury on Dogwood



# 2,4-D Injury on Dogwood



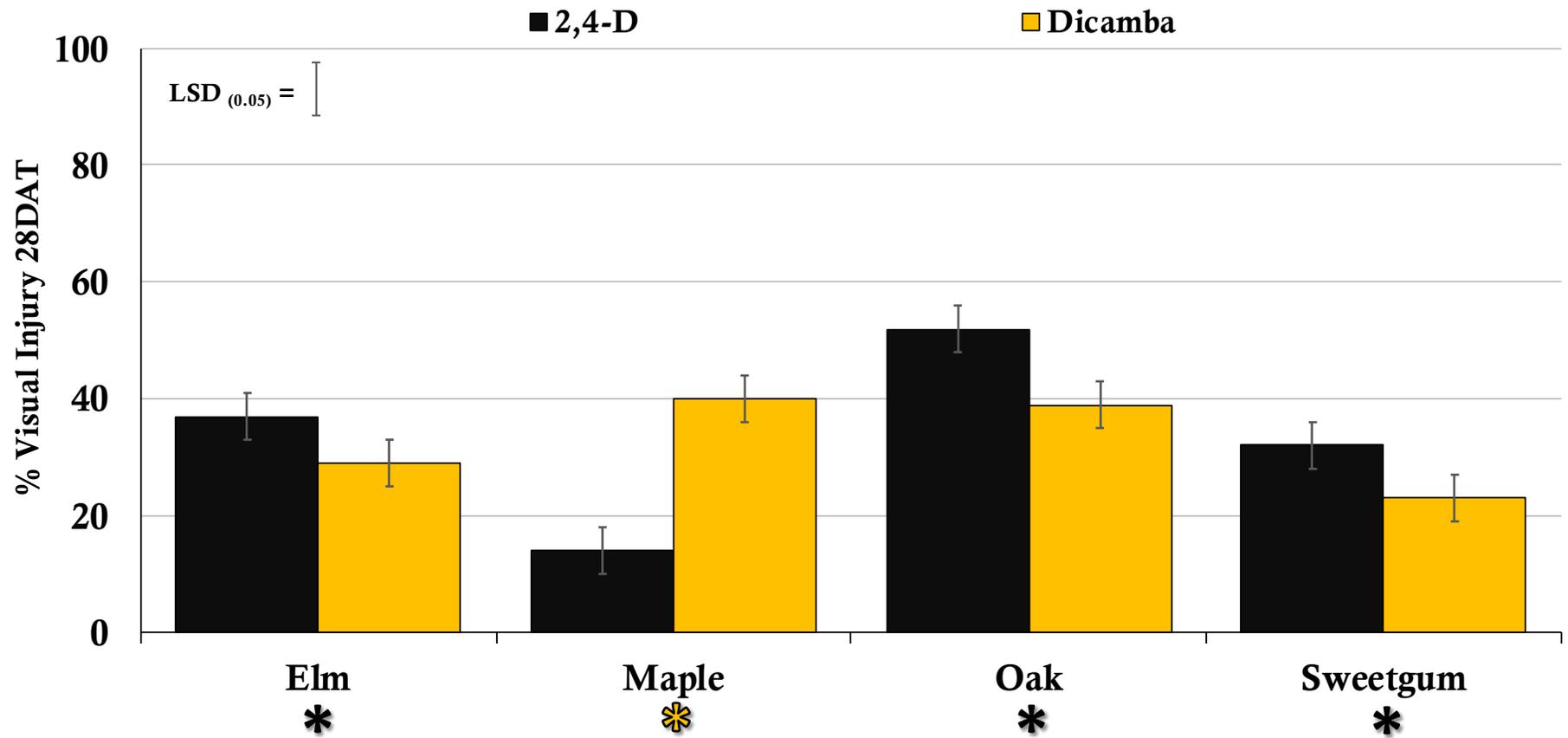
# 2,4-D Injury on Redbud



# Dicamba Injury on Redbud



# 1/2X Rates of Dicamba vs. 2,4-D on Shade Tree Species



# Dicamba vs. 2,4-D on Maple



Dicamba



2,4-D

# Up Close Dicamba Injury to Maple



# Symptomology of Driftable Fractions of Dicamba vs. 2,4-D on Maple Leaves



**Non-Treated**

**Dicamba**



**1/200X**



**1/20X**



**1/2X**

**2,4-D**



\*pictures taken 28 days after treatment

# Dicamba and 2,4-D Injury to Sweetgum Trees

Dicamba



2,4-D



# American Elm Symptomology 21 DAT



**Non-treated**



**1/20X dicamba +  
glyphosate**



**1/20X 2,4-D choline +  
glyphosate**

# Symptomology of Driftable Fractions of Dicamba vs. 2,4-D on Oak Leaves

Dicamba



Non-Treated

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1/200X

1/20X

1/2X

2,4-D



\*pictures taken 28 days after treatment

# Oak Dicamba Symptomology 112 DAT

Non-Treated



0.025 lb dicamba



# Dicamba vs. 2,4-D at the 1/2X rate on Oak



**Dicamba**



**2,4-D**

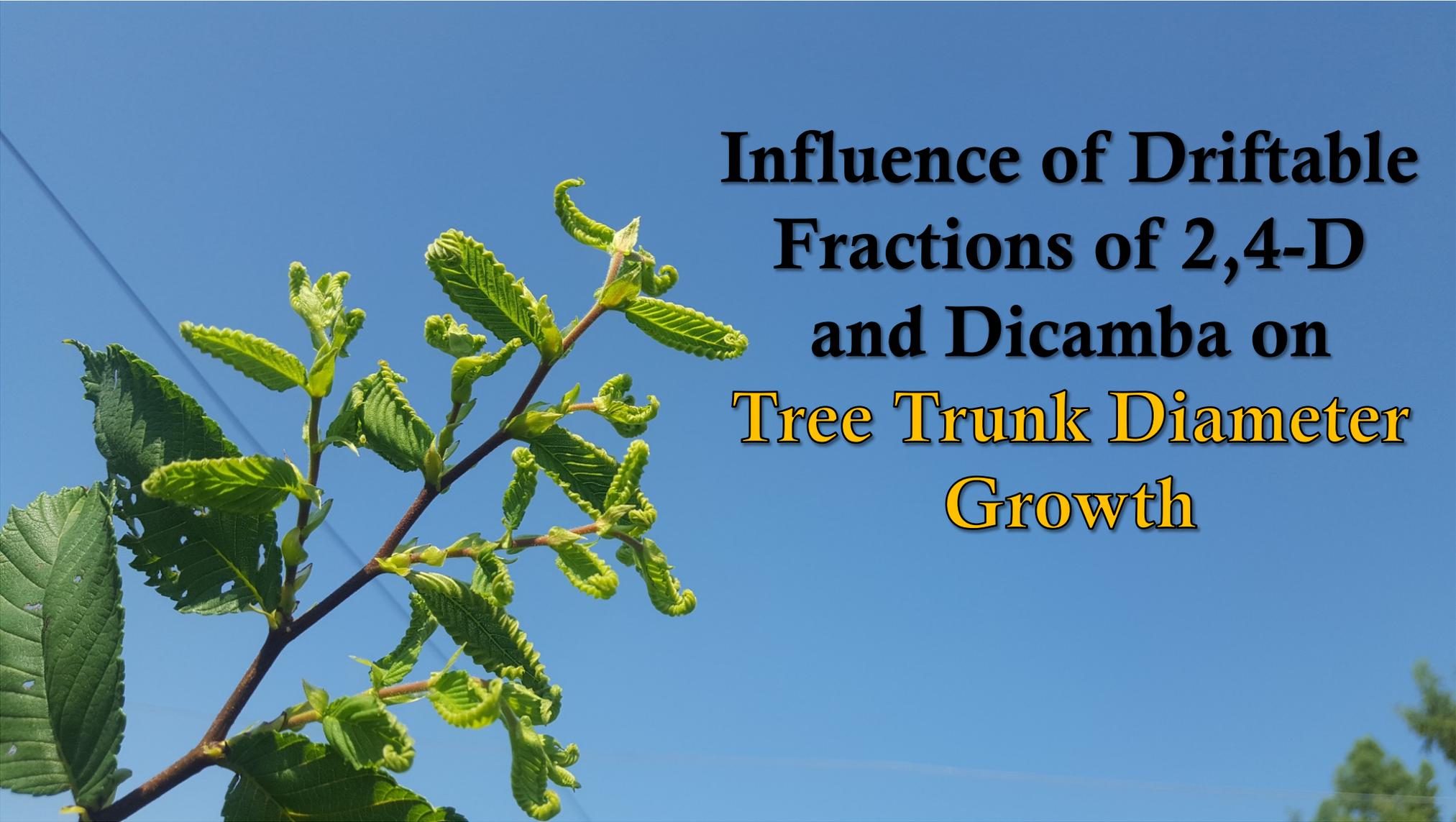
# Dicamba vs. 2,4-D at the 1/200X rate on Oak



**Dicamba**



**2,4-D**

A photograph of a tree branch with green leaves and curled, distorted foliage against a clear blue sky. The branch is dark brown and extends from the bottom left towards the center. The leaves are mostly green, but many are curled and distorted, particularly the younger ones, which are a lighter green color. The background is a clear, bright blue sky.

**Influence of Driftable  
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and Dicamba on  
Tree Trunk Diameter  
Growth**

## Influence of Driftable Fractions 2,4-D and Dicamba on Tree Trunk Diameter Growth

Herbicide Treatment (Rate)	Fruit and Ornamental Tree Species						
	*Apple	*Peach	*Walnut	*Elm	*Maple	Oak	Dogwood
	----- Tree Trunk Diameter Growth (mm) -----						
Non-Treated Control	4.9	6.1	2.9	5.1	6.3	6.7	4.3
2,4-D Choline (1/200)	3.8	5.2	1.8	5.6	5.7	5.8	4.2
2,4-D Choline (1/20)	4.3	5.3	1.5	4.7	5.8	6.4	5.0
2,4-D Choline (1/2)	4.0	4.0*	0.9*	3.4*	5.7	5.4	2.8
2,4-D Choline + Glyphosate (1/200)	4.0	5.4	2.1	5.0	5.2	7.6	5.0
2,4-D Choline + Glyphosate (1/20)	4.0	5.4	1.3*	5.2	6.1	5.7	3.2
2,4-D Choline + Glyphosate (1/2)	4.0	5.4	0.0*	2.5*	6.2	1.9*	0.3*
Dicamba (1/200)	4.0	5.3	2.9	5.1	5.7	5.2	4.5
Dicamba (1/20)	3.8	5.4	3.1	4.9	4.3*	4.5*	3.3
Dicamba (1/2)	3.0*	3.2*	2.1	4.6	4.3*	4.8*	1.5*
Dicamba + Glyphosate (1/200)	4.3	5.3	2.3	4.9	6.7	5.3	4.5
Dicamba + Glyphosate (1/20)	4.8	5.0	2.6	4.5	4.8	5.3	3.4
Dicamba + Glyphosate (1/2)	2.2*	3.6*	0.8*	3.6*	4.5*	4.4*	0.5*

\* Indicates significant difference from the non-treated control at the 0.05 level of significance.

# Conclusions



# Species with a greater sensitivity to dicamba

Based on ALL assessments, the following species were classified as having a greater overall sensitivity to dicamba...



**Apple**



**Maple**



**Peach**



**Strawberry**

# Species with a greater sensitivity to 2,4-D

Based on ALL assessments, the following species were classified as having a greater overall sensitivity to 2,4-D...



**Walnut**



**Grape**



**Elm**



**Sweetgum**

# Conclusions

- Species differ in their sensitivity and symptomology
- Overall, grape and oak were the most sensitive to the 1/200X rates
- Hydrangea and raspberry were the least sensitive species
- Tree trunk diameter growth correlates with visual injury assessments



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# Questions?

