Effect of defoliation chemicals on leaf-fall and flower buds abscission of cat tail willow¹

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Summary

In order to study the effect of defoliation chemical on the leaf and Flower-buds fall off from cat tail willow, Using the leaf-fall chemicals 600x, 1000x, 1200x; Ethrel 1,000ppm, 2,000ppm, 4,000 ppm; urea 12.5%, 25%, 50% as the trial chemical and CK as the contrast before two weeks when the cat willow had been harvested at Shan-Shing in the year end of 1997. And using the Leaf-fall chemicals 600x, 1000x, 1200x; 99% Sodium Chlorate 600x, 1000x, 1200x, 1500x as the trial chemical in the year end of 1998. In the investigation result of 1998 showed that the leaf-fall chemical of market at 1000-1200x had the best effect to the cat tail willow. And in 1999 showed all that been tried cat-willow had the leaf-fall rate over 97% better than that CK (plot) 71% and (plot) 48.7%. Flower buds-fall rate from the direct vase inserting without refrigeration three weeks then vase inserting one month showed that treatment of 99% Sodium Chlorate 1000x dilute solution had the least influence to the Production quality at plot 25.7% and plot 10.2%. So it also maybe a good defoliation chemical to cat willow.

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