Lethal Effects of Nine Herbicides and Seventeen Insecticides on the Earthworm *Bimastus parvus* Eisen and *Pheretima* sp.

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Summary

Nine herbicides and seventeen insecticides were tested in laboratory during 1984-1985 to study their lethal effects on the earthworm *Bimastus parvus* Eisen and *Pheretima* sp. Herbicides evaluated were 41% Glyphosate, 5% Butachlor, 23.5% Oxyfluorfen, 17.5% Fluazifop-Butyl, 10% Quizalofop- Ethyl, 50% Atrazine, 10% Bensulfuron-Methyl, 34% Pendimethalin and 45.1% Alachlor. No. lethal effect of these herbicides on earthworms was observed. Insecticides tested were 2.8% Bifenthrin, 2.8% Cyhalothrin, 25.3% Mevinphos, 20% Fenvalerate, 10% Permethrin, 22.5% Chlorphrifos, 2% Abamectin, 50% Phenthoate, 3% Carbosulfan, 3% Isoxathion, 10% Oxamyl, 4% Padan, 43% Profenofos, 50% Methamidophos, 5% Cypermethrin, 2.8% Deltamethrin, 50% Malathion. Besides 20% Fenvalerate and 2% Abamectin, significant toxic effects of most insecticides on earthworms were observed.

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