Individual female aboveground mass and fecundity

Individual female aboveground mass and fecundity were affected by rotation, crop species, and corn weed management (Table 1). Crop identity was more influential on female aboveground mass and fecundity than corn weed management regime, but the effect of crop identity differed between corn weed management regimes (Table 2A and 2B). Differences in relative female size and fecundity across rotation by herbicide treatments were attributed to the relative size and fecundity differences when the waterhemp populations grew in different crops' presence.

Individual female above ground mass was comparable in most pairwise comparison of the same crop species in different rotations, except S2 versus S3 (p-value = 0.0076) and S3 versus S4 (p-value = 0.0268) that followed corn under conventional weed management and C2 versus C3 (p-value = 0.0064) under low weed management. Averaged over rotations, individual female above ground mass was 3.5- to 133.6-fold different across each pair of comparison (p-values < 0.05), except for corn under low weed management versus the succeeding oat (p-value = 0.9616).

Individual fecundity was comparable in most pairwise comparison of the same crop species in different rotations, except S2 versus S3 (p-value = 0.001) and S3 versus S4 (p-value = 0.0046) that followed corn under conventional weed management and C2 versus C3 under low weed management (p-value = 0.0032), and O3 versus O4 that followed corn under low weed management (p-value = 0.0321). Averaged over rotations, individual fecundity was comparable between corn under low herbicide and oat in the same system (p-value = 0.4904) but was 6.3- to 6857.1-fold different in other pairs of comparison (p-values \leq 0.0001).

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Table 1: Crop and rotation system effects on individual female aboveground mass and fecundity.

	Female individual aboveground mass				Individual fecundity				
		ntional herbicide reed management	Low herbicide corn weed management		Conventional herbicide corn weed management		Low herbicide corn weed management		
Contrast	ratio	p.value	ratio	p.value	ratio	p.value	ratio	p.value	
(A) - Crop phase e	effects								
C2 vs C3	2.6	0.1335	4.3	0.0064	3.9	0.0820	7.3	0.0032	
C2 vs C4	2.1	0.3402	2.3	0.1613	3.0	0.2367	2.6	0.2288	
C3 vs C4	0.8	0.9302	0.5	0.4070	0.8	0.9240	0.3	0.2253	
S2 vs S3	0.2	0.0076	0.3	0.2005	0.1	0.0010	0.5	0.6323	
S2 vs S4	0.7	0.7885	0.8	0.9068	0.6	0.7451	1.2	0.9782	
S3 vs S4	3.8	0.0268	2.3	0.3553	8.4	0.0045	2.5	0.4525	
O3 vs O4	0.9	0.8695	0.4	0.0457	0.6	0.4363	0.3	0.0321	
(B) - Crop species	effects								
soybean vs corn	8.6	<.0001	35.1	<.0001	17.5	<.0001	96.7	<.0001	
soybean vs oat	36.6	<.0001	30.3	<.0001	110.4	<.0001	56.0	<.0001	
soybean vs alfalfa	128.2	<.0001	133.6	<.0001	5423.3	<.0001	6857.1	<.0001	
corn vs oat	4.2	0.0001	0.9	0.9616	6.3	0.0001	0.6	0.4904	
corn vs alfalfa	14.8	<.0001	3.8	0.0099	309.7	<.0001	70.9	<.0001	
oat vs alfalfa	3.5	0.0324	4.4	0.0062	49.1	<.0001	122.5	<.0001	

Table 2: ANOVAs for effect of crop identity, corn weed management, and female aboveground mass on individual female aboveground mass (A), fecundity (B), and fecundity with aboveground mass covariate (C). Each combination of crop identity and corn weed management affected female aboveground mass and fecundity differently.

Source of variation	df1	df2	F.value	p.value			
(A) - Individual female aboveground mass. $MSE=2.02$							
Crop ID	8	46.6	48.8	<.0001			
Corn weed management	1	158.2	13.6	0.0003			
Crop ID x Corn weed management	8	73.8	2.4	0.0255			
(B) - Individual fecundity. $MSE = 3.43$							
Crop ID	8	41.6	72.1	<.0001			
Corn weed management	1	146.1	14.6	0.0002			
Crop ID x Corn weed management	8	63.9	3.0	0.0067			
(C) - Individual fecundity with individual aboveground mass covariate. $MSE = 1.0$							
Crop ID	8	67.8	16.5	<.0001			
Corn weed management	1	312.0	2.9	0.0886			
Biomass	1	349.1	483.1	<.0001			
Crop ID x Corn weed management	8	151.0	1.7	0.1136			
Crop ID x Biomass	8	300.1	3.0	0.0031			
Corn weed management x Biomass	1	349.2	2.8	0.0931			
Crop ID x Corn weed management x Biomass	8	333.1	2.5	0.0122			

Effects of weed management regimes and rotations on female aboveground mass and fecundity relationship

Since the treatment effects were statistically significant for both female aboveground mass and fecundity (Table 2), we proceeded with finding the slopes and intercepts for each linear regression of fecundity against biomass. Different slopes were specified by including interaction terms between the covariate and treatment factors. A regression slope for each treatment was necessary. That the training and testing sets' data points were well mingled indicated that the established equations were robust (Figure 1). The equations in Table 3 could predict waterhemp fecundity parsimoniously from dried aboveground mass using the relevant context of crop and crop management. The presented means and SEs for the estimated intercepts and slopes were established from the whole data set.

Table 3: Means and SEs for estimated linear regression of waterhemp fecundity ($\ln(\text{seeds}+1)$) versus biomass ($\ln(\text{gram}+0.005)$) indices intercepts and slopes, accompanied by the R^2 values of each equations.

Effect		Inter	rcept	Slo	R\$^2\$	
Crop ID	Corn weed management	Estimate	Std.error	Estimate	Std.error	
C2	conv	6.07	0.18	1.24	0.08	0.89
C2	low	5.88	0.22	1.22	0.11	0.78
S2	conv	6.30	0.31	1.14	0.11	0.89
S2	low	7.07	0.22	0.97	0.07	0.96
C3	conv	5.86	0.25	1.26	0.14	0.83
C3	low	5.11	0.35	0.66	0.21	0.33
S3	conv	7.25	0.44	0.96	0.09	0.84
S3	low	4.89	0.82	1.47	0.20	0.78
O3	conv	5.73	0.24	1.29	0.22	0.60
O3	low	5.64	0.21	0.60	0.18	0.29
C4	conv	5.90	0.60	1.26	0.29	0.60
C4	low	6.04	0.16	1.41	0.10	0.90
S4	conv	7.57	0.41	0.75	0.12	0.67
S4	low	7.33	0.56	0.74	0.19	0.58
O4	conv	6.05	0.18	1.01	0.16	0.66
O4	low	6.29	0.14	0.92	0.13	0.70
A4	conv	3.06	0.67	0.80	0.35	0.21
A4	low	1.97	0.43	0.50	0.20	0.23

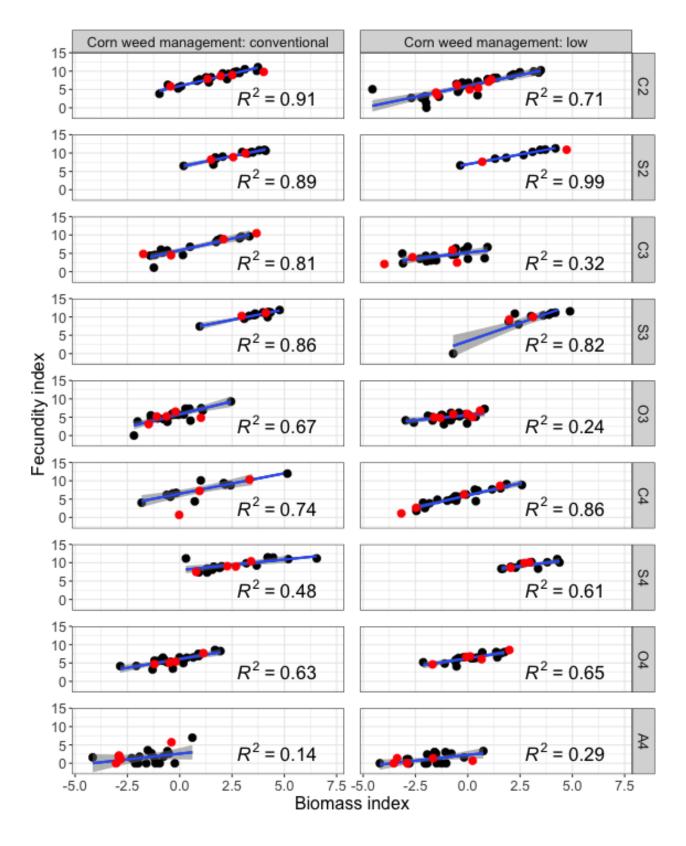


Figure 1: The black and red dots are values from training and testing sets, respectively. Each regression line was plotted for one crop identity by herbicide treatment using the training set. Biomass index = $\ln(\text{gram biomass} + 0.005)$ and Fecundity index = $\ln(\text{seeds} + 1)$