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Mode of action of herbicides.

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Abstract : This is a simpler, up-to-date survey of part of the field covered by *Physiology and Biochemistry of Herbicides*, aimed at a public comprising not only a research worker but, we are told, the extension specialist, contract applicator and farmers. However that may be, the book is primarily physiological and based on its content. The survey is limited to some 150 products said to be now available. Further restricted to work relating to the behaviour of herbicides in higher plants, interactions with soil micro-organisms are thought of briefly and incidentally. For a full discussion of these latter the reader is referred to Kearney and Kaufman's *Degradation of Herbicides*, published in 1969 (see WA 20, 1397), which includes

general outline the present work superficially resembles.) Examination of the bibliographies appended at chapter ends (more than 1000 references in all the survey is substantially complete to the end of 1971 and there is a sprinkling of references. The general plan is that of a series of introductory chapters covering aspects of the field in a general way, viz., classification and selectivity of herbicide responses, absorption and translocation, molecular fate, biochemistry of response (=primary biochemical/biophysical lesion) and mode of action (this is the "sum total of anatomical, physiological, and biochemical responses that constitute the total phytotoxic action of a chemical, as well as the physical (location) and metabolic (degradation) fate of the chemical in the plant" (p.100)). There follows a further series of chapters devoted each to a specific class of compounds and in each of which the arrangement follows broadly the same subdivisions as are used for the introductory chapters. Consultability is the great feature of this book; the material has been arranged "in a manner to facilitate the reader's finding specific information about a given herbicide. Experience suggests that it is indeed easy with the aid of the indexes to pinpoint information on any given topic in relation to a specified compound or group of compounds. The work of individual workers using the author index shows a wide coverage of the subject field though with occasional gaps. For example, the section on Triazine herbicides molecular fate contains no reference to the work of Lamoureaux et al. on the formation of an atrazine-glutathione conjugate in sorghum and maize leaves. Rarely too, does the text fail to produce a corresponding bibliographical reference. The author is none-the-less to be congratulated on having constructed so excellent a guide to an intricate mass of data which has accumulated on the subject. The book should be of interest to all who have occasion to know, however briefly, about herbicide-plant interrelationships. W. L. Millen.

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