

## **COTTON - SOUTHERN COTTON (ALL OTHER STATES)**

### General Information

#### PRODUCT INFORMATION

Goal 2XL herbicide is a herbicide for postemergence and preemergence residual weed control in labeled crops. Directions provided in the General Use Information section of this label apply to all uses of this product. Use directions for listed crops are provided in the Crop-Specific Use Directions section of this label.

#### Use Restrictions

The following use restrictions apply to all labeled uses of Goal 2XL (Refer to directions for use for individual crops for additional crop-specific use restrictions.):

- Do not graze or harvest plants from areas treated with Goal 2XL for feed or forage.
- Apply Goal 2XL only with ground equipment unless otherwise specified in crop-specific use directions.
- Goal 2XL is phytotoxic to plant foliage. Avoid accidental spray contact or drift with established crops. Do not apply when weather conditions favor drift to non-target areas.
- Some labeled crops are tolerant to over-the-top applications of Goal 2XL if applied during dormancy. Do not make over-the-top applications unless specifically allowed in crop-specific use directions.
- Do not treat ditch banks or waterways with Goal 2XL or contaminate water used for irrigation or domestic purposes.
- Do not apply Goal 2XL in enclosed greenhouses as foliage injury will result.

#### Application Methods and Cultural Practices

##### Preemergence Weed Control

Apply the specified rate in a broadcast spray volume of 15 or more gallons of water per acre using calibrated spray equipment capable of uniform application to the soil

surface. Seedling weeds are controlled as they come in contact with the soil-applied herbicide during emergence.

Preemergence weed control is most effective when Goal 2XL is applied to soil surfaces that are clean (free of crop or weed residues or clippings) and weed-free. Prior to application, weed or crop residues should be removed by thorough incorporation into the soil using tillage equipment or by blowing the area to be treated. At least 0.25 inch of irrigation or rainfall is required to activate Goal 2XL and should occur within 3 to 4 weeks after application. For optimum results, Goal 2XL should be applied to prepared beds or soil surfaces that will be left undisturbed during the time period for which weed control is desired. Cultural practices that disturb or redistribute surface soil following treatment with Goal 2XL such as cutting water furrows will reduce weed control effectiveness.

**Application Rates and Rate Ranges:** Where rate ranges are given, use the lower rate in the rate range on coarse texture soils with less than 1% organic matter and lighter weed infestations. Use higher rates in the rate range on medium to fine texture soils, soils containing greater than 1% organic matter, heavy weed infestations, or for extended residual preemergence weed control.

#### Postemergence Weed Control

Apply the specified rate in a broadcast spray volume of 20 or more gallons of water per acre (a minimum 10 gallons if applying Goal 2XL in tank mix with glyphosate). Because Goal 2XL is a contact herbicide, complete and uniform coverage of weed foliage is essential for optimum postemergence control. Increase the spray volume to ensure complete and uniform coverage as weed height and density increases or in the presence of heavy trash (weed or crop residue). Postemergence applications of Goal 2XL are most effective when made to weeds at the seedling stage. Applications made later than the 4-inch or 4 leaf stage may result in partial control or suppression. Postemergence applications should be made to seedling grasses not exceeding the 2-leaf stage. The addition of 0.25% v/v (2 pints per 100 gallons of spray) of an 80% active nonionic surfactant, labeled for application to growing crops, will enhance herbicidal effectiveness in controlling emerged weeds.

**Postemergence Application Rates:** Where a rate range is given, use a higher rate in the rate range for heavy weed infestations, weeds in advanced stages of growth or for extended residual preemergence weed control following control of existing

emerged weeds.

## Ground Application

**Ground Broadcast:** Apply Goal 2XL using conventional low-pressure ground spray equipment with flat fan spray nozzles. Follow manufacturer's recommendation for spraying pressure and boom height. An off-center (OC) nozzle positioned at the end of the boom may be desired. Check calibration of spray equipment before each use.

**Directed Sprays:** Apply Goal 2XL as a coarse low-pressure spray in a spray volume of 20 or more gallons of spray per acre (broadcast basis).

Follow manufacturer's recommendations for nozzle spacing and operating pressure. Spray should be directed toward the soil at the base of the crop. In row crops, use a minimum of 2 flat fan nozzles per row (one on each side) and for optimum spray coverage use 4 flat fan nozzles per row (two on each side). The 2 forward nozzles should point forward and downward while the rear nozzles should point to the rear and downward.

With either sprayer system, nozzles should be adjusted to cover the weed foliage but minimize contact with the crop. Do not apply with hollow cone nozzles.

**IMPORTANT:** Goal 2XL is a contact herbicide. Contact of sprays or drift with foliage or green stems can cause severe crop injury. Use directed sprays and spray shields and/or leaf lifters as necessary to minimize contact of spray or drift with crop foliage or stems. Young green stems of woody plants are also susceptible to injury from spray contact. Potential for injury to woody stems diminishes with loss of green color and the development of relatively impervious non-living corky tissue (bark) on the surface of the stem.

**Band Application:** Application rates listed in this label are for broadcast application. For band application, the rate per broadcast acre should be reduced according to the formula in the label.

## Spot Application

For spot application, apply sprays uniformly to soil for preemergence weed control or on a spray-to-wet basis for postemergence weed control.

Mix the required amount of Goal 2XL with the specified amount of water. For

preemergence weed control, use one-half to one gallon of spray per 1000 sq ft. For postemergence weed control use a minimum of 1 gallon of spray per 1000 sq ft and add an 80% nonionic surfactant at the rate of 0.5 fl oz (1 Tbs) per gallon of spray. If making spot applications within an established crop, use coarse low-pressure sprays and direct the spray to the soil beneath the plants. To avoid crop injury, do not allow spray to contact leaves and stems of herbaceous plants or leaves or green stems of woody plants.

### Aerial Application

Use aerial boom equipment designed for use with herbicides and a minimum spray volume of 10 gallons per acre (5 gallons per acre if tank mixed with glyphosate). Do not aerially apply Goal 2XL unless crop-specific use directions specifically allow and provide directions for aerial application.

**AVOID DRIFT:** Exercise extreme care to avoid herbicide contact with any desirable dormant or non-dormant crop, plant, tree or vegetation as severe injury may result. Extreme care must be exercised to prevent spray drift that could result in damage to other crops or desirable vegetation. Adhere to the following guidelines when aerial applications are to be made.

### Chemigation Instructions

Do not apply this product through any irrigation system unless the instructions for chemigation are followed. Do not apply Goal 2XL through chemigation equipment unless chemigation is allowed by Crop-Specific Use Directions.

Apply this product only through sprinkler (center pivot, solid set, portable lateral, or low-volume (micro sprinkler)), drip (trickle), or flood (basin) irrigation systems. Refer to use directions for specific crops for instructions as to which type of irrigation system may be used. Do not apply this product through any other type of irrigation system.

- Crop injury, lack of effectiveness, or illegal pesticide residues in the crop can result from non-uniform distribution of treated water.
- If you have questions about calibration, you should contact State Extension Service specialists, equipment manufacturers, or other experts.
- Do not connect an irrigation system (including greenhouse systems) used for

pesticide application to a public water system unless the pesticide label-prescribed safety devices for public water systems are in place.

- A person knowledgeable of the chemigation system and responsible for its operation or under the supervision of the responsible person, shall shut the system down and make necessary adjustments should the need arise.

#### Sprinkler Chemigation (Foliar Spray Uses)

For sprinkler irrigation, sufficient water should be applied at the beginning of the irrigation period to insure uniform wetting of the plant and/or soil surfaces. Meter Goal 2XL into the sprinkler irrigation system at a continuous uniform rate during the middle 1/3 of the irrigation period to allow for uniform distribution to target weeds and/or soil surface.

Continue irrigation during the final 1/3 of the irrigation period to insure proper flushing of the irrigation system. During sprinkler irrigation, sufficient water should be applied to insure water penetration to a depth of two inches.

**AVOID DRIFT:** Extreme care must be exercised to prevent spray drift that could result in damage to other crops or desirable vegetation.

Use the following guidelines when applications of Goal 2XL are made through sprinkler irrigation equipment:

1. Do not apply when the wind direction is not stable, when inversion conditions exist, or when wind velocity exceeds 10 mph.
2. When wind speeds are 5 mph or less, maintain a minimum downwind buffer zone of at least 1/2 mile from all crops and desirable vegetation, except for the following:

Maintain a minimum downwind buffer zone of:

- 150 feet from dormant treefruits, dormant vines and overwintering sugar beets.
- 650 feet from garlic, jojoba, legumes, onions, pastures, small grains, seedling sugar beets and vegetable fallow beds.

3. When wind speeds are between 5 and 10 mph, downwind buffer zones in excess of those listed above are suggested.

4. For upwind and side borders, maintain a minimum buffer zone of 150 feet from

any vegetable fallow bed, crop, or desirable vegetation.

To apply a pesticide using sprinkler chemigation, the chemigation system must meet the following specifications:

- The system must contain a functional check valve, vacuum relief valve, and low-pressure drain appropriately located on the irrigation pipeline to prevent water source contamination from backflow.
- The pesticide injection pipeline must contain a functional, automatic, quick-closing check valve to prevent the flow of fluid back toward the injection pump.
- The pesticide injection pipeline must also contain a functional, normally closed, solenoid-operated valve located on the intake side of the injection pump and connected to the system interlock to prevent fluid from being withdrawn from the supply tank when the irrigation system is either automatically or manually shut down.
- The system must contain functional interlocking controls to automatically shut off the pesticide injection pump when the water pump motor stops.
- The irrigation line or water pump must include a functional pressure switch, which will stop the water pump motor when the water pressure decreases to the point where pesticide distribution is adversely affected.
- Systems must use a metering pump, such as a positive displacement injection pump (e.g., diaphragm pump) effectively designed and constructed of materials that are compatible with pesticides and capable of being fitted with a system interlock.
- Do not apply when wind speed favors drift beyond the area intended for treatment.

Flood (Basin) Chemigation (Soil Drench Uses)

Goal 2XL should be continuously metered into the water during the entire irrigation period. Agitation in the pesticide supply tank is suggested.

Best weed control results from Goal 2XL applied through flood (basin) irrigation systems are obtained when a uniform distribution and flow of irrigation water is maintained over level land.

Systems using a gravity flow pesticide dispensing system must meter the pesticide into the water at the head of the field and downstream of a hydraulic discontinuity such as drop structure or weir box to decrease potential for water source contamination from backflow if water flow stops. Systems utilizing a pressurized water and pesticide injection system must meet the following requirements:

- The system must contain a functional check valve, vacuum relief valve, and low-pressure drain appropriately located on the irrigation pipeline to prevent water source contamination from backflow.
- The pesticide injection pipeline must contain functional automatic, quick-closing check valve to prevent the flow of fluid back toward the injection pump.
- The pesticide injection pipeline must also contain a functional, normally closed, solenoid-operated valve located on the intake side of the injection pump and connected to the system interlock to prevent fluid from being withdrawn from the supply tank when the irrigation system is either automatically or manually shut down.
- The system must contain functional interlocking controls to automatically shut off the pesticide injection pump when the water pump motor stops.
- The irrigation line or water pump must include a functional pressure switch, which will stop the water pump motor when the water pressure decreases to the point where pesticide distribution is adversely affected.
- Systems must use a metering pump, such as a positive displacement injection pump (e.g., diaphragm pump) effectively designed and constructed of materials that are compatible with pesticides and capable of being fitted with a system interlock.

#### Drip (Trickle) Chemigation (Soil Drench Uses)

To achieve optimum distribution of Goal 2XL in the soil surface, meter Goal 2XL at a continuous uniform rate during the middle 1/3 of the irrigation period. For best

results, Goal 2XL should be uniformly distributed across the wetted area to help reduce the "ring effect" of weed escapes. Continue irrigation during the final 1/3 of the irrigation period to insure proper flushing of the irrigation system.

To apply a pesticide using drip (trickle) chemigation, the chemigation system must meet the following specifications:

- The system must contain a functional check valve, vacuum relief valve and low pressure drain appropriately located on the irrigation pipeline to prevent water source contamination from backflow.
- The pesticide injection pipeline must contain a functional, automatic, quick-closing check valve to prevent the flow of fluid back toward the injection pump.
- The pesticide injection pipeline must also contain a functional, normally closed, solenoid-operated valve located on the intake side of the injection pipe and connected to the system interlock to prevent fluid from being withdrawn from the supply tank when the irrigation system is either automatically or manually shut down.
- The system must contain functional interlocking controls to automatically shut off the pesticide injection pump when the water pump motor stops. The irrigation line or water pump must include a functional pressure switch, which will stop the water pump motor when the water pressure decreases to the point where pesticide distribution is adversely affected.
- Systems must use a metering pump such as a positive displacement injection pump (e.g., diaphragm pump) effectively designed and constructed of materials that are compatible with pesticides and capable of being fitted with a system interlock.

Limitations, Restrictions, and Exceptions

Cotton



Application Methods and Equipment: Goal 2XL may be applied as a post-direct spray to cotton a minimum of 6 to 8 inches tall. Care must be exercised to avoid spray contact with the cotton leaves. Use rigid precision ground spray equipment and spray shields to prevent spray contact with cotton foliage. Use branch lifters or shields, as necessary, to avoid contact of directed sprays with cotton plant.

Accurate, placement of spray nozzles is essential for uniform coverage of weeds and to minimize injury to cotton plants. Use a minimum broadcast spray volume of 20 gallons per acre and operate the sprayer at the minimum spray pressure listed by the spray nozzle manufacturer.

Goal 2XL may be applied as a post-direct spray with only 2 flat fan nozzles per row (1 nozzle on each side of the row). For optimum coverage, use 4 flat fan nozzles per row (2 nozzles on each side of the row). The 2 forward nozzles should point forward and downward while the rear nozzles should point to the rear and downward. With either sprayer setup, nozzles should be carefully adjusted to cover the weed foliage with minimum contact to cotton plants. Goal 2XL may also be applied as a band application. Do not use hollow cone nozzles.

Tank Mixing: For control of additional broadleaf and grass weeds, Goal 2XL may be applied as a postemergence directed spray in tank mix combination with other herbicides registered for postemergence use in cotton (see Tank Mixing Precautions under Mixing Directions).

#### Specific Use Directions

Apply as a post-directed spray. For optimum control, use the 2 pint per acre rate on actively growing weed seedlings with no more than 4 true leaves (not counting cotyledon leaves). Effective control of succulent weeds at the 2- to 3-leaf stage can usually be obtained at the 1 pint per acre rate. See Mixing Directions for surfactant recommendations.

Where available, irrigation may be applied prior to application of Goal 2XL to encourage maximum weed emergence. Irrigation following application will improve preemergence activity of Goal 2XL against nightshade and ground cherry species.

Precautions:

- Do not apply to cotton less than 6 inches tall or severe crop injury will result.
- Exercise care to avoid spray contact with cotton leaves. Leaves accidentally sprayed will exhibit necrotic (dead) spots and may be dropped from the plant. Crop injury may be enhanced if application is made when excessive soil moisture is present or rainfall occurs immediately after application, however, cotton will outgrow this condition and develop normally.

#### Crop-Specific Restrictions:

- Western Cotton (AZ and CA): Do not apply more than 2 pints (0.5 lb active) of Goal 2XL per acre in a single application, or more than a total of 4 pints (1.0 lb active) of Goal 2XL per broadcast acre per season as a result of multiple applications. Do not apply within 75 days of harvest.
- Southern Cotton (All other states): Do not apply more than 2 pints (0.5 lb active) of Goal 2XL per acre of per season as a result of a single application or multiple applications. Do not apply within 90 days of harvest.

#### Method

[Broadcast/Foliar Ground](#)

[Band application](#)

[Post-directed Spray](#)

Pre-Harvest Interval

90 days

#### Rates

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Restricted Entry Interval

24 hours

#### Timings

[Postemergence \(Weed\)](#)