

WOODY PLANT CONTROL - BROADCAST APPLICATION

General Information

Product Information

Surmount herbicide, an emulsifiable liquid product containing picloram and fluroxypyr herbicides, is recommended for the control of woody plants and annual and perennial broadleaf weeds in rangeland and permanent grass pastures, fencerows, non-irrigation ditchbanks, and around farm buildings. Surmount may be applied broadcast as a foliar spray or using individual plant treatment methods. Surmount provides both knockdown of emerged plants and residual soil activity to newly emerging susceptible plants. The duration of this soil activity depends on the species and the applied rate.

Use Precautions and Restrictions

Maximum Application Rate: Do not apply more than 3 quarts per acre of Surmount per acre per year (0.5 lb ae fluroxypyr + 0.5 lb ae picloram). When applying this product sequentially with other products containing fluroxypyr and/or picloram, do not apply more than 0.5 lb ae fluroxypyr per acre per year or more than 0.5 lb ae per acre picloram per year.

Grass, Forage and Tree Tolerance

- Established grasses are tolerant to this product.
- Do not use on bentgrass or limpo grass (*Hemarthria*), unless injury or loss of such plants can be tolerated.
- Do not use on alfalfa, or other desirable forbs, especially legumes such as clover, unless injury or loss of such plants can be tolerated. Seeding of some legumes may not be successful if done within one year of application.

- Many woody species are susceptible to this product. Trees can be affected by root uptake of the herbicide from surface soil or by excretion of the herbicide from the roots of nearby treated trees. Do not apply Surmount within the area occupied by roots of desirable trees, unless such injury can be tolerated.

- When Reseeding Grasses:

When Surmount is applied before reseeding, do not reseed treated areas for a minimum of three weeks after application.

When Surmount is applied following reseeding, to avoid grass injury, do not apply until grass seedlings are well established as indicated by tillering (usually after 4 true leaves have emerged), development of a secondary root system and vigorous growth.

Sprigged bermudagrass. Do not apply Surmount until runners (stolons) have reached at least 6 inches in length. Apply only during favorable growing conditions.

Ground Application: To minimize spray drift, apply Surmount in a total spray volume of 5 or more gallons per acre using spray equipment designed to produce coarse or larger droplets per ASAE S-572 standard. Refer to the spray equipment manufacturer's recommendations for detailed information on nozzle types, arrangement, spacing and operating height and pressure. Spot treatments should be applied only with a calibrated boom to prevent over application. Operate equipment at spray pressures no greater than is necessary to produce a uniform spray pattern. Operate the spray boom no higher than is necessary to produce a uniformly overlapping pattern between spray nozzles. Do not apply with hollow cone-type insecticide nozzles or other nozzles that produce a fine-droplet spray.

Aerial Application

Rangeland and Permanent Pastures: Both fixed wing and helicopter equipment may be used to apply this product on rangeland, permanent pastures and pine plantations, but fixed wing aircraft require additional drift mitigation measures.

To minimize spray drift, apply Surmount in a total spray volume of 3 or more gallons per acre using spray. Drift potential is lowest between wind speeds of 2 to 10 mph. However, many factors, including droplet size and equipment type, determine drift potential at any given speed. Application should be avoided below 2 mph due to

variable wind direction and high potential for temperature inversion. Spray drift from aerial application can be minimized by applying a coarse spray at per USDA-ARS/PAASS or nozzle manufacturer's guidelines or by using straight-stream nozzles directed straight back. Do not operate using a spray boom no longer than 75% of wing span or 85% of rotor width. For fixed wing aircraft, maximum speed during application is limited to 140 mph and application height above the vegetation canopy should not exceed 10 ft.

Do not store or handle other agricultural chemicals with the same containers used for this product. Do not apply other agricultural chemicals or pesticides with equipment used to apply this product unless equipment has been thoroughly cleaned.

Limitations, Restrictions, and Exceptions

Broadcast Application

Woody Plant Control: Apply Surmount when conditions are favorable for active growth, but only after leaves are fully expanded and terminal growth has slowed. Application to immature foliage during periods of rapid terminal growth will result in rapid defoliation, but translocation of the herbicide and woody plant control may be reduced. If brush has been mowed, best results are obtained when at least 9 to 12 months regrowth following mowing is allowed before herbicide application (12 months is recommended in areas where growth conditions such as low rainfall have limited brush regrowth following mowing). Adequate soil moisture before and after treatment as well as healthy foliage at the time of application is important for optimal effectiveness. Surmount will control broadleaf plants that are emerged at the time of application, and may also suppress or control emerging seedlings.

Apply at the specified rate (3 – 6 pints per acre, unless otherwise specified) in 5 or more gallons of water per acre by air or 10 or more gallons per acre by ground equipment. Use higher spray volumes to ensure adequate foliar coverage where brush canopy is dense. If applied in tank mix, follow applicable use directions, precautions and limitations on the respective labels (See instructions for tank mixing under \"Mixing Directions\"). The optimal rate of Surmount will depend on brush size as well the species. For smaller brush (less than about 6 feet tall), 3-4 pints/acre will be sufficient. For larger brush and mixed brush canopies, apply 4-6 pints/acre.

Use of Surfactant: A nonionic surfactant or liquid fertilizer at 1-2 quarts per 100 gallons spray solution (0.25% – 0.5% v/v) may improve woody plant control for either broadcast or spot application, especially if plants are drought-stressed. To minimize spray drift, a drift control and deposition aid cleared for application to growing crops is also recommended.

Refer to “Woody Plants Control” section for the instructions for Specific Woody Plants.

Method

[Broadcast/Foliar Air](#)

[Broadcast/Foliar Ground](#)

Rates

[field rates 0](#)

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Restricted Entry Interval

12 hours

Timings

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