

PERENNIAL WEED CONTROL - (ALFALFA)

General Information

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Do not apply this product using aerial spray equipment except under conditions as specified within the label.

Overspray or drift to important wildlife habitats such as bodies of water, wetlands (e.g., sloughs), shelterbelts, woodlots and other cover on the edges of fields frequented by wildlife, should be avoided. Leave a 15 meter buffer zone between the last spray swath and the edge of any of these habitats. Matrix Herbicide Solution, a water soluble liquid, mixes readily with water for application as a foliage spray for the control or destruction of most herbaceous plants. It may be applied through most standard industrial or field type sprayers after dilution and thorough mixing with water in accordance with the booklet instructions. This herbicide moves through the plant from the point of foliage contact to and into the root system. Visible effects on most annual weeds occur within 2 to 4 days but on most perennial weeds may not occur until 7 to 10 days. Extremely cool or cloudy weather at treatment time may slow down activity of this product and delay visual effects of control. Visible effects are a gradual wilting and yellowing of the plant which advances to complete browning of above ground growth and deterioration of underground plant parts.

Delay application until vegetation has emerged to the stages described for control of such vegetation under the annual and perennial weed control sections of this booklet to provide adequate leaf surface to receive the spray. Unemerged plants arising from underground rhizomes or root stocks of perennials will not be affected by the spray and will continue to grow. For this reason best control of most perennial weeds is obtained when treatment is made at late growth stages approaching maturity.

Always use the higher rate of this product per hectare within the recommended range when weed growth is heavy or dense, or weeds are growing in an undisturbed (non-cultivated) area.

Do not treat weeds under poor growing conditions such as drought stress, disease or insect damage, as reduced weed control may result. Reduced results may also occur when treating weeds heavily covered with dust.

This product does not provide residual weed control. For subsequent residual weed control follow a label approved herbicide program. Read and carefully observe the cautionary statements and all other information appearing on the labels of all herbicides used.

Heavy rainfall immediately after application may wash the chemical off the foliage and a repeat treatment may be required. Do not apply if rainfall is forecast for the time of application.

Do not mix with any surfactant, pesticide, herbicide oils or any other material other than water unless specified in this booklet. For best results, spray coverage should be uniform and complete. Do not spray weed foliage to the point of runoff.

CROPLAND SITUATIONS

This product can be applied as a broadcast spray or spot treatment prior to planting all crops, post harvest to annual crops, preharvest in wheat, barley, oats, canola (rapeseed), flax (including low linolenic acid varieties), lentils, peas, soybeans, dry beans and forages, and in summerfallow. It may also be applied as a broadcast spray in glyphosate tolerant canola, soybean or corn (refer to sections on Weed Control in Glyphosate Tolerant Canola, Soybean or Corn). It can also be applied as a directed spray in orchards, vineyards, blueberries and strawberry, and using selective equipment in soy and dry beans, orchards, vineyards, cranberries and strawberry (refer to specific sections below for more information). For specific instructions on weed control in the following cropping situations, always refer to the Annual and Perennial Weed Control sections for more information.

Prior to Planting - All Crops

This product may be applied prior to planting all crops for control of emerged weeds listed on the label. Ensure weeds are at the desired stage at the time of application. This product does not provide pre-emergent weed control and newly germinating weeds may be a problem in the crop. **APPLY BEFORE SEEDING OR TRANSPLANTING.**

Post Harvest Stubble Treatment

This product may be applied in the fall as a postharvest stubble treatment for control of perennial weeds such as quackgrass and Canada thistle. Allow weeds to regrow to the desired stage (20-25 cm tall for quackgrass and Canada thistle) before application and ensure they have a high proportion of green coloration. Straw should be removed or evenly spread to allow for proper regrowth and spray coverage. Heavy frosts prior to application may decrease control.

Spot Treatment (In-Crop)

This product can be applied as an in-crop spot treatment in barley, corn, oats, soybeans, wheat, strawberry, blueberry, forage grasses and legumes including seed production. Applications should be made using the same rates and at the same growth stages as listed in the weed control tables or use a 0.75% solution for annual weeds and quackgrass and a 1.5% solution for other perennial weeds (a 0.75% solution equals 0.75 litre Matrix Herbicide Solution in 100 litres of spray solution). The 0.75 or 1.5 per cent solutions should be applied to wet, but not run-off. Applications can be made using a boom sprayer, hose and handgun, or hand sprayer in accordance with instructions in the "Application Equipment" section in the label.

Grazing Restrictions

Applications can be made up to heading of small grains, initial pod set on soy and dry beans, silking of corn and emergence of seed heads. The crop in the treated area will be killed. Take care to avoid drift for the same reason. **DO NOT APPLY IF CROP GROWTH HAS ADVANCED BEYOND SEED SET. ALLOW 3 TO 5 DAYS FOR MATRIX HERBICIDE SOLUTION TO TRANSLOCATE INTO ALL PLANT PARTS BEFORE GRAZING OR HARVESTING TREATED AREAS IN FORAGES.**

Summerfallow Treatment

This product, or labelled tank mixtures, may be applied in summerfallow to control weeds listed on the label. Ensure weeds are at the desired growth stage and actively growing at application for best results. Reduced control may result if weeds are drought stressed. Weeds will continue to germinate from seed throughout the growing season. Repeat treatments may be necessary to control later germinating

weeds.

Minimum and Zero Tillage Cropping Systems (All Field Crops, including cereals, oilseeds, pulses, forages, corn and potatoes)

This product may be applied prior to seeding or after seeding, but before crop emergence for control of emerged weeds in minimum and zero tillage cropping systems for all field crops. Applications made too far in advance of seeding may allow weeds to emerge between application and crop emergence, as this product does not provide residual weed control.

Forage Legumes and Grasses

This product may be applied for control of emerged weeds prior to emergence of forage legumes and grasses. If the forages are to be under-seeded with a cover crop, this product must be applied prior to planting the cover crop.

Pasture Renovation

Use this product to control or suppress existing vegetation for zero-tillage seeding of legumes into established sod for pasture renovation. Delay spraying until weed growth is at least 20 cm in height and a maximum number of seedlings or shoots have emerged. Application can be made immediately before, during or after seeding, but before crop emergence.

Forage Seed Production

For spot treatment control of perennial weed problems such as quackgrass and Canada thistle in seed fields, apply as directed to vegetation that is at least 20 to 25 cm in height but before emergence of seed head. The crop in the treated areas will be killed. Take care to avoid drift outside target area for the same reason.

Limitations, Restrictions, and Exceptions

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ALL PERENNIAL WEEDS

Weed Stages: Weeds must be at the proper stage for effective control. Refer to \"Perennial Weed Control with Matrix Herbicide Solution\" in the label.

Rhizome Dormancy: Reduced control may result if rhizomes have become dormant. Dormancy may occur if soil fertility is low and/or the land has not been tilled for several years.

Mowing Effects: Mowing prior to application will reduce effectiveness unless weeds are allowed to regrow to the proper stage before application.

Tillage Effects: Fall or spring tillage prior to spring applications and tillage between harvesting and fall applications will reduce the effectiveness on perennial weeds. Follow-up tillage after application should be delayed 5-7 days for best results (see Weed Control Table for specific tillage interval for each weed).

Rainfall Effects: Heavy rainfall immediately after application may wash the chemical off the foliage and a repeat treatment may be required. Do not apply if rainfall is forecast for the time of application.

Regrowth from Germinating Seeds: This product only controls emerged plants. Repeat treatments or other weed control measures may be required to control weeds regenerating from seeds or other underground parts.

Frost Effects: Heavy frosts prior to application may reduce control. Do not apply after the first damaging frost in the fall.

Growth Stage; Early bud to full bloom stage. Fall applications only

WATER VOLUME (L/ha): 50 - 300 Liters / hectare of water.

COMMENTS:

Allow 5 or more days after treatment before tillage. Use the higher rates when alfalfa populations are high or when heavy grass infestations are also present.

For spring applications and control in minimum tillage systems using a 2,4-D tank-mix

Method

[Broadcast/Foliar Ground](#)

[Spot treatment](#)

[Spray](#)

Restricted Entry Interval

12 hours

Timings

[Fall Application](#)