



## Herbicide use may restrict grazing options for cover crops

Interest in cover crops has dramatically increased due to their many potential benefits. In addition to conservation purposes, cover crops can provide forage for livestock producers. It is important for livestock producers to consider restrictions on labels of herbicides used earlier in the growing season if they intend to use the cover crop as a forage source.

The two primary reasons for label restrictions related to cover crops are: 1) herbicide residues may prevent successful establishment of the cover crop, or 2) residue tolerances have not been established for the presence of the herbicide within the cover crop. Regardless of the reason for the restriction, failing to follow the restrictions is a violation of the label and therefore a punishable offense.

The following tables list herbicide products that allow the establishment of cover crops for the purpose of grazing or forage harvest during the same cropping season as application. Herbicides are divided into three categories based on the minimum interval between application and planting of cover crops intended for forage purposes. The first group of herbicides allows planting of the indicated cover crops within four months of application; the herbicide label will list the specific time interval.

**Table 1. Corn herbicides allowing establishment of cover crops for grazing/forage during the season of application.**

<b>Cover crop options that can be planted within 4 months of application.</b>					
<b>Tradenames</b>	<b>Cereal rye</b>	<b>Wheat</b>	<b>Oats</b>	<b>Barley</b>	<b>Others*</b>
Armezon/Impact	X	X	X	X	
Basagran	X	X	X	X	X
Buctril	X	X	X	X	X
Callisto			X		
Clarity	X	X	X	X	
Fierce		X			
glyphosate	X	X	X	X	X
Harmony	X	X	X	X	X
Liberty	X	X	X	X	X
Option	X	X	X	X	X
Northstar	X	X		X	
Resolve		X			
Sharpen	X	X	X	X	
Status	X	X	X	X	
Valor (≤ 2 oz)	X	X		X	
Zidua (≤2 oz)		X			
Stinger		X	X	X	X
Resource	X	X	X	X	X
Yukon	X	X	X	X	X
2,4-D	X	X	X	X	
<b>Cover crop options that can be planted a minimum of 4 months after application.</b>					
Accent Q	X	X	X	X	
Anthem Maxx (≤4.9 oz)		X			
Balance Flexx	X	X	X	X	
Callisto	X	X	X	X	
Corvus	X	X			
Clarity	X	X	X	X	X
Halex GT	X	X	X	X	
Hornet	X	X	X	X	
Instigate	X	X	X	X	
Laudis	X	X	X	X	
Optill	X	X			
Outlook	X	X	X	X	
Prequel	X	X	X	X	
Prowl H20 (<4 pts/A)		X		X	
Python	X	X	X	X	
Realm Q	X	X	X	X	
Steadfast Q	X	X	X	X	
Surestart		X			
Surpass		X			
Verdict	X	X	X	X	
Zidua (≤3 oz)		X			
<b>Cover crop options that can be planted a minimum of 4.5 months after application.</b>					
Dual II Magnum	X	X	X	X	
Lumax	X	X		X	
Sequence	X	X	X	X	
Zemax	X	X	X	X	
Cadet**	X	X	X	X	X

\* Refer to label to determine specific cover crops that are allowed.

\*\* Any cover crop may be planted following harvest of corn treated with Cadet.

The second group of products requires a minimum of four months between application and planting of cover crops, whereas a 4.5 month interval is required for the third group. The intent of this bulletin is to assist livestock producers in identifying herbicides that are compatible in cropping systems that use cover crops for forage. It is not intended to eliminate the need to read the label and determine specific use restrictions.

Due to the large number of generic and private brand products, not all products are included in these tables. Inclusion of a product in this bulletin does not imply endorsement of that particular brand, nor does exclusion imply non-approval.

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**Table 2. Soybean herbicides allowing establishment of cover crops for grazing/forage during the season of application.**

<b>Cover crop options that can be planted within 4 months of application.</b>					
<b>Tradenames</b>	<b>Cereal rye</b>	<b>Wheat</b>	<b>Oats</b>	<b>Barley</b>	<b>Others*</b>
Basagran	X	X	X	X	X
Classic	X	X	X	X	
Cobra	X	X	X	X	X
Enlite (pH ≤7.5; ≤4.25 oz)		X			
Extreme (East of I-35)		X			
Fierce		X			
Fusilade	X	X	X	X	X
glyphosate	X	X	X	X	X
Liberty	X	X	X	X	X
Poast Plus	X	X	X	X	X
Raptor		X			
Resource	X	X	X	X	X
Select Max	X	X	X	X	X
Sharpen	X	X	X	X	
UltraBlazer	X	X	X	X	X
Valor ≤2 oz	X	X		X	
Zidua (≤2 oz)		X			
<b>Cover crop options that can be planted a minimum of 4 months after application.</b>					
Assure II	X	X	X	X	X
Authority Assist	X	X			
Authority First		X			
Authority Maxx	X	X		X	
Authority MTZ		X		X	
Authority XL	X	X		X	
Enlite (pH ≤7.5; ≤4.25 oz)	X	X		X	
Envive	X	X		X	
Extreme	X	X			
FirstRate		X			
Flexstar GT	X	X		X	
metribuzin		X		X	
Optill	X	X			
Optill PRO	X	X			
Outlook	X	X	X	X	
Prowl H20 (≤4 pt/A)		X		X	
Pursuit	X	X			
Python	X	X	X	X	
Raptor	X	X			
Sharpen (≤1 oz)					X
Valor ≤ 3 oz	X	X		X	
Valor XLT	X	X		X	
Zidua (≤3 oz)		X			
<b>Cover crop options that can be planted a minimum of 4.5 months after application.</b>					
Authority Elite	X	X		X	X
Dual II Magnum	X	X	X	X	
Prefix	X	X	X	X	
Boundary		X		X	
<b>Cadet**</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

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