



Almond Nursery Weed Control

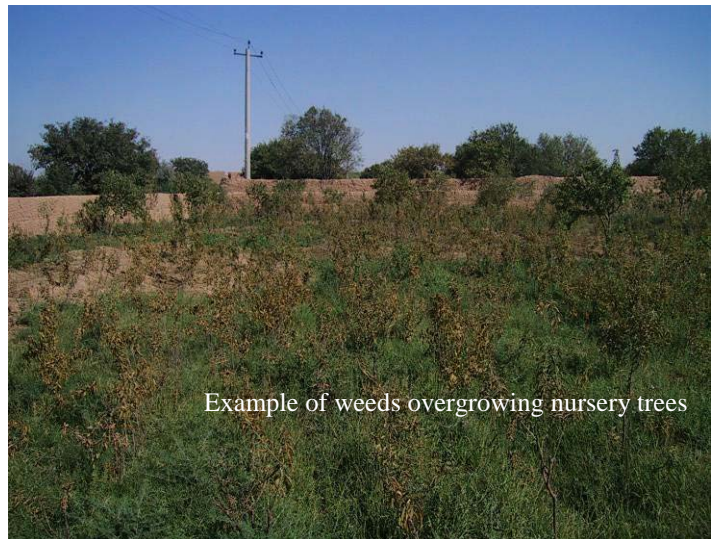
Establish and maintain a weed free nursery

Weeds compete with growing nursery trees for nutrients and water, and compete for space.

Weed growth in nurseries greatly reduces tree growth.

How to manage weeds?

1. **Before planting**
 - a. Prepare land to remove old plant debris and to kill existing weeds. Try to grow root stock in land without a history of weed problems.
2. **Cultivate or hoe weeds upon weed emergence.**
 - a. Don't wait until you have a problem. It is too late to gain control after weeds are firmly established. Established weeds have already used nutrients and water that could have helped the growing trees.
 - b. Herbicides may be used, but only "safe" pre-emergence herbicides such as Surflan. When using agrochemicals always follow the safety instructions of the manufacturer.
 - c. Never use contact herbicides. You'll kill or damage your trees!



Example of weeds overgrowing nursery trees

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