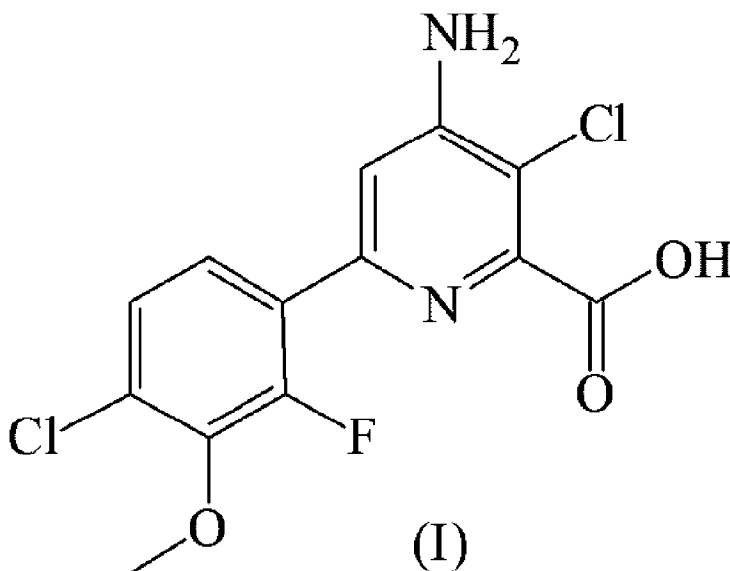




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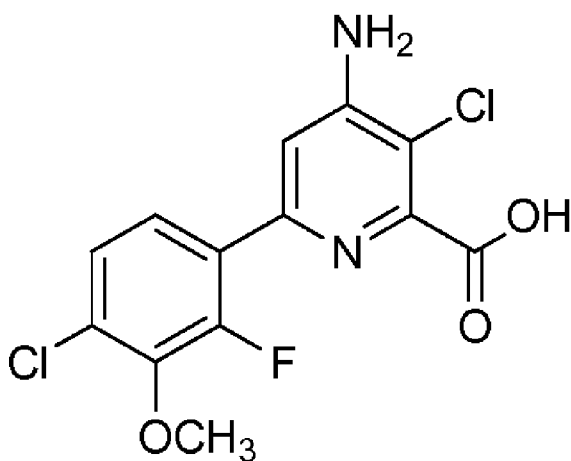
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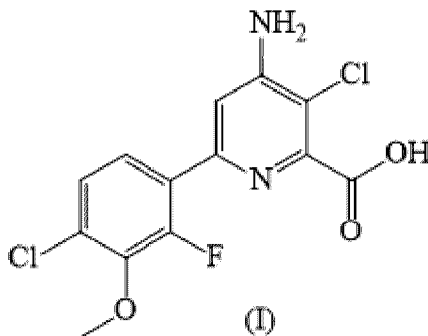
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Background

[0001] The protection of crops from weeds and other vegetation which inhibit crop growth is a constantly recurring problem in agriculture. To help combat this problem, researchers in the field of synthetic chemistry have produced an extensive variety of chemicals and chemical formulations effective in the control of such unwanted growth. Chemical herbicides of many types have been disclosed in the literature and a large number are in commercial use. However, there remains a need for compositions and methods that are effective in controlling undesirable vegetation.

Summary

[0002] Provided herein are herbicidal compositions comprising a herbicidally effective amount of (a) a compound of the formula (I)



or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester of thereof and (b) picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof. The compositions may also contain an agriculturally acceptable adjuvant or carrier. In one embodiment, the weight ratio of the compound of formula (I) or agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof to picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof is from about 1:0.5 to about 1:20. In a further embodiment, no additional herbicidal active ingredients are present.

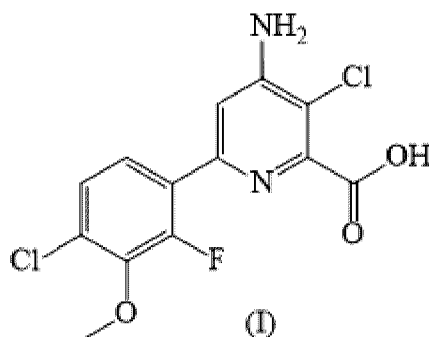
[0003] Also provided are methods of controlling undesired vegetation comprising applying

(a) a compound of formula (I) or an agriculturally acceptable ester or salt thereof and (b) picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof. In one embodiment, the undesirable vegetation is controlled in oilseed rape, wheat, barley, oats, rye, sorghum, corn, maize, rice, pastures, grasslands, rangelands, fallowland, turf, tree and vine orchards, aquatics, industrial vegetation management or rights-of-way.

Detailed Description

DEFINITIONS

[0004] As used herein, the compound of formula (I) has the following structure:



[0005] The compound of formula (I) can be identified by the name 4-amino-3-chloro-6-(4-chloro-2-fluoro-3-methoxyphenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid and has been described in U.S. Patent 7,314,849 (B2). Exemplary uses of the compound of the formula (I) include controlling undesirable vegetation, including *e.g.*, grass, broadleaf and sedge weeds, in multiple non-crop and cropping situations.

[0006] As used herein, picloram is 4-amino-3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid. Its herbicidal activity is summarized in Tomlin, C. D. S., Ed. *The Pesticide Manual: A World Compendium*, 15th ed.; BCPC: Alton, 2009 (hereafter "*The Pesticide Manual*"). Salts and esters of picloram that are specifically identified in *The Pesticide Manual* include the dimethylammonium, isooctyl, potassium, triethylammonium, triisopropanolammonium, triisopropylammonium, and trolamine carboxylates. Exemplary uses of picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof identified in *The Pesticide Manual* include its use to manage unwanted vegetation in rangeland, grass pastures, forestry, non-crop land and

rights-of-way. It is also used in some countries in rice, sugar cane, cereals and oilseed rape.

[0007] As used herein, control of or controlling undesirable vegetation means killing or preventing the vegetation, or causing some other adverse modifying effect to the vegetation *e.g.*, deviations from natural growth or development, regulation, desiccation, retardation, and the like.

[0008] As used herein, herbicide and herbicidal active ingredient mean a compound that controls undesirable vegetation when applied in an appropriate amount.

[0009] As used herein, a herbicidally effective or vegetation controlling amount is an amount of herbicidal active ingredient the application of which controls the relevant undesirable vegetation.

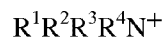
[0010] As used herein, applying a herbicide or herbicidal composition means delivering it directly to the targeted undesirable vegetation or to the locus thereof or to the area where

control of undesired vegetation is desired. Methods of application include, but are not limited to preemergence, postemergence, foliar, soil, and in-water applications. Described herein are methods of controlling undesirable vegetation by applying certain herbicide combinations or compositions.

[0011] As used herein, plants and vegetation include, but are not limited to, dormant seeds, germinant seeds, emerging seedlings, plants emerging from vegetative propagules, immature vegetation, and established vegetation.

[0012] As used herein, agriculturally acceptable salts and esters refer to salts and esters that exhibit herbicidal activity, or that are or can be converted in plants, water, or soil to the referenced herbicide. Exemplary agriculturally acceptable esters are those that are or can be hydrolyzed, oxidized, metabolized, or otherwise converted, *e.g.*, in plants, water, or soil, to the corresponding carboxylic acid which, depending on the pH, may be in the dissociated or undissociated form.

[0013] Exemplary salts include those derived from alkali or alkaline earth metals and those derived from ammonia and amines. Exemplary cations include sodium, potassium, magnesium, and aminium cations of the formula:



[0014] wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 each, independently represents hydrogen or C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, C_3 - C_{12} alkenyl or C_3 - C_{12} alkynyl, each of which is optionally substituted by one or more hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 alkylthio or phenyl groups, provided that R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are sterically compatible. Additionally, any two of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 together may represent an aliphatic difunctional moiety containing one to twelve carbon atoms and up to two oxygen or sulfur atoms. Salts can be prepared by treatment with a metal hydroxide, such as sodium hydroxide, with an amine, such as ammonia, trimethylamine, diethanolamine, 2-methylthiopropylamine, bisallylamine, 2-butoxyethylamine, morpholine, cyclododecylamine, or benzylamine or with a tetraalkylammonium hydroxide, such as tetramethylammonium hydroxide or choline hydroxide.

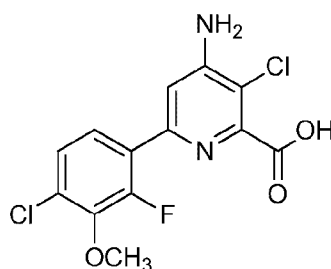
[0015] Exemplary esters include those derived from C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, C_3 - C_{12} alkenyl, C_3 - C_{12} alkynyl or C_7 - C_{10} aryl-substituted alkyl alcohols, such as methyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, 1-butanol, 2-ethylhexanol, butoxyethanol, methoxypropanol, allyl alcohol, propargyl alcohol, cyclohexanol or unsubstituted or substituted benzyl alcohols. Benzyl alcohols may be

substituted with from 1-3 substituents independently selected from halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ alkoxy. Esters can be prepared by coupling of the acids with the alcohol using any number of suitable activating agents such as those used for peptide couplings such as dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) or carbonyl diimidazole (CDI); by reacting the acids with alkylating agents such as alkylhalides or alkylsulfonates in the presence of a base such as triethylamine or lithium carbonate; by reacting the corresponding acid chloride of an acid with an appropriate alcohol; by reacting the corresponding acid with an appropriate alcohol in the presence of an acid catalyst or by transesterification.

[0016] As used herein, weight ratios of mixtures are calculated using the acid equivalent weight(s) of any compounds in the mixture that are salts or esters.

COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS

[0017] Provided herein are herbicidal compositions comprising a herbicidally effective amount of (a) a compound of the formula (I)



(I)

or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester of thereof and (b) picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof.

[0018] Provided herein are also methods of controlling undesirable vegetation comprising contacting the vegetation or the locus thereof, *i.e.*, the area adjacent to the plant, with or applying to the soil or water to prevent the emergence or growth of vegetation a herbicidally effective amount of the compound of formula (I) or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof and (b) picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof. In certain embodiments, the methods employ the compositions described herein.

[0019] Furthermore, in some embodiments, the combination of compound (I) or agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof and picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof exhibits synergism, *i.e.*, the herbicidal active ingredients are more effective in combination than when applied individually. Synergism has been defined as “an interaction

of two or more factors such that the effect when combined is greater than the predicted effect based on the response of each factor applied separately.” Senseman, S., Ed. *Herbicide Handbook*. 9th ed. Lawrence: Weed Science Society of America, 2007. In certain embodiments, the compositions exhibit synergy as determined by Colby’s equation. Colby, S.R. Calculation of the synergistic and antagonistic response of herbicide combinations. *Weeds* **1967**, *15*, 20-22.

[0020] In certain embodiments of the compositions and methods described herein, the the carboxylic acid of formula (I) is employed. In certain embodiments, a carboxylate salt of the compound of formula (I) is employed. In certain embodiments, a C₁₋₄ alkyl, *e.g.*, methyl ester is employed.

[0021] In some embodiments, the compound of formula (I) or salt or ester thereof and picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof are formulated in one composition, tank-mixed, applied simultaneously, or applied sequentially.

[0022] Herbicidal activity (control of undesirable vegetation) is exhibited by the compositions when they are applied directly to the plant, or to the locus of the plant (adjacent area) at any stage of growth, or to the area where control of undesirable vegetation is desired. The effect observed depends upon the plant species to be controlled, the stage of growth of the plant, the application parameters of dilution and spray drop size, the particle size of solid components, the environmental conditions at the time of use, the specific compound employed, the specific adjuvants and carriers employed, the soil type, and the like, as well as the amount of chemical applied. These and other factors can be adjusted to promote non-selective or selective herbicidal action. In some embodiments, the compositions described herein are applied as a post-emergence application, pre-emergence application, or in-water application to flooded paddy rice or water bodies (*e.g.*, ponds, lakes and streams), to relatively immature undesirable vegetation to achieve the maximum control of weeds.

[0023] In some embodiments, the compositions and methods provided herein are utilized to control weeds in crops, including but not limited to winter/spring oilseed rape, winter/spring canola, vegetables, *Brassica* spp., ornamentals, rice, wheat, triticale, barley, oats, rye, sorghum, corn/maize, sunflower, row crops, pastures, grasslands, rangelands, fallowland, sugarcane, turf, tree and vine orchards, industrial vegetation management (IVM) and rights-of-way.

[0024] The compositions and methods provided herein are utilized to control undesirable vegetation. Undesirable vegetation includes, but is not limited to, undesirable vegetation that occurs in oilseed rape, canola, vegetables, *Brassica* spp., ornamentals, rice, wheat, triticale, barley, oats, rye, sorghum, corn/maize, sunflower, row crops, pastures, grasslands, rangelands, fallowland, sugarcane, turf, tree and vine orchards, IVM and rights-of-way.

[0025] In some embodiments, the methods provided herein are utilized to control undesirable vegetation in oilseed rape, canola, drilled crops and cereal crops. In certain embodiments, the undesirable vegetation is *Alopecurus myosuroides* Huds. (blackgrass, ALOMY), *Apera spica-venti* (L.) Beauv. (windgrass, APESV), *Avena fatua* L. (wild oat, AVEFA), *Bromus tectorum* L. (downy brome, BROTE), *Lolium multiflorum* Lam. (Italian ryegrass, LOLMU), *Lolium rigidum* (rigid ryegrass, LOLRI), *Lolium multiflorum subsp. Gaudini* (annual ryegrass, LOLMG), *Phalaris minor* Retz. (littleseed canarygrass, PHAMI), *Poa annua* L. (annual bluegrass, POAAN), *Setaria pumila* (Poir.) Roemer & J.A. Schultes (yellow foxtail, SETLU), *Setaria viridis* (L.) Beauv. (green foxtail, SETVI), *Cirsium arvense* (L.) Scop. (Canada thistle, CIRAR), *Galium aparine* L. (catchweed bedstraw, GALAP), *Kochia scoparia* (L.) Schrad. (kochia, KCHSC), *Lamium purpureum* L. (purple deadnettle, LAMPU), *Matricaria recutita* L. (wild chamomile, MATCH), *Matricaria matricarioides* (Less.) Porter (pineappleweed, MATMT), *Papaver rhoeas* L. (common poppy, PAPRH), *Polygonum convolvulus* L. (wild buckwheat, POLCO), *Salsola tragus* L. (Russian thistle, SASKR), *Stellaria media* (L.) Vill. (common chickweed, STEME), *Veronica persica* Poir. (Persian speedwell, VERPE), *Viola arvensis* Murr. (field violet, VIOAR), or *Viola tricolor* L. (wild violet, VIOTR).

[0026] In some embodiments, the compositions and methods provided herein are utilized to control undesirable vegetation in rice. In certain embodiments, the undesirable vegetation is *Brachiaria platyphylla* (Groseb.) Nash (broadleaf signalgrass, BRAPP), *Digitaria sanguinalis* (L.) Scop. (large crabgrass, DIGSA), *Echinochloa crus-galli* (L.) P. Beauv. (barnyardgrass, ECHCG), *Echinochloa colonum* (L.) LINK (junglerice, ECHCO), *Echinochloa oryzoides* (Ard.) Fritsch (early watergrass, ECHOR), *Echinochloa oryzicola* (Vasinger) Vasinger (late watergrass, ECHPH), *Ischaemum rugosum* Salisb. (saramollagrass, ISCRU), *Leptochloa chinensis* (L.) Nees (Chinese sprangletop, LEFCH), *Leptochloa fascicularis* (Lam.) Gray (bearded sprangletop, LEFFA), *Leptochloa panicoides* (Presl.) Hitchc. (Amazon sprangletop, LEFPA), *Panicum dichotomiflorum* (L.) Michx. (Fall panicum, PANDI), *Paspalum dilatatum* Poir. (dallisgrass, PASDI), *Cyperus difformis* L.

(smallflower flatsedge, CYPDI), *Cyperus esculentus* L. (yellow nutsedge, CYPES), *Cyperus iria* L. (rice flatsedge, CYPPIR), *Cyperus rotundus* L. (purple nutsedge, CYPRO), *Eleocharis* species (ELOSS), *Fimbristylis miliacea* (L.) Vahl (globe fringerush, FIMMI), *Schoenoplectus juncooides* Roxb. (Japanese bulrush, SPCJU), *Schoenoplectus maritimus* L. (sea clubrush, SCPMA), *Schoenoplectus mucronatus* L. (ricefield bulrush, SCPMU), *Aeschynomene* species, (jointvetch, AESSS), *Alternanthera philoxeroides* (Mart.) Griseb. (alligatorweed, ALRPH), *Alisma plantago-aquatica* L. (common waterplantain, ALSPA), *Amaranthus* species, (pigweeds and amaranths, AMASS), *Ammannia coccinea* Rottb. (redstem, AMMCO), *Eclipta alba* (L.) Hassk. (American false daisy, ECLAL), *Heteranthera limosa* (SW.) Willd./Vahl (ducksalad, HETLI), *Heteranthera reniformis* R. & P. (roundleaf mudplantain, HETRE), *Ipomoea hederacea* (L.) Jacq. (ivy leaf morningglory, IPOHE), *Lindernia dubia* (L.) Pennell (low false pimpernel, LIDDU), *Monochoria korsakowii* Regel & Maack (monochoria, MOOKA), *Monochoria vaginalis* (Burm. F.) C. Presl ex Kuhth, (monochoria, MOOVA), *Murdannia nudiflora* (L.) Brenan (doveweed, MUDNU), *Polygonum pensylvanicum* L., (Pennsylvania smartweed, POLPY), *Polygonum persicaria* L. (ladysthumb, POLPE), *Polygonum hydropiperoides* Michx. (mild smartweed, POLHP), *Rotala indica* (Willd.) Koehne (Indian toothcup, ROTIN), *Sagittaria* species, (arrowhead, SAGSS), *Sesbania exaltata* (Raf.) Cory/Rydb. Ex Hill (hemp sesbania, SEBEX), or *Sphenoclea zeylanica* Gaertn. (gooseweed, SPDZE).

[0027] In some embodiments, the methods provided herein are utilized to control undesirable vegetation in range and pasture. In certain embodiments, the undesirable vegetation is *Ambrosia artemisiifolia* L. (common ragweed, AMBEL), *Cassia obtusifolia* (sickle pod, CASOB), *Centaurea maculosa* auct. non Lam. (spotted knapweed, CENMA), *Cirsium arvense* (L.) Scop. (Canada thistle, CIRAR), *Convolvulus arvensis* L. (field bindweed, CONAR), *Euphorbia esula* L. (leafy spurge, EPHEs), *Lactuca serriola* L./Torn. (prickly lettuce, LACSE), *Plantago lanceolata* L. (buckhorn plantain, PLALA), *Rumex obtusifolius* L. (broadleaf dock, RUMOB), *Sida spinosa* L. (prickly sida, SIDSP), *Sinapis arvensis* L. (wild mustard, SINAR), *Sonchus arvensis* L. (perennial sowthistle, SONAR), *Solidago* species (goldenrod, SOOSS), *Taraxacum officinale* G.H. Weber ex Wiggers (dandelion, TAROF), *Trifolium repens* L. (white clover, TRFRE), or *Urtica dioica* L. (common nettle, URTDI).

[0028] In some embodiments, the methods provided herein are utilized to control undesirable vegetation found in row crops and vegetable crops. In certain embodiments, the undesirable

vegetation is *Alopecurus myosuroides* Huds. (blackgrass, ALOMY), *Avena fatua* L. (wild oat, AVEFA), *Brachiaria platyphylla* (Groseb.) Nash (broadleaf signalgrass, BRAPP), *Digitaria sanguinalis* (L.) Scop. (large crabgrass, DIGSA), *Echinochloa crus-galli* (L.) P. Beauv. (barnyardgrass, ECHCG), *Echinochloa colonum* (L.) Link (junglerice, ECHCO), *Lolium multiflorum* Lam. (Italian ryegrass, LOLMU), *Panicum dichotomiflorum* Michx. (Fall panicum, PANDI), *Panicum miliaceum* L. (wild-proso millet, PANMI), *Setaria faberi* Herm. (giant foxtail, SETFA), *Setaria viridis* (L.) Beauv. (green foxtail, SETVI), *Sorghum halepense* (L.) Pers. (Johnsongrass, SORHA), *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench ssp. *Arundinaceum* (shattercane, SORVU), *Cyperus esculentus* L. (yellow nutsedge, CYPES), *Cyperus rotundus* L. (purple nutsedge, CYPRO), *Abutilon theophrasti* Medik. (velvetleaf, ABUTH), *Amaranthus* species (pigweeds and amaranths, AMASS), *Ambrosia artemisiifolia* L. (common ragweed, AMBEL), *Ambrosia psilostachya* DC. (Western ragweed, AMBPS), *Ambrosia trifida* L. (giant ragweed, AMBTR), *Asclepias syriaca* L. (common milkweed, ASCSY), *Chenopodium album* L. (common lambsquarters, CHEAL), *Cirsium arvense* (L.) Scop. (Canada thistle, CIRAR), *Commelina benghalensis* L. (tropical spiderwort, COMBE), *Datura stramonium* L. (jimsonweed, DATST), *Daucus carota* L. (wild carrot, DAUCA), *Euphorbia heterophylla* L. (wild poinsettia, EPHHL), *Erigeron bonariensis* L. (hairy fleabane, ERIBO), *Erigeron canadensis* L. (Canadian fleabane, ERICA), *Helianthus annuus* L. (common sunflower, HELAN), *Jacquemontia tamnifolia* (L.) Griseb. (smallflower morningglory, IAQTA), *Ipomoea hederacea* (L.) Jacq. (ivyleaf morningglory, IPOHE), *Ipomoea lacunosa* L. (white morningglory, IPOLA), *Lactuca serriola* L./Torn. (prickly lettuce, LACSE), *Portulaca oleracea* L. (common purslane, POROL), *Sida spinosa* L. (prickly sida, SIDSP), *Sinapis arvensis* L. (wild mustard, SINAR), *Solanum ptychanthum* Dunal (eastern black nightshade, SOLPT), or *Xanthium strumarium* L. (common cocklebur, XANST).

[0029] In some embodiments, the compositions and methods provided herein are utilized to control undesirable vegetation consisting of grass, broadleaf and sedge weeds. In some embodiments, the combination of compound (I) or agriculturally acceptable ester or salt thereof and picloram or agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof are used to control *Amaranthus retroflexus* (redroot pigweed, AMARE), *Chenopodium album* (common lambsquarters, CHEAL), *Centaurea cyanus* (cornflower, CENCY), *Descurainia sophia* (flixweed, DESSO), *Conyza canadensis* (horseweed / marestail, ERICA), *Conyza bonariensis* (fleabane, ERIBO), *Erodium cicutarium* (storksbill / redstem filaree, EROCI), *Fumaria*

officinalis (common fumitory, FUMOF), *Galeopsis tetrahit* (common hempnettle, GAETE), *Galium aparine* (bedstraw, catchweed / cleavers, GALAP), *Geranium dissectum* (cutleaf geranium, GERDI), *Geranium pusillum* (smallflower geranium, GERPU), *Glycine max* (volunteer soybean, GLXMA), *Lamium amplexicaule* (henbit, LAMAM), *Lamium purpureum* (purple deadnettle, LAMPU), *Papaver rhoeas* (common poppy, PAPRH), *Stellaria media* (common chickweed, STEME), *Veronica persica* (Persian speedwell, VERPE), *Linum usitatissimum* (volunteer flax, LIUUT), *Geranium carolinianum* (Carolina geranium, GERCA), or *Vicia villosa* (hairy vetch, VICVI).

[0030] In certain embodiments, the methods and compositions utilizing the compound of formula (I) or salt or ester thereof in combination with picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof are used to provide synergistic control of ABUTH, SETFA, STEME, or VIOTR.

[0031] With regard to the compositions, in some embodiments, the weight ratio of the compound of formula (I) or salt or ester thereof to picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof or salt thereof is within the range of from about 4:1 (or 1:0.25) to about 1:48. In certain embodiments, the weight ratio of the compound of formula (I) or salt or ester thereof to picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof or salt thereof is within the range of from about 1:0.5 to about 1:20. In certain embodiments, the weight ratio of the compound of formula (I) or salt or ester thereof to picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof or salt thereof is within the range of from about 1:1 to about 1:10. In certain embodiments, the compositions comprise the compound of formula (I) or its methyl ester, triethylammonium (TEA) salt, or potassium salt and picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof.

[0032] With respect to the methods, in certain embodiments, the methods comprise contacting the undesirable vegetation or locus thereof or applying to the soil or water to prevent the emergence or growth of vegetation a composition described herein. In some embodiments, the composition is applied at an application rate of from about 5 grams active ingredient per hectare (g ae/ha) to about 80 g ae/ha based on the total amount of active ingredients in the composition. In certain embodiments, the composition is applied at an application rate of from about 14.5 g ae/ha to about 34 g ae/ha based on the total amount of active ingredients in the composition. In some embodiments, the methods comprise contacting the undesirable vegetation or locus thereof or applying to the soil or water to

prevent the emergence or growth of vegetation with a compound of formula (I) or salt or ester thereof and picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof, *e.g.*, sequentially or simultaneously. In some embodiments, the picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof is applied at a rate from about 6 grams acid equivalent per hectare (g ae/ha) to about 48 g ae/ha and the compound of formula (I) or salt or ester thereof is applied at a rate from about 1 g ae/ha to about 40 g ae/ha. In some embodiments, the picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof is applied at a rate from about 12 g ae/ha to about 24 g ae/ha and the compound of formula (I) or salt or ester thereof is applied at a rate from about 2.5 g ae/ha to about 10 g ae/ha. In certain embodiments, the methods utilize the compound of formula (I) or its methyl ester, TEA salt, or potassium salt and picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof.

[0033] The components of the mixtures described herein can be applied either separately or as part of a multipart herbicidal system. In some embodiments of the methods described herein, the active ingredients are applied simultaneously, including, *e.g.*, in the form of a composition. In some embodiments, the active ingredients are applied sequentially, *e.g.*, within 5, 10, 15, or 30 minutes of each other; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 24, 48 hour(s) of each other, or 1 week of each other.

[0034] The mixtures described herein can be applied in conjunction with one or more other herbicides to control a wider variety of undesirable vegetation. When used in conjunction with other herbicides, the composition can be formulated with the other herbicide or herbicides, tank-mixed with the other herbicide or herbicides or applied sequentially with the other herbicide or herbicides. Some of the herbicides that can be employed in conjunction with the compositions and methods described herein include, but are not limited to: 4-CPA, 4-CPB, 4-CPP, 2,4-D, 2,4-D choline salt, 2,4-D esters and amines, 2,4-DB, 3,4-DA, 3,4-DB, 2,4-DEB, 2,4-DEP, 3,4-DP, 2,3,6-TBA, 2,4,5-T, 2,4,5-TB, acetochlor, acifluorfen, acetonifene, acrolein, alachlor, allidochlor, alloxydim, allyl alcohol, alorac, ametrifone, ametryn, amibuzin, amicarbazone, amidosulfuron, aminocyclopyrachlor, aminopyralid, amiprofos-methyl, amitrole, ammonium sulfamate, anilofos, anisuron, asulam, atraton, atrazine, azafenidin, azimsulfuron, aziprotryne, barban, BCPC, beflubutamid, benazolin, bencarbazone, benfluralin, benfuresate, bensulfuron-methyl, bensulide, benthicarb, bentazon-sodium, benzadox, benzfendazole, benzipram, benzobicyclon, benzofenap, benzofluor, benzoylprop, benzthiazuron, bicyclopyrone, bifenox, bilanafos, bispyribac-

sodium, borax, bromacil, bromobonil, bromofenoxim, bromoxynil, brompyrazon, butachlor, butafenacil, butamifos, butenachlor, buthidazole, buthiuron, butralin, butroxydim, buturon, butylate, cacodylic acid, cafenstrole, calcium chlorate, calcium cyanamide, cambendichlor, carbasulam, carbetamide, carboxazole, chlorprocarb, carfentrazone-ethyl, CDEA, CEPC, chlomethoxyfen, chloramben, chloranocryl, chlorazifop, chlorazine, chlorbromuron, chlorbufam, chloreturon, chlorfenac, chlorfenprop, chlorflurazole, chlorflurenol, chloridazon, chlorimuron, chlornitrofen, chloropon, chlorotoluron, chloroxuron, chloroxynil, chlorpropham, chlorsulfuron, chlorthal, chlorthiamid, cinidon-ethyl, cinmethylin, cinosulfuron, cisanilide, clethodim, cliodinate, clodinafop-propargyl, clofop, clomazone, clomeprop, cloprop, cloproxydim, clocyralid, cloransulam-methyl, CMA, copper sulfate, CPMF, CPPC, credazine, cresol, cumyluron, cyanatryn, cyanazine, cycloate, cyclosulfamuron, cycloxydim, cycluron, cyhalofop-butyl, cyperquat, cyprazine, cyprazole, cypromid, dalapon, dazomet, delachlor, desmedipham, desmetryn, di-allate, dicamba, dichlobenil, dichloralurea, dichlormate, dichlorprop, dichlorprop-P, diclofop-methyl, diclosulam, diethamquat, diethatyl, difenopenten, difenoxuron, difenzoquat, diflufenican, diflufenzopyr, dimefuron, dimepiperate, dimethachlor, dimethametryn, dimethenamid, dimethenamid-P, dimexano, dimidazon, dinitramine, dinofenate, dinoprop, dinosam, dinoseb, dinoterb, diphenamid, dipropetryn, diquat, disul, dithiopyr, diuron, DMPA, DNOC, DSMA, EBEP, eglinazine, endothal, epronaz, EPTC, erbon, esprocarb, ethalfluralin, ethbenzamide, ethametsulfuron, ethidimuron, ethiolate, ethobenzamid, etobenzamid, ethofumesate, ethoxyfen, ethoxysulfuron, etinofen, etnipromid, etobenzanid, EXD, fenasulam, fenoprop, fenoxaprop, fenoxaprop-P-ethyl, fenoxaprop-P-ethyl + isoxadifen-ethyl, fenoxasulfone, fenteracol, fenthiafop, fentrazamide, fenuron, ferrous sulfate, flamprop, flamprop-M, flazasulfuron, florasulam, fluazifop, fluazifop-P-butyl, fluazolate, flucarbazone, flucetosulfuron, fluchloralin, flufenacet, flufenican, flufenpyr-ethyl, flumetsulam, flumezin, flumiclorac-pentyl, flumioxazin, flumipropyn, fluometuron, fluorodifen, fluoroglycofen, fluoromidine, fluoronitrofen, fluothiuron, flupoxam, flupropacil, flupropanate, flupyrsulfuron, fluridone, fluorchloridone, fluoxypyr, flurtamone, fluthiacet, fomesafen, foramsulfuron, fosamine, fumiclorac, furyloxyfen, glufosinate, glufosinate-ammonium, glufosinate-P-ammonium, glyphosate, halosafen, halosulfuron-methyl, haloxydine, haloxyfop-methyl, haloxyfop-P-methyl, hexachloroacetone, hexaflurate, hexazinone, imazamethabenz, imazamox, imazapic, imazapyr, imazaquin, imazethapyr, imazosulfuron, indanofan, indaziflam, iodobonil, iodomethane, iodosulfuron, iodosulfuron-ethyl-sodium,

iofensulfuron, ioxynil, ipazine, ipfencarbazone, iprymidam, isocarbamid, isocil, isomethiozin,
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 MAMA, MCPA esters and amines, MCPA-thioethyl, MCPB, mecoprop, mecoprop-P,
 medinoterb, mefenacet, mefluidide, mesoprazine, mesosulfuron, mesotrione, metam,
 metamifop, metamitron, metazachlor, metazosulfuron, metflurazon, methabenzthiazuron,
 methalpropalin, methazole, methiobencarb, methiozolin, methiuron, methometon,
 methoprotrotyne, methyl bromide, methyl isothiocyanate, methyl dymron, metobenzuron,
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 prodiamine, profluzol, profluralin, profoxydim, proglinazine, prohexadione-calcium,
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 pyridafol, pyridate, pyriftalid, pyriminobac, pyrimisulfan, pyriothiobac-sodium,
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 tioclorim, topramezone, tralkoxydim, triafamone, tri-allate, triasulfuron, triaziflam,

tribenuron, tribenuron-methyl, tricamba, triclopyr choline salt, triclopyr esters and salts, tridiphane, trietazine, trifloxysulfuron, trifluralin, triflusulfuron, trifop, trifopsime, trihydroxytriazine, trimeturon, tripropindan, tritac tritosulfuron, vernolate, xylachlor and salts, esters, optically active isomers and mixtures thereof.

[0035] In some embodiments the methods provided herein are used to control undesirable vegetation in crops that are tolerant to glyphosate, glufosinate, dicamba, phenoxy auxins, pyridyloxy auxins, aryloxyphenoxypionates, acetyl CoA carboxylase (ACCase) inhibitors, imidazolinones, acetolactate synthase (ALS) inhibitors, 4-hydroxyphenyl-pyruvate dioxygenase (HPPD) inhibitors, protoporphyrinogen oxidase (PPO) inhibitors, triazines, or bromoxynil. Such herbicide-tolerant crops may possess multiple or stacked traits conferring tolerance to multiple herbicides or multiple modes-of-action.

[0036] In some embodiments the methods provided herein are used to control undesirable vegetation that is a herbicide resistant or tolerant weed. Such herbicide resistant or tolerant weed may have a biotype with resistance or tolerance to multiple herbicides, multiple chemical classes, or multiple herbicide modes-of-action. For example, the herbicide resistant or tolerant weed may have a biotype resistant or tolerant to acetolactate synthase (ALS) inhibitors, photosystem II inhibitors, acetyl CoA carboxylase (ACCase) inhibitors, synthetic auxins, photosystem I inhibitors, 5-enolpyruvylshikimate-3-phosphate (EPSP) synthase inhibitors, microtubule assembly inhibitors, lipid synthesis inhibitors, protoporphyrinogen oxidase (PPO) inhibitors, carotenoid biosynthesis inhibitors, very long chain fatty acid (VLCFA) inhibitors, phytoene desaturase (PDS) inhibitors, glutamine synthetase inhibitors, 4-hydroxyphenyl-pyruvate-dioxygenase (HPPD) inhibitors, mitosis inhibitors, cellulose biosynthesis inhibitors, herbicides with multiple modes-of-action, quinclorac, arylaminopropionic acids, difenzoquat, endothall, or organoarsenicals.

[0037] In some embodiments, the compositions described herein are employed in combination with one or more herbicide safeners, such as AD-67 (MON 4660), benoxacor, benthicarb, brassinolide, cloquintocet (mexyl), cyometrinil, daimuron, dichlormid, dicyclonon, dimepiperate, disulfoton, fenchlorazole-ethyl, fenclorim, flurazole, fluxofenim, furilazole, harpin proteins, isoxadifen-ethyl, jieceowan, jieceaoxi, mefenpyr-diethyl, mephenate, naphthalic anhydride (NA), oxabetrinil, R29148, 1-[4-(*N*-(2-methoxybenzoyl)sulfamoyl)phenyl]-3-methylurea, *N*-(2-methoxybenzoyl)-4-[(methylaminocarbonyl)amino]benzenesulfonamide and *N*-phenyl-sulfonylbenzoic acid amides, to enhance their selectivity. In some embodiments, the safeners are employed in rice,

cereal, corn, or maize settings. In some embodiments, the safener is cloquintocet or an ester or salt thereof. In certain embodiments, cloquintocet is utilized to antagonize harmful effects of the compositions on rice and cereals. In some embodiments, the safener is cloquintocet (mexyl).

[0038] In some embodiments, compositions provided herein further comprise at least one agriculturally acceptable adjuvant or carrier. Suitable adjuvants or carriers should not be phytotoxic to valuable crops, particularly at the concentrations employed in applying the compositions for selective weed control in the presence of crops, and should not react chemically with herbicidal components or other composition ingredients. Such mixtures can be designed for application directly to weeds or their locus or can be concentrates or formulations that are normally diluted with additional carriers and adjuvants before application. They can be solids, such as, for example, dusts, granules, water-dispersible granules, or wettable powders, or liquids, such as, for example, emulsifiable concentrates, solutions, emulsions or suspensions. They can also be provided as a pre-mix or tank-mixed.

[0039] Suitable agricultural adjuvants and carriers include, but are not limited to, crop oil concentrate; nonylphenol ethoxylate; benzylcocoalkyldimethyl quaternary ammonium salt; blend of petroleum hydrocarbon, alkyl esters, organic acid, and anionic surfactant; C₉-C₁₁ alkylpolyglycoside; phosphated alcohol ethoxylate; natural primary alcohol (C₁₂-C₁₆) ethoxylate; di-*sec*-butylphenol EO-PO block copolymer; polysiloxane-methyl cap; nonylphenol ethoxylate + urea ammonium nitrate; emulsified methylated seed oil; tridecyl alcohol (synthetic) ethoxylate (8EO); tallow amine ethoxylate (15 EO); PEG(400) dioleate-99.

[0040] Liquid carriers that can be employed include water and organic solvents. The organic solvents include, but are not limited to, petroleum fractions or hydrocarbons such as mineral oil, aromatic solvents, paraffinic oils, and the like; vegetable oils such as soybean oil, rapeseed oil, olive oil, castor oil, sunflower seed oil, coconut oil, corn oil, cottonseed oil, linseed oil, palm oil, peanut oil, safflower oil, sesame oil, tung oil and the like; esters of the above vegetable oils; esters of monoalcohols or dihydric, trihydric, or other lower polyalcohols (4-6 hydroxy containing), such as 2-ethyl hexyl stearate, *n*-butyl oleate, isopropyl myristate, propylene glycol dioleate, di-octyl succinate, di-butyl adipate, di-octyl phthalate and the like; esters of mono, di and polycarboxylic acids and the like. Specific organic solvents include, but are not limited to toluene, xylene, petroleum naphtha, crop oil,

acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, cyclohexanone, trichloroethylene, perchloroethylene, ethyl acetate, amyl acetate, butyl acetate, propylene glycol monomethyl ether and diethylene glycol monomethyl ether, methyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, amyl alcohol, ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, glycerine, *N*-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone, *N,N*-dimethyl alkylamides, dimethyl sulfoxide, liquid fertilizers and the like. In certain embodiments, water is the carrier for the dilution of concentrates.

[0041] Suitable solid carriers include but are not limited to talc, pyrophyllite clay, silica, attapulgus clay, kaolin clay, kieselguhr, chalk, diatomaceous earth, lime, calcium carbonate, bentonite clay, Fuller's earth, cottonseed hulls, wheat flour, soybean flour, pumice, wood flour, walnut shell flour, lignin, cellulose, and the like.

[0042] In some embodiments, the compositions described herein further comprise one or more surface-active agents. In some embodiments, such surface-active agents are employed in both solid and liquid compositions, and in certain embodiments those designed to be diluted with carrier before application. The surface-active agents can be anionic, cationic or nonionic in character and can be employed as emulsifying agents, wetting agents, suspending agents, or for other purposes. Surfactants which may also be used in the present formulations are described, *inter alia*, in "McCutcheon's Detergents and Emulsifiers Annual," MC Publishing Corp., Ridgewood, New Jersey, 1998 and in "Encyclopedia of Surfactants," Vol. I-III, Chemical Publishing Co., New York, 1980-81. Surface-active agents include, but are not limited to salts of alkyl sulfates, such as diethanolammonium lauryl sulfate; alkylarylsulfonate salts, such as calcium dodecylbenzenesulfonate; alkylphenol-alkylene oxide addition products, such as nonylphenol-C₁₈ ethoxylate; alcohol-alkylene oxide addition products, such as tridecyl alcohol-C₁₆ ethoxylate; soaps, such as sodium stearate; alkyl-naphthalene-sulfonate salts, such as sodium dibutyl-naphthalenesulfonate; dialkyl esters of sulfosuccinate salts, such as sodium di(2-ethylhexyl) sulfosuccinate; sorbitol esters, such as sorbitol oleate; quaternary amines, such as lauryl trimethylammonium chloride; polyethylene glycol esters of fatty acids, such as polyethylene glycol stearate; block copolymers of ethylene oxide and propylene oxide; salts of mono and dialkyl phosphate esters; vegetable or seed oils such as soybean oil, rapeseed/canola oil, olive oil, castor oil, sunflower seed oil, coconut oil, corn oil, cottonseed oil, linseed oil, palm oil, peanut oil, safflower oil, sesame oil, tung oil and the like; and esters of the above vegetable oils, and in certain embodiments, methyl esters.

[0043] In some embodiments, these materials, such as vegetable or seed oils and their esters, can be used interchangeably as an agricultural adjuvant, as a liquid carrier or as a surface active agent.

[0044] Other exemplary additives for use in the compositions provided herein include but are not limited to compatibilizing agents, antifoam agents, sequestering agents, neutralizing agents and buffers, corrosion inhibitors, dyes, odorants, spreading agents, penetration aids, sticking agents, dispersing agents, thickening agents, freezing point depressants, antimicrobial agents, and the like. The compositions may also contain other compatible components, for example, other herbicides, plant growth regulants, fungicides, insecticides, and the like and can be formulated with liquid fertilizers or solid, particulate fertilizer carriers such as ammonium nitrate, urea and the like.

[0045] In some embodiments, the concentration of the active ingredients in the compositions described herein is from about 0.0005 to 98 percent by weight. In some embodiments, the concentration is from about 0.0006 to 90 percent by weight. In compositions designed to be employed as concentrates, the active ingredients, in certain embodiments, are present in a concentration from about 0.1 to 98 weight percent, and in certain embodiments about 0.5 to 90 weight percent. Such compositions are, in certain embodiments, diluted with an inert carrier, such as water, before application. The diluted compositions usually applied to weeds or the locus of weeds contain, in certain embodiments, about 0.0005 to 15.0 weight percent active ingredient and in certain embodiments contain about 0.001 to 12.0 weight percent.

[0046] The present compositions can be applied to weeds or their locus by the use of conventional ground or aerial dusters, sprayers, and granule applicators, by addition to irrigation or paddy water, and by other conventional means known to those skilled in the art.

[0047] The described embodiments and following examples are for illustrative purposes and are not intended to limit the scope of the claims. Other modifications, uses, or combinations with respect to the compositions described herein will be apparent to a person of ordinary skill in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of the claimed subject matter.

EXAMPLES

[0048] *Evaluation of Postemergent Herbicidal Activity.* Seeds or nutlets of the desired test plant species were planted in Sun Gro Metro-Mix® 360 planting mixture, which typically has a pH of 6.0 to 6.8 and an organic matter content of about 30 percent, in plastic pots with a

surface area of 64 square centimeters (cm²). When required to ensure good germination and healthy plants, a fungicide treatment and/or other chemical or physical treatment was applied. The plants were grown for 7-21 days (d) in a greenhouse with an approximate 15 hour (h) photoperiod which was maintained at about 23-29 °C during the day and 22-28 °C during the night. Nutrients and water were added on a regular basis and supplemental lighting was provided with overhead metal halide 1000-Watt lamps as necessary. The plants were employed for testing when they reached the first or second true leaf stage.

[0049] A weighed amount, determined by the highest rate to be tested, of each test compound was placed in a 25 milliliter (mL) glass vial and was dissolved in 4 mL of a 97:3 volume per volume (v/v) mixture of acetone and dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) to obtain concentrated stock solutions. If the test compound did not dissolve readily, the mixture was warmed and/or sonicated. The concentrated stock solutions obtained were diluted with 20 mL of an aqueous mixture containing acetone, water, isopropyl alcohol, DMSO, Atplus 411F crop oil concentrate, and Triton® X-155 surfactant in a 48.5:39:10:1.5:1.0:0.02 v/v ratio to obtain spray solutions containing the highest application rates. Additional application rates were obtained by serial dilution of 12 mL of the high rate solution into a solution containing 2 mL of a 97:3 v/v mixture of acetone and DMSO and 10 mL of an aqueous mixture containing acetone, water, isopropyl alcohol, DMSO, Atplus 411F crop oil concentrate, and Triton X-155 surfactant in a 48.5:39:10:1.5:1.0:0.02 v/v ratio to obtain 1/2X, 1/4X, 1/8X and 1/16X rates of the high rate. Compound requirements are based upon a 12 mL application volume at a rate of 187 liters per hectare (L/ha). Formulated compounds were applied to the plant material with an overhead Mandel track sprayer equipped with 8002E nozzles calibrated to deliver 187 L/ha over an application area of 0.503 square meters (m²) at a spray height of 18 inches (43 cm) above the average plant canopy height. Control plants were sprayed in the same manner with the solvent blank.

[0050] Treatments consisted of the methyl ester of 4-amino-3-chloro-6-(4-chloro-2-fluoro-3-methoxyphenyl)pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (Cmpd 1) as technical grade material and picloram (Tordon® 22K) alone and in combination. The form of compound of formula (I) and picloram-potassium salt were applied on an acid equivalent basis.

[0051] The treated plants and control plants were placed in a greenhouse as described above and watered by subirrigation to prevent wash-off of the test compounds. After 14 d, the condition of the test plants as compared with that of the untreated plants was determined

visually and scored on a scale of 0 to 100 percent where 0 corresponds to no injury and 100 corresponds to complete kill. Some of the compounds tested, application rates employed, plant species tested, and results are given in Table 1.

[0052] Results in Table I are greenhouse trial results for foliar-applied compositions. The values reported are % control visually rated. Colby's equation was used to determine the herbicidal effects expected from the mixtures (Colby, S.R. Calculation of the synergistic and antagonistic response of herbicide combinations. *Weeds* **1967**, 15, 20-22.).

More specifically, the following equation was used to calculate the expected activity of mixtures containing two active ingredients, A and B:

$$\text{Expected} = A + B - (A \times B/100)$$

A = observed efficacy of active ingredient A at the same concentration as used in the mixture;

B = observed efficacy of active ingredient B at the same concentration as used in the mixture.

The compounds tested, application rates employed, plant species tested, and results are given in Table 1.

The following abbreviations are used in Table I:

GLXMA *Glycine max* (volunteer soybean)

IPOHE *Ipomoea hederacea* (L.) Jacq. (ivy leaf morning glory)

ABUTH *Abutilon theophrasti* Medik. (velvet leaf)

SETFA *Setaria faberi* Herrm. (giant foxtail)

BRSNW *Brassica napus* (winter oilseed rape)

AMARE *Amaranthus retroflexus* L. (redroot pigweed)

EPHHL *Euphorbia heterophylla* L. (wild poinsettia)

CYPES *Cyperus esculentus* L. (yellow nutsedge)

STEME *Stellaria media* (L.) Vill. (common chickweed)

VIOTR *Viola tricolor* L. (wild violet)

CIRAR *Cirsium arvense* (L.) Scop. (Canada thistle)

g ae/ha = grams acid equivalent per hectare

ob = observed value for % control rated visually

ex = expected value of % control as calculated by Colby's equation

Cmpd I = methyl ester of the compound of formula (I)

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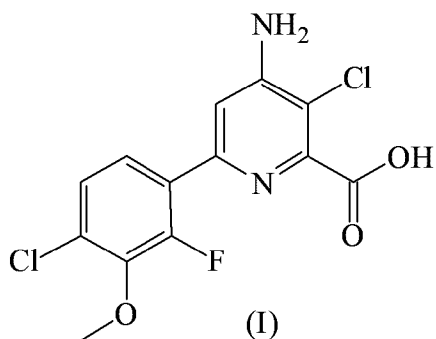
Table 1. Synergistic activity of methyl ester of Cmpd I and picloram

Application Rate (g ae/ha)		Visual Growth reduction (%) 14 Days After Application																			
		GLXMA		ABUTH		SETFA		BRSNW		AMARE		EPHHL		CYPES		STEME		VIOTR		CIRAR	
		obs	exp	obs	exp	obs	exp	obs	exp	obs	exp	obs	exp	obs	exp	obs	exp	obs	exp	obs	exp
Cmpd I	Picloram																				
2.5	0	80	-	87	-	0	-	0	-	50	-	85	-	20	-	50	-	30	-	47	-
5	0	87	-	85	-	5	-	0	-	58	-	93	-	72	-	57	-	43	-	53	-
10	0	100	-	90	-	35	-	10	-	77	-	100	-	96	-	72	-	62	-	65	-
0	12	73	-	25	-	0	-	13	-	63	-	62	-	0	-	27	-	0	-	65	-
0	24	82	-	15	-	0	-	20	-	63	-	65	-	0	-	17	-	3	-	82	-
2.5	12	94	95	89	90	10	0	10	13	80	82	95	94	13	20	70	63	53	30	80	81
2.5	24	97	96	90	89	20	0	25	20	85	82	100	95	40	20	72	58	58	32	89	90
5	12	98	96	95	89	35	5	25	13	87	85	100	97	81	72	87	68	73	43	90	84
5	24	100	98	98	87	45	5	15	20	89	85	92	98	89	72	90	64	75	45	92	91
10	12	99	100	97	93	40	35	35	21	94	91	100	100	95	96	87	79	70	62	93	88
10	24	100	100	99	92	50	35	30	28	91	91	100	100	96	96	95	76	75	63	94	94

The compositions and methods of the appended claims are not limited in scope by the specific compositions and methods described herein, which are intended as illustrations of a few aspects of the claims and any compositions and methods that are functionally equivalent are intended to fall within the scope of the claims. Various modifications of the compositions and methods in addition to those shown and described herein are intended to fall within the scope of the appended claims. Further, while only certain representative compositions and method steps disclosed herein are specifically described, other combinations of the compositions and method steps also are intended to fall within the scope of the appended claims, even if not specifically recited. Thus, a combination of steps, elements, components, or constituents may be explicitly mentioned herein; however, other combinations of steps, elements, components, and constituents are included, even though not explicitly stated. The term “comprising” and variations thereof as used herein is used synonymously with the term “including” and variations thereof and are open, non-limiting terms. Although the terms “comprising” and “including” have been used herein to describe various embodiments, the terms “consisting essentially of” and “consisting of” can be used in place of “comprising” and “including” to provide for more specific embodiments of the invention and are also disclosed. Other than in the examples, or where otherwise noted, all numbers expressing quantities of ingredients, reaction conditions, and so forth used in the specification and claims are to be understood at the very least, and not as an attempt to limit the application of the doctrine of equivalents to the scope of the claims, to be construed in light of the number of significant digits and ordinary rounding approaches.

CLAIMS:

1. A herbicidal composition comprising a synergistic, herbicidally effective amount of (a) a compound of formula (I)



or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof and (b) picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof, wherein the weight ratio of the compound of formula (I) or agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof to picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof is from about 1:0.5 to about 1:20.

2. The composition of claim 1, wherein no additional herbicidal active ingredients are present.

3. The composition of any one of claims 1 or 2, wherein (a) is the methyl ester, triethylammonium (TEA) salt, or potassium salt of the compound of formula (I).

4. The composition of any one of claims 1–3, further comprising a herbicide safener.

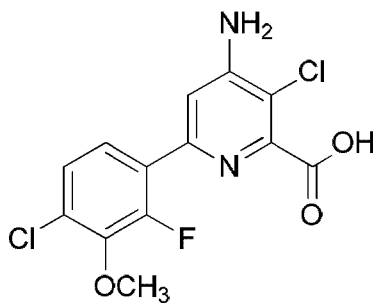
5. The composition of any one of claims 1–4, wherein the weight ratio of the compound of formula (I) or agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof to picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof is from about 1:1 to about 1:10.

6. The composition of any one of claims 1–5, wherein the composition is synergistic as determined by the Colby equation.

7. A method of controlling undesirable vegetation which comprises applying the composition of any one of claims 1–6.

8. A method of controlling undesirable vegetation which comprises applying a synergistic, herbicidally effective amount of:

(a) a compound of the formula (I)



(I)

or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof and

(b) picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof, wherein the weight ratio of the compound of formula (I) or agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof to picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof is from about 1:0.5 to about 1:20.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof is applied at a rate from about 6 g ae/ha to about 48 g ae/ha and the compound of formula (I) or agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof is applied at a rate from about 1 g ae/ha to about 40 g ae/ha.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the picloram or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof is applied at a rate from about 12 g ae/ha to about 24 g ae/ha and the compound of formula (I) or agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof is applied at a rate from about 2.5 g ae/ha to about 10 g ae/ha.

11. The method of any one of claims 8–10, wherein the undesirable vegetation is controlled in oilseed rape, wheat, barley, oats, rye, sorghum, corn, maize, rice, pastures,

grasslands, rangelands, fallowland, turf, tree and vine orchards, aquatics, industrial vegetation management or rights-of-way.

12. The method of any one of claims 8–11, wherein the undesirable vegetation is immature.

13. The method of any one of claims 8–11, wherein (a) and (b) are applied pre-emergently.

14. The method of any one of claims 8–11, wherein (a) and (b) are applied post-emergently.

15. The method of any one of claims 8–11, wherein the undesirable vegetation is *Abutilon theophrasti* Medik. (velvetleaf; ABUTH), *Setaria faberi* Herrm. (giant foxtail; SEFTA), *Stellaria media* (L.) Vill. (common chickweed; STEME), or *Viola tricolor* L. (wild violet; VIOTR).

