

Ascochyta blight of chickpeas: Comparative fungicide efficacy

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Market class = testing was conducted on Kabuli chickpea varieties with partial Ascochyta resistance adapted to the Northern Plains (generally CDC Frontier, CDC Leader, or CDC Orion)

Row spacing = 7 inches

Seeding rate = 4.0, 4.5 or 5.0 viable seeds/square foot

Fungicide spray volume = 15 gal/ac in most studies; 17 or 17.5 gal/ac in some of the early research Most of the testing was conducted with fungicides applied with a hand-held boom pressurized by CO_2 . Some of the testing with Proline vs. Proline + Bravo WS was conducted with a tractor-mounted, PTO-driven sprayer.

Fungicide spray droplet size: fine (2009-2022) or calibrated relative to canopy characteristics (fine, medium or coarse, 2023-2024).

Number of fungicide applications: as needed relative to rainfall patterns; 3, 4, 5, or 6 applications 10-14 days apart, depending on the year.

Application timing in fungicide efficacy studies: First appearance of disease symptoms or early bloom, whichever occurred first. Never prior to late vegetative growth.

Number of experimental replicates = 4, 5 or 6 (depending on the study)

Disease development was facilitated by spreading small quantities of overwintered diseased chickpea residues in non-harvested plots separating treatment plots

Ascochyta disease assessment: Minimum three assessments (concurrent with first fungicide application and then twice during pod-fill, including once shortly before senescence). Disease is reported on a 0 to 100 scale corresponding to disease progress from the first fungicide application to the last disease rating (relative area under the disease progress curve)

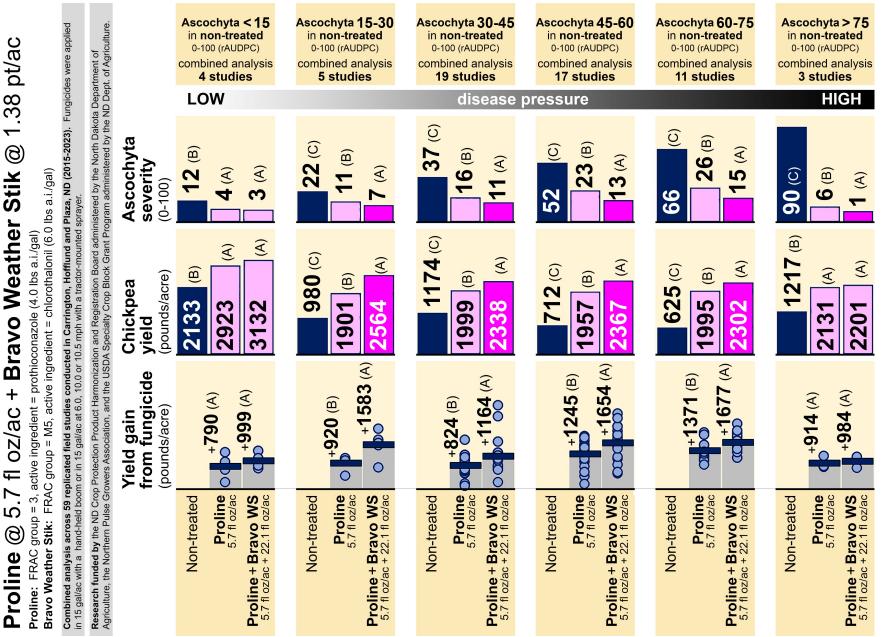
Yield: Grain yields were calculated on the basis of the measured plot length at harvest and the grain moisture at harvest and are reported at a standard 13.5% moisture level.

Part 1: The most effective fungicides

- **Proline** (5.7 fl oz/ac) + **Bravo WeatherStik** (1.38 pt/ac) prothioconazole (FRAC 3) chlorothalonil (FRAC M)
- **Provysol** (5 fl oz/ac) + **Bravo WeatherStik** (1.38 pt/ac) mefentrifluonazole (FRAC 3) chlorothalonil (FRAC M)



Tank-mixing Bravo WS (1.38 pt/ac) with Proline (5.7 fl oz) sharply improves efficacy



When tank-mixing Bravo WeatherStik with Proline, applying Proline at the high end of the labeled rate (5.7 fl oz/ac) and Bravo WS at the low end of the labeled rate (1.38 pt/ac) optimizes Ascochyta management while minimizing cost

Combined analysis across 7 studies:	Ascochyta (0-100)	Yield (lbs/ac)
Non-treated	42 e	892
Bravo WS 1.38 pt/ac	24 d	1442 °
Bravo WS 2 pt/ac	20 bcd	1569 °
Proline 5.0 fl oz/ac	23 cd	1618 °
Proline 5.7 fl oz/ac	22 cd	1643 bc
Proline 5.0 fl oz + Bravo WS 1.38 pt/ac	13 abc	2133 a
Proline 5.7 fl oz + Bravo WS 1.38 pt/ac	12 ab	2269 a
Proline 5.0 fl oz + Bravo WS 2.0 pt/ac	12 a	2118 ab
Proline 5.7 fl oz + Bravo WS 2.0 pt/ac	12 a	2310 a
CV:	54.6	20.3

Provysol tank-mixed with Bravo WeatherStik also provides very good Ascochyta management

COMBINED ANALYSIS ACROSS 9 STUDIES

Provysol 3 fl oz/ac vs. Provysol 3 fl oz + Bravo WS 1.38 pt/ac

PROVYSOL: active ingredient = mefentrifluconazole

BRAVO WS: active ingredient = chlorothalonil	Ascochyta	Yield
	0 to 100	lbs/ac
Non-treated control	50 b	1009 b
Provysol 3 fl oz/ac	18 a	2041 a
Provysol 3 fl oz + Bravo WS 1.38 p	ot 11 a	2461 a
С	V: 17.9	26.0

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COMBINED ANALYSIS ACROSS 6 STUDIES

Provysol, 3 vs. 5 fl oz

active ingredient = mefentrifluconazole

	A	scochyta	Yield
	0	to 100	lbs/ac
Non-treated		62 b	765 b
Proline 5.7 fl oz/ac		18 a	1761 a
Provysol 3 fl oz/ac		17 a	1607 a
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	CV:	39.4	17.7

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active ingredient = mefentrifluconazole

		Ascochyta	Yield
	() to 100	lbs/ac
Non-treated		46 b	1086 b
Proline 5.7 fl oz/ac		13 a	2080 a
Provysol 3 fl oz/ac		14 a	1872 a
	CV:	52.5	13.9

COMBINED ANALYSIS ACROSS 8 STUDIES

Provysol, 5 fl oz/ac

active ingredient = mefentrifluconazole

		Ascochyta	Yield
	C	to 100	lbs/ac
Non-treated		64 b	684 b
Proline 5.7 fl oz/ac		19 a	1873 a
Provysol 5 fl oz/ac		17 a	2099 a
	CV:	34.2	22.4

When tank-mixing chlorothalonil with Proline or Provysol, generic and brand-name versions of chlorothalonil are equivalent

testing conducted on Bravo WeatherStik, Praiz, Equus 720

COMBINED ANALYSIS ACROSS 9 STUDIES	Ascochyta 0 to 100	Yield Ibs/ac	
Non-treated	47 c	953	C C
Proline 3 fl oz/ac or Proline 5.7 fl oz/ac	23 b	1864 a	
Proline or Provysol + Bravo WS 1.38 pt/ac	12 a	2240	а
Proline or Provysol + Praiz 1.38 pt/ac	14 ab	2149	а
Proline or Provysol + Equus 720 1.38 pt/ac	12 ab	2247	а

CV: 19.0

Part 2: Rotational chemistries with alternate modes of action

BEST OPTION:

Miravis Top (13.7 fl oz/ac) + **Bravo WS** (1.38 pt/ac) difenoconazole (FRAC 3) + pydiflumetofen (FRAC 7)

ANOTHER OPTION:

One application per season of a premix product that contains prothioconazole or mefentrifluconazole (the active ingredients in Proline and Provysol) and another active ingredient.

Even if Ascochyta has developed resistance to the other active ingredient, there is generally a mixture of resistance and susceptible pathogen strains. A single application of that mode of action when applied together with Bravo WS and prothioconazole or mefentrifluconazole can improve management of the susceptible strains.

Applied alone without Bravo WeatherStik, Miravis Top and Proline exhibit similar efficacy

COMBINED ANALYSIS ACROSS 11 STUDIES

Miravis Top, 13.7 fl oz

active ingredients = pydiflumetofen, difenoconazole (FRAC 7, 3)

	Ascochyta	Yield
	0 to 100	lbs/ac
Non-treated	42 b	1101 b
Proline 5.7 fl oz/ac	10 a	2042 a
Miravis Top 13.7 fl oz	12 a	2043 a
C/	√: 15.0	19.2

Miravis Top has not responded as stongly as Proline to tank-mixing with Bravo WeatherStik

COMBINED ANALYSIS ACROSS 7 STUDIES

Miravis TOP 13.7 fl oz/ac vs.

Miravis TOP 13.7 fl oz + Bravo WS 1.38 pt

MIRAVIS TOP: active ingredients = pydiflumetofen + difenoconazole

BRAVO WS: active ingredient = chlorothalonil	Ascochyta	Yield
	0 to 100	lbs/ac
Non-treated	47 c	1075 b
Proline 5.7 fl oz/ac	11 ab	2249 a
Proline 5.7 fl oz + Bravo WS 1.38 pt/ac	4 a	2504 a
Miravis TOP 13.7 fl oz	14 b	2290 a
Miravis Top 13.7 fl oz + Bravo WS 1.38	pt 7 ab	2291 a
	CV: 27.3	11.7

Applying Miravis Top + Bravo WS in rotation with Proline + Bravo WS is best conducted when disease pressure is moderate

Results from Carrington (2024): very wet summer with very high Ascochyta pressure

Six fungicide applications 10-14 days apart Zorina 20 fl oz = premix of Provysol 5 fl oz + Endura 6 oz	ASCOCHYTA 0 to 100	YIELD lbs/ac
Non-treated control	67 d	17 e
Proline 5.7 fl oz rotated with Miravis Neo 13.7 fl oz/ac	34 c	92 de
Proline 5.7 fl oz rotated with Miravis Top 13.7 fl oz/ac	27 b	222 de
Proline 5.7 fl oz rotated with Zorina 20 fl oz/ac	21 b	597 d
Proline 5.7 fl oz	21 b	477 de
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Proline 5.7 fl oz + Bravo WS 1.38 pt/ac	5 a	2216 a
CV	/: 15.8	30.9

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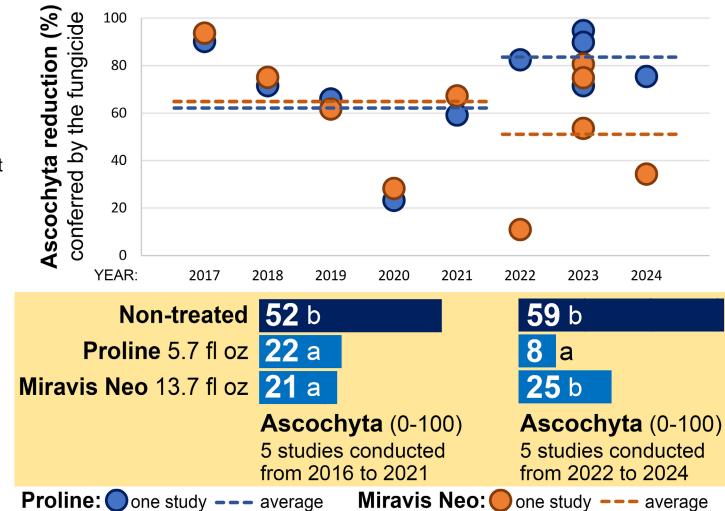
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COMBINED ANALYSIS ACROSS 10 STUDIES			
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active ingredients = pydiflumetofen (FRAC 7), azoxystrobin (FRAC 11), propiconazole (FRAC 3)	Ascochyta 0 to 100	Yield lbs/ac	
Non-treated	55 b	1126 b	
Proline 5.7 fl oz/ac	15 a	2105 a	
Miravis Neo 13.7 fl oz	23 a	1896 a	
CV	: 19.4	17.9	

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From 2017 to 2021, the Ascochyta management conferred by Proline and Miravis Neo was equivalent in field studies.

From 2022 to 2024, Proline conferred better Ascochyta management than Miravis Neo.



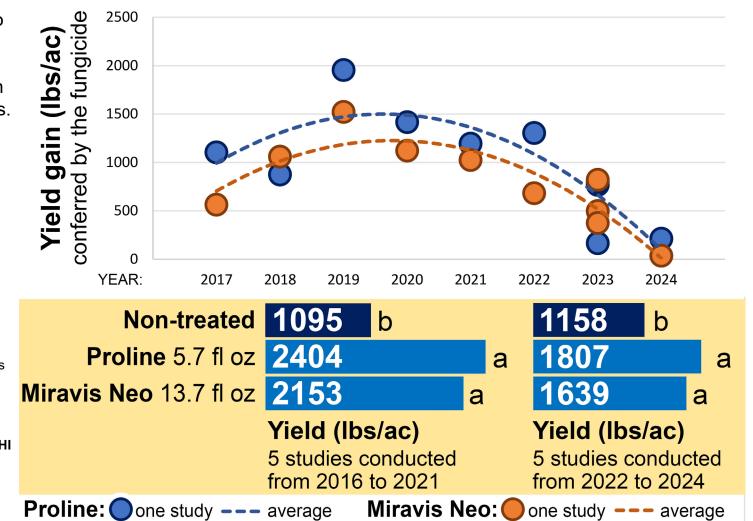
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The erosion in Ascochyta disease control by Miravis Neo observed since 2022 has not yet translated into a complete loss in efficacy in field studies.



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COMBINED ANALYSIS ACROSS 6 STUDIES

Miravis Neo 13.7 fl oz/ac vs. Miravis Neo 13.7 fl oz + Bravo WS 1.38 pt/ac

MIRAVIS TOP: active ingredients = pydiflumetofen, azoxystrobin, propiconazole (FRAC 7, 11, 3)

BRAVO WS: active ingredient = chlorothalonil (FRAC M)	Ascochyta	Yield
	0 to 100	lbs/ac
Non-treated	57 c	1104 с
Proline 5.7 fl oz/ac	20 ab	2438 ab
Proline 5.7 fl oz + Bravo WS 1.38 pt/ac	8 a	2718 a
Miravis Neo 13.7 fl oz	27 bc	2137 b
Miravis Neo 13.7 fl oz + Bravo WS 1.38	pt 10 a	2606 ab
	CV: 24.2	11.7

Because of possible resistance problems developing with the SDHI pydimflumetofen, Miravis Top + Bravo WS – which contains a much more effective triazole fungicide than Miravis Neo – is a better choice for rotating with Proline + Bravo.

Applying Miravis Top + Bravo WS in a rotation with Proline + Bravo WS is best conducted when disease pressure is moderate. Under high disease pressure, Miravis Top + Bravo is less effective than Proline + Bravo.

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Omega – which has a completely different mode of action – would be an option if it were not prohibitively expensive.

COMBINED ANALYSIS ACROSS 9 STUDIES

Omega, 13.6 fl oz

active ingredient = fluazinam

FRAC 29	Ascochyta	Yield
	0 to 100	lbs/ac
Non-treated	45 b	1236 b
Proline 5.7 fl oz/ac	20 a	2288 a
Omega 13.6 fl oz/ac	26 a	1988 a
CV	: 24.2	16.9

ANOTHER OPTION FOR INCLUDING OTHER MODES OF ACTION:

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REVYTEK: mefentrifluconazole + pyraclostrobin + fluxapyroxad Revytek at 9 fl oz/ac delivers the same amount of mefentrifluconazole as Provysol at 3 fl oz

REVYLOK: mefentrifluxonazole + fluxapyroxad

Revylok at 6.5 fl oz delivers the same amount of mefentrifluconazole as Provysol at 4.9 fl oz Revylok at 4.5 fl oz delivers the same amount of mefentrifluconazole as Provysol at 3.4 fl oz

DELARO: prothioconazole + picoxystrobin

Delaro at 12 fl oz delivers the same amount of prothioconazole as Proline at 4.5 fl oz Supplemental Proline at 1.2 fl oz/ac should be added to Delaro 12 fl oz/ac

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REVYTEK: mefentrifluconazole + pyraclostrobin + fluxapyroxad Revytek at 9 fl oz/ac delivers the same amount of mefentrifluconazole as Provysol at 3 fl oz

COMBINED ANALYSIS ACROSS 4 STUDIES

Revytek, 8 fl oz

Provysol: mefentrifluconazole

Revytek: mefentrifluconazole, pyraclostrobin, fluxapyroxad

-	Ascochyta	Yield
	0 to 100	lbs/ac
Non-treated	42 b	1448 b
Proline 5.7 fl oz/ac	9 a	2470 a
Revytek 8 fl oz/ac	10 a	2265 a
Provysol 3 fl oz/ac	11 a	2246 a
CV	: 17.0	8.0

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Supplemental 1.2 fl oz/ac Proline should be added to

12 fl oz/ac Delaro to increase the application rate of prothioconazole to the equivalent of Proline 5.7 fl oz/ac COMBINED ANALYSIS ACROSS 3 STUDIES

Delaro, 12 fl oz/ac

active ingredients = prothioconazole + trifloxystrobin

	Ascochyta	Yield
	0 to 100	lbs/ac
Non-treated	61 b	1187 b
Proline 5.7 fl oz/ac	7 a	2459 a
Delaro 12 fl oz/ac	13 a	2330 a
CV	: 22.1	7.1

Part 3: Fungicides with poor efficacy

Priaxor (4 fl oz/ac)

fluxapyroxad (FRAC 7) + pyraclostrobin (FRAC 11)

Endura (6 oz/ac)

boscalid (FRAC 7)

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The Ascochyta blight pathogen of chickpeas has developed resistance to the Qol fungicides.

Due to apparent resistance development with the SDHI fungicide fluxapyroxad, **Priaxor is no longer effective**

COMBINED ANALYSIS ACROSS 6 STUDIES

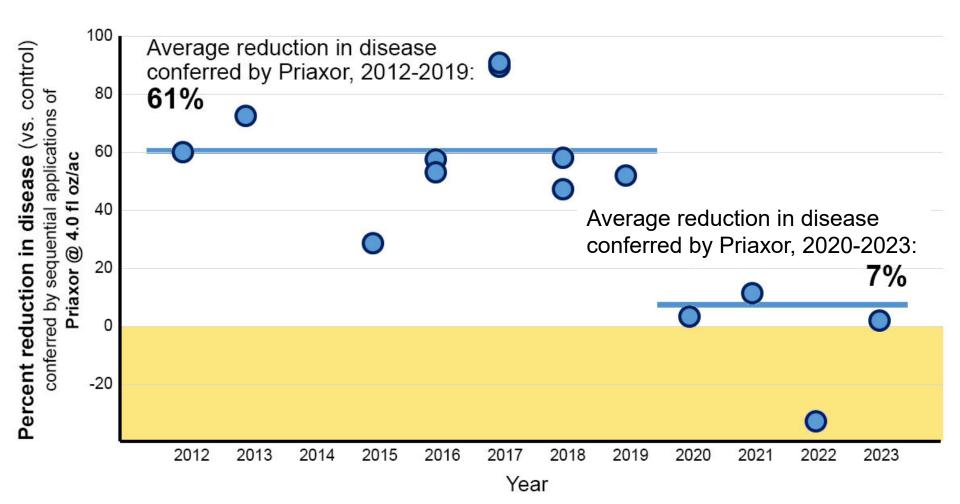
Priaxor, 4 fl oz/ac

active ingredients = fluxapyroxad + pyraclostrobin

	Ascochyta	Yield
	0 to 100	lbs/ac
Non-treated	49 b	1121 b
Proline 5.7 fl oz/ac	17 a	2103 a
Priaxor 4 fl oz/ac	48 b	1335 b
C/	/: 44.1	18.6

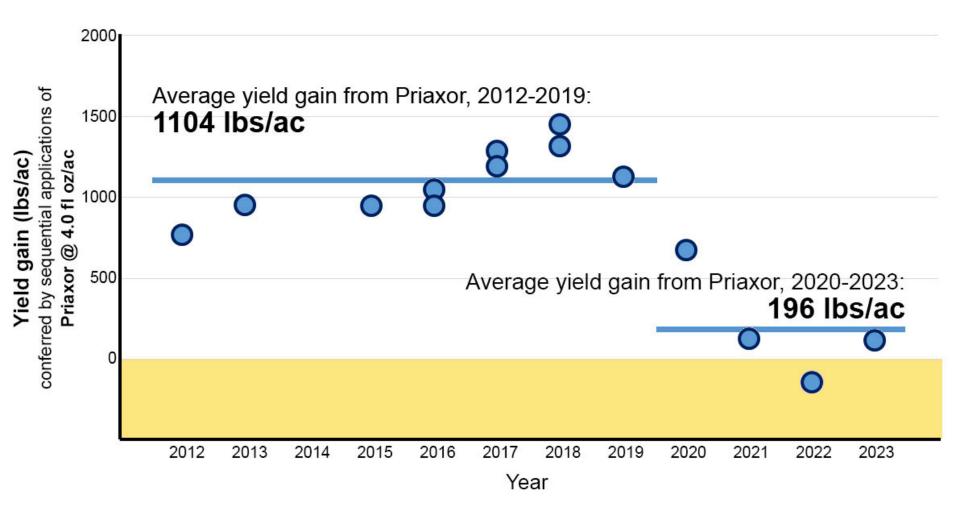
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Endura has always exhibited poor efficacy against Ascochyta blight in chickpeas. Since the apparent loss of efficacy for fluxapyroxad, Endura has shown zero efficacy.

COMBINED ANALYSIS ACROSS 7 STUDIES

Endura, 6 oz/ac

active ingredient = boscalid

	Ascochyta	Yield
	0 to 100	lbs/ac
Non-treated	57 b	520 b
Proline 5.7 fl oz/ac	11 a	2166 a
Endura 6.0 oz/ac	36 b	1498 ab
C\	/: 49.0	64.6

Conclusions

Proline and Provysol, tank-mixed with Bravo WeatherStik or generic, are most effective.

Miravis Top is the best rotational fungicide with an alternate mode of action. It is best applied tank-mixed with Bravo WS/generic, and this tank-mix is best applied when disease pressure is moderate.

Premix fungicides that contain the active ingredients in Proline or Provysol and an active ingredient that has lost efficacy due to resistance development can sometimes provide some benefit when applied once in the season. They should be applied such that the application rate of the active ingredients in Proline and Provysol is equivalent to the labeled rates of those products, and they should be applied in a tank-mix with Bravo WeatherStik / generic.



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