APPLICATION VARIOUS CONCENTRATIONS OF Cyperus rotundus AND Chromolaena odorata EXTRACTS FOR WEED CONTROL AND THEIR EFFECT ON SWEET CORN YIELD

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ABSTRACT

Natural herbicides are an alternative to synthetic herbicides, because synthetic herbicides can have bad effects on plants and the environment. Natural herbicides derived from natural ingredients are considered more environmentally friendly. This research aims to determine the effect and best concentration of Natural herbicide from Cyperus rotundus tuber extract and Chromolaena odorata leaf extract to control weeds and their effect on sweet corn yields. This study used a single factor RAKL consisting of 8 treatments with 3 replications, that is 5% C. rotundus tuber extract, 10% C. rotundus tuber extract, 15% C. rotundus tuber extract, 5% C. odorata leaf extract, 10% C. odorata leaf extract, 15% C. odorata leaf extract, weeding, and control. The data obtained were analyzed using analysis of variance (ANOVA) at 5% level and then tested further with the BNT test at 5% level. The results showed that 15% C. odorata leaf extract was able to control weeds in sweet corn plantations with a weed efficiency value of 52,26%. 15% C. odorata leaf extract was not significantly different from weeding on dry weight of weeds, plant height, number of cob per plant, cob weight with husk per plant, cob weight with husk per hectare, cob weight without husk per plant, and cob weight without husk per hectare.

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