SUPPRESSION OF CANADA THISTLE, FIELD BINDWEED (PERENNIAL MORNING GLORY) AND QUACKGRASS IN CROPLAND - WASHINGTON

General Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

Telone II soil fumigant is a multi-purpose liquid fumigant for preplant treatment of cropland soil. Telone II can be used as part of a nematode management program involving crop rotation, planting of resistant varieties, sanitation, and other cultural practices designed to reduce nematode infestations.

Telone II may be applied as a preplant soil treatment as part of a management program to aid in reducing the damaging effects of certain soil pests; plant parasitic nematodes [citrus, burrowing, cyst formers (golden, sugarbeet, soybean, carrot and wheat), dagger, lance, pin, needle, reniform, ring, root knot, root lesion, spiral, sting and stubby root; symphyllans (garden centipedes); and wireworms.

Telone II can also be used to suppress sugar beet Rhizomania disease, Fusarium wilt of cotton and Verticillium wilt of mint, and aid in the control of bacterial canker of peaches.

Soil sampling for the type and number of pests present is recommended before fumigation. In fields where pre-treatment soil samples indicate the presence of high population levels of nematodes, a successful fumigation cannot be expected to eradicate entire populations. Therefore, post-treatment (mid-season and/or preharvest) sampling is recommended to determine the need for additional pest management practices.

Supplemental labels are available for certain crops in selected geographies. Refer to these supplemental labels for specific use directions. Consult a Dow AgroSciences representative or visit the Dow AgroSciences website at [www.dowagro.com](http://www.dowagro.com) for additional information.

Consult State Agricultural Experiment Station or Extension Service specialists for information on other practices such as post-harvest destruction of crop residues,
weed control or other cultural practices, and use of nematode resistant crop varieties that may aid in reducing crop losses from soil borne pests.

General Use Precautions

Soil fumigation using Telone II should be conducted only according to directions and conditions of use described in the labeling.

Recontamination Prevention: Telone II will help manage certain soil borne pests that are present in the soil treatment zone at time of fumigation. It will not control pests that are introduced into soil after fumigation. To avoid reinfestation of treated soil do not use irrigation water, transplants, seed pieces, or equipment that could carry soil borne pests from infested land. Avoid contamination from moving infested soil onto treated beds through cultivation, movement of soil from below the treated zone, dumping contaminated soil in treated fields and soil contamination from equipment or crop remains. Clean equipment carefully before entering treated fields. Cultural practices, which provide post-harvest destruction of crop residues and weeds prior to fumigation and practices which prevent weed infestation following fumigation and prior to planting, will help prevent recontamination.

Do not use containers, pumps or other transfer equipment made of aluminum, magnesium or their alloys, as under certain conditions Telone II may be severely corrosive to such metals.

Fertility Interactions: Fumigation may temporarily raise the level of ammonia nitrogen and soluble salts in the soil. This is most likely to occur when heavy rates of fertilizer and fumigant are applied to soils that are either cold, wet, acidic, or high in organic matter. To avoid injury to certain crops including red beets, carrots, corn, radishes, cole crops, legumes (beans), lettuce, onions, and sugarbeets, fertilize as indicated by soil tests made after fumigation. To avoid ammonia injury or nitrate starvation (or both) to crops grown on high organic soils, fertilizers containing ammonium salts are not recommended.

When using high rates of Telone II as required by certain state nursery regulations, liming of highly acid soils before fumigation may stimulate nitrification and reduce the possibility of ammonia toxicity. Certain nursery crops such as citrus seedlings, Cornus sp., Crataegus sp., spruce, and vegetable crops such as cauliflower have shown evidence of phosphorus deficiency following fumigation. To avoid this possible effect, additional phosphate fertilizer (foliar applied) is recommended.
where experience indicates a deficiency may occur.

Use Restrictions for Certain Florida Counties: For application of this product in Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Collier, Dade, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Monroe, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Lucie, Sumter, and Volusia counties, applicators must have labeling for FIFRA Section 24(c) Special Local Need (SLN) FL990003 in their possession and comply with stated requirements.

Use Restrictions for Certain New York Counties: This product is prohibited from sale, use or distribution in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Application Directions

Application Timing

Telone II soil fumigant can be applied at any time of the year when soil conditions permit. Conditions that allow rapid diffusion of the fumigant as a gas through the soil normally give best results. Because Telone II does not provide residual control of soil pests, it should be used as a preplant application before planting each crop. The following soil temperature and moisture conditions should exist at time of treatment. Failure to meet these conditions may result in unsatisfactory product performance:

Soil Conditions

Soil temperature at the depth of application must be between 40°F and 80°F. In areas where the soil temperature in the spring may not reach 40°F in time to allow application of Telone II prior to planting, late summer or early fall treatment is recommended.

Soil Moisture

It is critical to manage soil moisture properly before fumigation. Plan fumigation for seasons, crop rotations, or irrigation schedules which leave moisture in the soil. For application depths greater than 18 inches, the soil should be moist within a 16-inch radius upwards from the point of injection as determined by the feel method. For all other applications, the soil must be moist from 2 inches below the soil surface to at least 12 inches deep as determined by the feel method. The amount of moisture
needed in this zone will vary according to soil type. The surface soil generally dries very rapidly and should not be considered in this determination. If there is insufficient moisture at the 2 to 6 inch depth, the soil moisture must be adjusted. If irrigation is not available and there is adequate soil moisture below 6 inches, it may be brought to the surface by disk ing or plowing before or during the injection. To conserve existing soil moisture, pretreatment or treatment tillage practices should be done as close to the time of application as possible. For fields with more than one soil texture, soil moisture content in the lightest textured (most sandy) areas must comply with this soil moisture requirement. Whenever possible, the field should be divided into areas of similar soil texture and the soil moisture of each area should be adjusted as needed. Coarser textured soils can be fumigated under conditions of higher soil moisture than finer textured soils; however, if the soil moisture is too high, fumigant movement will be retarded and effectiveness of the treatment will be reduced. Previous and/or local experience with the soil to be treated or the crop to be planted can often serve as a guide to conditions that will be acceptable. If you do not know how to determine the soil moisture content of the area to be treated, consult your local extension service or soil conservation service specialist or pest control advisor (ag consultant) for assistance.

In general, no irrigation should immediately precede subsoiling or fumigation; however, when irrigation is available and surface soil moisture conditions are not likely to provide an adequate seal against fumigant loss, a very light sprinkler irrigation to wet the top 1 to 2 inches of soil is recommended before and/or immediately after fumigation.

The following descriptions will aid in determining acceptable soil moisture conditions by the “feel method.” For coarse soils (sand and loamy sand), there must be enough moisture to allow formation of a weak ball when compressed in the hand. Due to soil texture, this ball is easily broken with little disturbance. In loamy, moderately coarse, or medium textured soils (coarse sandy loam, sandy loam, and fine sandy loam), a soil sample with the proper moisture content can be formed into a ball which holds together with moderate disturbance, but does not stick between the thumb and forefinger. Fine textured soils (clay loam, silty clay loam, candy clay, silty clay, sandy clay loam, and clay), should be pliable and not crumbly, but should not form a ribbon when compressed between the thumb and forefinger.

Soil Preparation
The soil should be free of clods. Large clods can prevent effective soil sealing and reduce effectiveness of Telone II. Plant residues should be thoroughly incorporated into the soil prior to treatment to avoid interfering with application. Non-decomposed plant material may harbor pests that will not be controlled by fumigation. Little or no crop residue should be present on the soil surface. Crop residue that is present should lie flat to permit the soil to be sealed effectively. Compacted soil layers within the desired treatment zone should be fractured before or during application of the fumigant. Deviation from the above conditions may result in unsatisfactory results.

Placement of Fumigant

Telone II may be applied as either a broadcast (overall) or row treatment. It must be placed at least 12 inches below the final soil surface. When soil conditions allow, placement at a minimum of 14 inches below the final soil surface is recommended. Deeper placement is required when fumigating soil to be planted to deep-rooted plants, such as perennial fruit and nut crops, or to control deeply distributed pests. For row application, the fumigant must be placed at least 12 inches from the nearest soil/air interface (e.g., furrow or bed top).

Application Methods and Equipment

Broadcast Application: Use chisel (shank) or coulter (e.g., Yetter 30-inch Avenger), offset wing shank, Nobel (sweep) plow, or plow-sole application equipment. For best results when using chisel equipment, use ripper-type, forward-swept shanks. Nobel plow equipment is particularly useful for fall fumigation when the soil still contains some non-decomposed standing plant material. Subsoiling may be necessary before application as described under Soil Preparation. Choose application equipment that allows the deepest application and best soil seal under existing conditions.

The fumigant outlet spacing varies with the type of application equipment used.

With chisel and coulter equipment, a fumigant shank spacing of 12 to 24 inches is recommended. Do not exceed the maximum shank and outlet spacing of 24 inches. The outlet spacing for this equipment may be up to 11/2 times the application depth but generally should be equal to the application depth and should not exceed the soil-shattering capability of the chisels.
With plow-sole equipment, a 12-inch outlet spacing is recommended.

Do not exceed an outlet spacing of 18 inches.

With Nobel (sweep) plow equipment, use an outlet spacing of 9 to 12 inches along the sweeps. Application should be made to a depth of at least 15 inches.

Broadcast application can be made in the same direction or at an angle to the direction of row planting. Refer to Table 1 for broadcast treatment rates for various crops.

Row Application (for row spacing greater than 24 inches): Use chisel equipment to treat a band of soil where the crop is to be planted, i.e., the plant row. When multiple chisels per plant row are used, space the chisels (fumigant outlets) no more than 12 inches apart. Regardless of the number or spacing of chisels used, the fumigant must be placed at least 12 inches from the nearest soil/air interface (e.g., furrow or bed top).

With certain deeper rooted crops such as potatoes and sugarbeets, higher rates may be necessary to ensure adequate treatment of the zone of soil where primary root growth occurs.

To prevent seed germination problems caused by improper seed-to-soil contact or improper planting depth regardless of application method, do not place the seed directly over the furrow left by the applicator chisel(s)/coulter(s). When 1 chisel is used per plant row, place the seed about 4 inches to one side of the chisel furrow. When 2 chisels are used per plant row, plant the seed offset from the chisel trace.

Sealing the Soil After Application

For broadcast treatment (flat fumigation), immediately after chisel application of Telone II, the soil must be “sealed” to prevent fumigant loss and ensure that an effective concentration of fumigant is maintained within the soil for a period of several days. To create an effective seal it is important that the shank traces be disrupted and the soil surface compacted. Disruption of shank traces can be accomplished with equipment that will uniformly mix the soil to a depth of 3 to 4 inches to eliminate chisel or plow traces which can allow direct escape of the fumigant. A tandem disc or similar equipment may be used for this purpose. To maximize soil sealing, steps should also be taken to compact the soil surface to
further retard the rate of fumigant loss by following with a ring roller or cultipacker in combination with the aforementioned tillage equipment. Compaction of the soil surface alone does not effectively disrupt chisel or plow traces. When using coulter (e.g., Yetter 30-inch Avenger) applications, additional sealing may not be necessary when soil moisture conditions are optimal and a beaver tail is used.

For row treatment, forming the beds at the time of application should be accomplished in a manner that places the fumigant at least 12 inches from the nearest soil/air interface (e.g., furrow or bed top). The closest soil/air interface could be the furrow for multiple knife applications or the top of the bed for single knife applications. It is recommended that additional soil sealing be accomplished by going over the bed with a bed shaper, press sealer, rolling cultivator, ring roller, or rolling basket.

Sealing can also be improved by applying non-perforated plastic film, such as polyethylene, over the entire area or in strips. Use of a film to seal the soil surface does not eliminate the need to eliminate chisel traces prior to application of the plastic film. When using coulter (e.g., Yetter prebedder) applications, a beaver tail may be used for sealing. Proper soil conditions at the time of application (see Soil Preparation section) are important to ensure proper placement of fumigant (see Placement of Fumigant section) and obtaining adequate sealing. Prior tillage should be adequate to eliminate clods and thoroughly mix crop residues into the soil.

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Note: Schedule D treatments (Charts I-VII) may be used instead of schedules A, B, or C at lower dosages where appropriate soil moistures, soil textures and soil temperatures allow. If soil conditions are such that Schedule D cannot be used, the appropriate schedule A, B or C must be used.
See the label for more information on Simultaneous Application of Telone plus K-PAM HL or Sectagon-K-54 or Sectagon 42 or Vapam HL for Suppression of Verticillum Dahliae and Suppression of Root Knot, Lesion Nematodes and Stubby Root Nematode Vector of Corky Ringspots in Sois to be Planted to Potatoes, Onions and Carrots.

See the label for more information on Sequential Application of Telone plus K-PAM HL or Sectagon-K-54 or Sectagon 42 or Vapam HL for Suppression of Verticillum Dahliae and Suppression of Root Knot, Lesion Nematodes and Stubby Root Nematode Vector of Corky Ringspots in Sois to be Planted to Potatoes, Onions and Carrots

Limitations, Restrictions, and Exceptions

Suppression of Certain Perennial Weeds Such as Canada Thistle, Field Bindweed (Perennial Morningglory) and Quackgrass in Cropland (For Distribution and Use Only in the State of Washington)

Telone II is recommended for use to suppress Canada thistle, field bindweed, quackgrass and certain other deep-rooted perennial weeds in cropland. Apply Telone II as a preplant broadcast treatment at a maximum rate of 25 gallons per acre. For best results, apply in late summer or fall.

Application Methods and Equipment

Apply Telone II as a broadcast treatment using either chisel (shank), Nobel (sweep), plow sole or modified ParaTill application equipment according to the following recommendations.

Use chisel equipment with ripper-type shanks, plow sole or ParaTill equipment modified so that outlet spacing is evenly distributed under the tool bar. With chisel and ParaTill equipment, a shank spacing of 12 to 24 inches is recommended. Do not exceed a shank spacing of 24 inches. Outlet depth should be at least 18 inches below the final soil surface. For plow sole equipment, a 12-inch outlet spacing is recommended.

Nobel plow equipment may be used when either shallow soils (those less than 18 inches deep) or soils containing excessive live root material such as alfalfa or corn stubble prevent the use of shank application. Nobel plow outlet spacing should not
exceed 12 inches and application should be made to a depth of at least 15 inches. Fumigant penetration may be limited if a plow pan exists below the depth of the Nobel blade.

Soil Sealing
Immediately after fumigation application, use a disc, paddle wheel, or similar device to uniformly mix the top 4 to 6 inches of soil to effectively eliminate chisel traces. Then follow immediately with a ring roller or cultipacker to seal the soil surface. Little or no crop residue should be exposed at the surface following the sealing operation. Any remaining crop residue should lie flat following sealing.

Undisturbed Soil Interval
Following application and sealing, leave soil undisturbed for 7 to 14 days. A longer undisturbed fumigation interval is required if the soil becomes cold or wet. At the end of this undisturbed period, the treated soil may be worked with a moldboard plow to turn the top few inches of soil under at least 12 inches of soil. An additional 10 to 15 gallons of Telone II per acre may be applied during this operation as a plow sole application. The soil surface should then be uniformly mixed and resealed and then left undisturbed for another 7 to 14 days according to the above directions. This double fumigation procedure will help to reduce the survival of weed seeds and vegetative parts of perennial weeds in the top 2 to 4 inches of soil which may otherwise survive exposure to a single application.

Following the undisturbed period and prior to planting, allow the fumigant to dissipate completely. Beyond the specified undisturbed interval, allow at least 1 additional week of fumigant dissipation for each 10 gallons of Telone II applied per acre. Dissipation is usually complete when the odor of Telone II is no longer detected within the zone of fumigation. To hasten dissipation following the undisturbed interval, especially if heavy rains or low temperatures occurred during the undisturbed interval, till the soil to the depth of fumigation.

Note: Weeds that emerge following treatment of soil with Telone II as described above may be controlled using appropriate chemical or mechanical methods. For additional weed control information, consult your State Agricultural Experiment Station or Extension Service weed specialist or local Dow AgroSciences representative.
Chemigation: For use under this SLN label do not apply this product through any type of irrigation.
Method

**Broadcast**

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Timings

**Preplant**

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