## Yellow Starthistle Control in Vineyards and Orchards



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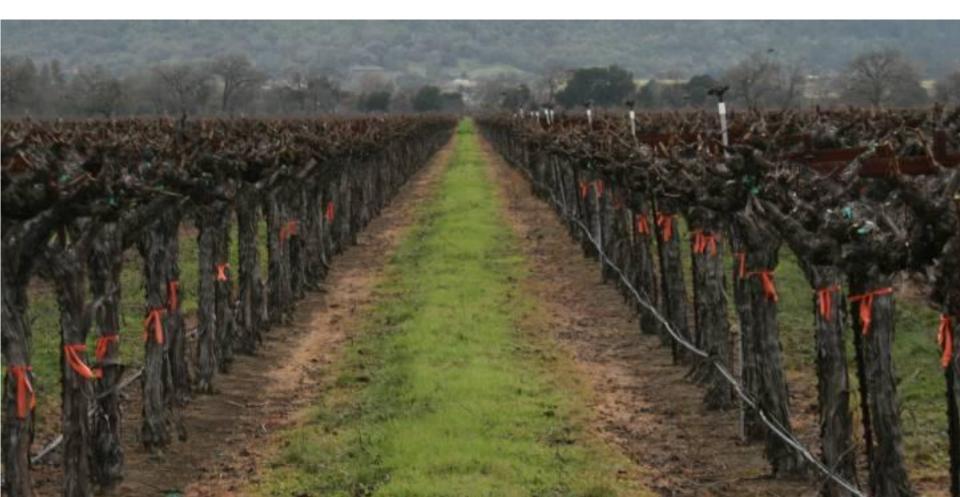
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#### Management Strategies that affect Yellow Starthistle

• Early Mowing - reduces competition, opens canopy for YST

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# Cultivation – shift towards no-till, which allows weeds to flourish in the middles

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 Herbicides – shift towards using fewer chemicals, which allows weeds to flourish in the middles

- Mechanical
  - Mowing
  - Cultivation
  - Hand pulling / Hoeing
- Cultural
  - Flaming
  - Revegetation
- Chemical

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- Mechanical
  - Mowing; mow for frost protection, then wait till YST reaches spiny stage



- Mechanical
  - Cultivation; cultivate infested areas, or every other row
    - Timing: early and often, or after desirable vegetation has set seed



- Mechanical
  - Hand pulling / Hoeing; *wait till plants begin to bolt. Very selective and highly effective, but costly*



• Cultural

- Flaming; wait till last spring rains



- Cultural
  - Revegetation; establishment of a cover crop to outcompete yellow starthistle



### Herbicides Registered for use in Trees and Vines

#### **Preemergent**

Surflan Chateau Princep Goal Solicam Kerb Visor Casoron Karmex Devrinol Gallery Prowl Matrix

#### **Postemergent**

Glyphosate Gramoxone Rely Shark Fusilade 2,4-D Poast Venue Prism **University** of California

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#### Organic Matratec GreenMatch Scythe

•\* UCIPM Pest management guidelines-always check the label before using any herbicidence

- Selective chemical control
  - What about Milestone and Transline?
    - NOT REGISTERED FOR USE IN VINEYARDS / ORCHARDS
  - Use broadleaf herbicides or those that show some tolerance to grasses
    - Preemergent; GoalTender, Gallery
    - Postemergent; Shark, 2,-D
  - Use non-selective herbicides but only apply as spot treatments
    - Roundup, Rely, Matratec, GreenMatch, Scythe

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