Use: A systemic herbicide for post-emergence control of annual and perennial grass weeds in a wide range of crops.

Formulation: An emulsifiable concentrate containing 200 g/litre (21% w/w) cycloxydim.

Pack Size: 5 litres in outers of four.

LERAP: Not required.

Recommended Crops: See Section No:

- Beet, fodder 3.2
- Beet, sugar 3.2
- Brussels sprouts 3.7
- Bulbs, ornamental 3.12
- Cabbage 3.7
- Carrots 3.9
- Cauliflower 3.7
- Field beans, spring 3.5
- Field beans, winter 3.5
- Forestry, commercial, farm and nursery 3.13
- French beans, dwarf 3.6
- Leeks 3.10
- Linseed 3.8
- Mangels 3.2
- Oilseed rape, spring 3.1
- Oilseed rape, winter 3.1
- Onions, bulb 3.10
- Onions, salad 3.10
- Parsnips 3.9
- Peas, combining 3.4
- Peas, vining 3.4
- Potatoes, early 3.3
- Potatoes, maincrop 3.3
- Strawberries 3.11
- Swedes 3.7
- Green cover on land temporarily removed from production, eg set-aside 3.14

Recommended Rates: 0.5-2.25 litres/hectare, depending on weed species present.

Major changes since last printing: None

This product label is compliant with the CPA Voluntary Initiative Guidance
**Water Volume:** 100-330 litres/hectare depending on use.

**Spray Quality:** FINE or MEDIUM

**Harvest Intervals:**
- Winter and spring Oilseed rape, Linseed: 12 weeks
- Sugar beet, fodder beet, mangels, maincrop potatoes, early potatoes, winter and spring field beans, swedes, Brussels sprouts, leeks: 8 weeks
- Carrots, parsnips, bulb onions, strawberries: 6 weeks
- Combining peas, vining peas, dwarf French beans: 5 weeks
- Cabbage, cauliflower, salad onions: 4 weeks

**Latest Time of Application:**
Laser may be applied to all approved crops up until before the canopy prevents adequate spray penetration. (Note harvest interval requirements).

**Maximum Number of Treatments:** 1 per crop.

**Rainfastness:** Rainfast after 2 hours.

**Processed Crops:** Consult processors before using on crops grown for processing or for seed.

**Aerial Application:** No

**Compatibility:** For details of compatibilities contact your distributor, local BASF representative, the BASF Technical Services Hotline: 0845 602 2553 or visit our website on: [www.agriCentre.basf.co.uk](http://www.agriCentre.basf.co.uk)

**DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

**IMPORTANT:** This information is approved as part of the product label. All instructions within this section must be read carefully in order to obtain safe and successful use of this product.

Laser is a systemic herbicide for the post-emergence control of a range of grass weeds and cereal volunteers in the listed crops. Only weeds which have emerged at the time of application will be controlled. Optimum timing is when weeds are still small and have not begun to compete with the crop.

Laser is rapidly absorbed mainly through the leaves and is translocated through the plant to the growing points, culminating in the rapid decay of stem and root tissues. Foliage death is usually complete within 3 to 4 weeks under optimum conditions, – warm and moist so that weeds are actively growing. Under cool conditions activity will be slower, particularly for late applications to winter oilseed rape.

Laser can be used on all soil types and is rainfast within 2 hours of drying on the foliage.

1. **RESTRICTIONS/WARNINGS**
   - Consult processor or contract agent before using on crops grown for processing or for seed.
   - Prevent drift onto other crops especially susceptible types such as cereals and grasses or severe damage can result.
Apply within the recommended growth stages when weeds are actively growing for best results. Drought, cool conditions, stress or other negative factors can reduce effectiveness by interfering with the uptake and translocation of Laser. Weeds emerging after application will not be controlled.

**DO NOT** apply to crops which are damaged or stressed from factors such as previous herbicide use, adverse weather conditions (e.g. drought or waterlogging) or pest or disease attacks.

Apply to dry foliage when rain is not expected for at least 2 hours.

Ensure sprayer is free from previous chemical residues which may harm the crop. Use of a detergent cleaner is advised before and after use.

This product must **not** be applied to land managed under the Habitat Scheme.

Before using on land taken out of production as part of a grant aided scheme, ensure compliance with the management rules of that scheme.

Laser **MUST** be used with an approved adjuvant at the rates indicated in Mixing and Spraying (Section 5).

When a choice of rates is given the higher rate should be used if weeds are beyond the optimum timing or any of the following applies:
- poor growing conditions exist, e.g. dry soils or cool temperatures.
- weeds are overwintered.
- weed infestations are high, especially in non-competitive crops such as sugar beet or thin rape crops.
- weed is a cover crop.

When using for control of common couch and other perennials do not cultivate for at least 14 days after spraying to allow Laser to translocate to the underground rhizomes. Leave a longer interval (up to 21 days) if growing conditions are poor.

If applied in sequence with Basagran SG in field beans, a minimum of 14 days between applications must occur to allow recovery of the wax layer.

In peas, a satisfactory crystal violet wax test (see PGRO information sheet 143) should be carried out if leaf wax may have been affected by unfavourable growing or weather conditions. Other post-emergence crop protection products will also affect wax levels and a wax test may be necessary.

Before using on conifers in a nursery situation or at an early stage of establishment, treat a small number of plants of any one species first to observe if any adverse effects occur before making wider scale treatments.

2. **WEED CONTROL**

2.1 **Susceptibility of Grass Weeds to Single Applications of Laser**

Laser **MUST** be used with an approved adjuvant at the rates indicated in Mixing and Spraying (Section 5).

Grass weeds vary in their susceptibility to Laser. Identify the species to be controlled and then consult the table below to select the appropriate rate of use.
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<tr>
<th>WEED</th>
<th>RATES OF APPLICATION*</th>
<th>TIME OF APPLICATION</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cultivated Oats † Wild-oat</td>
<td>0.5 or 0.75 l/ha</td>
<td><strong>Optimum:</strong> 2 fully expanded leaves to 2-3 tillers.</td>
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<td><strong>Max. GS:</strong> Before first node detectable stage.</td>
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<td>Barley (Volunteer) †</td>
<td>0.75 or 1.0 l/ha</td>
<td><strong>Optimum:</strong> 2 fully expanded leaves to before 3 tillers.</td>
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<td>Black-grass</td>
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<td><strong>Max. GS:</strong> Before first node detectable stage.</td>
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<td>Canary Grass</td>
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<td>Italian Ryegrass</td>
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<td>Loose-silky Bent</td>
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<td>Wheat (Volunteer)</td>
<td>1.0 or 1.25 l/ha</td>
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<td><strong>Max. GS:</strong> Before first node detectable stage.</td>
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<td>Black Bent (Red Top)</td>
<td>1.5 or 2.0 l/ha</td>
<td><strong>Optimum:</strong> 4 fully expanded leaves to before 3 tillers.</td>
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<td><strong>Max. GS:</strong> Before first node detectable stage.</td>
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<td>Onion Couch (false oat grass)</td>
<td>1.5 or 2.25 l/ha**</td>
<td><strong>Optimum:</strong> 4 fully expanded leaves to before 3 tillers.</td>
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<td><strong>Max GS:</strong> Before first node detectable stage.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Creeping Bent</td>
<td>2.25 l/ha**</td>
<td>When majority of shoots have emerged and are approx. 15 cm</td>
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<td>Common Couch</td>
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<td>tall. Usually corresponding to the 4-9 fully expanded leaves</td>
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<td>up to before first node detectable stage.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Red Fescue</td>
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<tr>
<td>Annual Meadow-grass</td>
<td>- Resistant</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rough Meadow-grass</td>
<td>- Moderately resistant</td>
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† Includes cover crops.

* When a choice of rates is given the higher rate should be used if weeds are beyond the optimum timing or any of the following applies:
  - poor growing conditions exist, e.g. dry soils or cool temperatures
  - weeds are overwintered
  - weed infestations are high, especially in non-competitive crops such as sugar beet or thin rape crops
  - weed is a cover crop

** see Common Couch and Other Perennials control below.

Applications made after the optimum timing may give reduced levels of control.

**Common Couch and Other Perennials**

Sufficient foliage should have emerged to absorb the spray. Shoots not emerged or just emerging at application will not be controlled.

**DO NOT** cultivate for at least 14 days after spraying to allow Laser to translocate to the underground rhizomes. Leave a longer interval (up to 21 days) if growing conditions are poor.

The effects on the long term control of couch and creeping bent, i.e. in succeeding crops, have not been investigated.
Established Common Couch
To improve control a thorough pre-planting cultivation to a depth of 10 cm is recommended to fragment the rhizomes and encourage uniform emergence.

Onion Couch
Control of top growth can be expected in the season of application but the effects of long term control, i.e. succeeding crops, have not been fully established.

2.2 Resistance
Strains of some annual grasses (e.g. black-grass, wild-oats, and Italian rye-grass) have developed resistance to herbicides which may lead to poor control. A strategy for preventing and managing such resistance should be adopted. Guidelines have been produced by the Weed Resistance Action Group and copies are available from the HGCA, CPA, your distributor, crop adviser or product manufacturer.

This product contains cycloxydim which is an ACCase inhibitor, also classified by the Herbicide Resistance Action Committee as ‘Group A’.

Use only as part of a resistance management strategy that includes cultural methods of control and does not use ACCCase inhibitors as the sole method of grass-weed control.

Applying a second product containing an ACCase inhibitor to a crop will increase the risk of resistance development; only use a second ACCCase inhibitor to control different weeds at a different timing.

3. CROPS

3.1 Winter and Spring Oilseed Rape
Laser may be applied from when the crop has fully expanded cotyledons until before the crop canopy prevents adequate spray penetration.

3.2 Sugar Beet, Fodder Beet and Mangels
Laser can be applied from the two true leaf stage of the crop until before the crop canopy prevents adequate spray penetration.

3.3 Early and Maincrop potatoes
Laser may be applied at any crop stage before the crop canopy prevents adequate spray penetration.

3.4 Peas
Laser may be applied to all varieties of combining and vining peas. Apply from the third node stage of the crop until before the crop canopy prevents adequate spray penetration.

A satisfactory crystal violet wax test (see PGRO information sheet 143) should be carried out if leaf wax may have been affected by unfavourable growing or weather conditions. Other post-emergence crop protection products will also affect wax levels and a wax test may be necessary. Ideally, Laser should follow applications of broad-leaf herbicides, but where Laser is applied before other products (i.e. because grass weeds are the major problem) it is essential to conduct a satisfactory crystal violet wax test before applying the next treatment.

3.5 Winter and Spring Field Beans
Laser may be applied from the two leaf pairs stage of field beans until before the crop canopy prevents adequate spray penetration.

If applied in sequence with Basagran SG, a minimum of 14 days between applications must occur to allow recovery of the wax layer.
3.6 **Dwarf French Beans**

Laser may be applied from when the crop has 1½ trifoliate leaves until before the crop canopy prevents adequate spray penetration.

3.7 **Swede, Cabbage, Cauliflower and Brussels Sprouts**

Laser may be applied from the two expanded leaf stage until before the crop canopy prevents adequate spray penetration.

3.8 **Linseed**

Laser may be applied from when the crop is 2.5 cm tall until before the crop canopy prevents adequate spray penetration.

3.9 **Carrots and Parsnips**

Laser may be applied from the two leaf stage of the crop until before the crop canopy prevents adequate spray penetration.

3.10 **Bulb Onions, Salad Onions and Leeks**

Laser may be applied from when the crop has two true leaves until before the crop canopy prevents adequate spray penetration.

Before use on these crops, either alone or in sequence with post-emergence products, ensure that leaf wax levels are adequate to afford protection from crop damage.

3.11 **Strawberries**

Laser may be applied from when the crop has four true leaves until before the crop canopy prevents adequate spray penetration.

If temperatures are likely to exceed 20°C at or after spraying, delay application until the cool of the evening.

3.12 **Ornamental bulbs**

Laser may be applied when the crop is 5-10 cm tall. It has been used on tulips, narcissi, hyacinths and irises. However, certain species and varieties may be more sensitive to chemical treatment than others and growers are therefore advised to first spray a small proportion of the plants to check their tolerance before treating the rest of the crop.

3.13 **Commercial, Farm and Nursery Forestry**

Laser may be applied to the following tree species at any time after transplanting once plants are established:

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<th>Deciduous</th>
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<td>Ash</td>
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<td>Beech</td>
<td>Douglas Fir</td>
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<td>Oak</td>
<td>Japanese Larch</td>
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<td>Poplar</td>
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<td>Spanish (Sweet) Chestnut</td>
<td>Noble Fir</td>
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<td>Sycamore</td>
<td>Scots Pine</td>
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<td>Wild Cherry</td>
<td>Sitka Spruce</td>
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<td>Willow</td>
<td>Western Red Cedar</td>
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This recommendation includes trees grown in nursery beds and in their final planting position.

Before using on conifers in a nursery situation or at an early stage of establishment, treat a small number of plants of any one species first to observe if any adverse effects occur before making wider scale treatments.

3.14 **Green cover on land temporarily removed from production (set-aside) and industrial crops of oilseed rape and linseed**

Laser may be applied to areas temporarily removed from production where the green cover is made up predominantly (ie sufficient to maintain reasonable
cover) of tolerant crops that are present on the label, for the control of grass weeds and volunteer cereals. Use on industrial crops of linseed and oilseed rape is also permitted. When applying Laser to industrial crops of linseed and oilseed rape, the user must refer to the statutory conditions and directions for use relating to linseed and winter and spring oilseed rape respectively.

4. FOLLOWING CROPS

If a crop treated with Laser should fail for any reason, then as a guide, the following intervals should elapse between using Laser and redrilling subsequent crops following normal seedbed cultivations:

- **After one week:** Field bean, pea, sugar beet, rape, kale, swede, radish, white clover, lucerne.
- **After four weeks:** Dwarf French bean.
- **After eight weeks:** Wheat, barley, maize.

Oats should not be sown as the subsequent crop after failure of a crop treated with laser.

5. MIXING AND SPRAYING

Half fill the spray tank with clean water and start the agitation. Pour in the required amount of Laser and then adjuvant. Add the remainder of the water and continue agitation until spraying is completed. Rinse empty containers and empty into the tank.

When tank mixes are to be used, each product should be added separately to the spray tank, taking due note of any instructions given as to the order of mixing.

The standard water volume is 200 litres/hectare but 100 litres/hectare may be used in open crops for control of annual weeds which are easily accessible to the spray (i.e. at rates of Laser up to 1.25 litres/hectare only). **DO NOT** use the 100 litre spray volume for control of perennial grasses or when applying tank mixtures. Use 330 litres/hectare if either of the following conditions apply:

- dense weed growth or crop cover
- when spraying ridged crops with a prevailing side drift.

All applications should be made as a **FINE** spray, as defined by BCPC, unless the highest water volumes are used when **FINE** or **MEDIUM** sprays are permissible.

When using a knapsack sprayer for directed applications or spot treatment, mix as above. A sprayer containing 20 litres of spray solution will require 36 mls Laser + 160 mls Actipron to apply 1.0 l/ha Laser over 360m².

Laser **MUST** be used with an approved adjuvant at the rates indicated in the table below.

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<th>ADJUVANT</th>
<th>CONCENTRATION (AS % OF SPRAY VOLUME)</th>
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<td>Actipron or Axiom</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
<td>100 l/ha 200 l/ha 250 l/ha</td>
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6. SEQUENCES

Laser may follow pre-emergence treatments to any crop, provided that the crop is undamaged. When used in sequence with other post-emergence products, allow at least 7 days between applications. Check individual crop recommendations above for specific sequence instructions (if any).

7. CONTAINER AND STORAGE

Laser is supplied in 5 litre containers and should be kept dry and frostproof in a suitable pesticide store.
8. **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

**Operator protection**

Engineering control of operator exposure must be used where reasonably practicable in addition to the following personal protective equipment:

- **WEAR SUITABLE PROTECTIVE GLOVES AND FACE PROTECTION (FACESHIELD)** when handling the concentrate.
- **WEAR SUITABLE PROTECTIVE GLOVES** when using a knapsack sprayer.

However, engineering controls may replace personal protective equipment if a COSHH assessment shows they provide an equal or higher standard of protection.

- WASH CONCENTRATE from skin or eyes immediately.
- WASH HANDS AND EXPOSED SKIN before meals and after work.
- WHEN USING **DO NOT** EAT, DRINK OR SMOKE.

**Environmental protection**

**DO NOT** contaminate surface waters or ditches with chemical or used container.

**Storage and disposal**

- **KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**
- **KEEP AWAY FROM FOOD, DRINK AND ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS.**
- **KEEP IN ORIGINAL CONTAINER,** tightly closed in a safe place.
- **RINSE CONTAINER THOROUGHLY** by using an integrated pressure rinsing device or manually rinsing three times. Add washings to sprayer at time of filling and dispose of safely.

Keep dry and frostproof in a suitable pesticide store.
9. DPD REGULATIONS (CHIP 3)

**Laser®**

An emulsifiable concentrate containing 200 g/litre (21% w/w) cycloxydim and solvent naphtha.

**IRRITATING TO SKIN.**
**HARMFUL: MAY CAUSE LUNG DAMAGE IF SWALLOWED.**
**TOXIC TO AQUATIC ORGANISMS, MAY CAUSE LONG TERM ADVERSE EFFECTS IN THE AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT.**

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**
**KEEP AWAY FROM FOOD, DRINK AND ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS.**
**WHEN USING DO NOT EAT, DRINK OR SMOKE.**

**THIS MATERIAL AND ITS CONTAINER MUST BE DISPOSED OF IN A SAFE WAY.**
**IF SWALLOWED DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING: SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE IMMEDIATELY AND SHOW THIS CONTAINER OR LABEL.**
**USE APPROPRIATE CONTAINMENT TO AVOID ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.**

To avoid risks to man and the environment, comply with the instructions for use

This product is approved under the Control of Pesticides Regulations 1986.
10. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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FOR USE ONLY AS AN AGRICULTURAL/HORTICULTURAL/FORESTRY HERBICIDE, as directed below:

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<th>Maximum individual dose</th>
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<tr>
<td>Winter oilseed rape</td>
<td>2.25 litres product/ha</td>
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<td>Spring oilseed rape</td>
<td>2.25 litres product/ha</td>
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<td>Linseed</td>
<td>2.25 litres product/ha</td>
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<td>Sugar beet, fodder beet, mangels, Maincrop potatoes, winter and spring field beans, swedes, Brussels sprouts, leeks</td>
<td>2.25 litres product/ha</td>
<td>1 per crop</td>
<td>8 weeks</td>
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<td>Early potatoes</td>
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<td>8 weeks</td>
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<td>Carrots, parsnips, bulb onions, strawberries</td>
<td>2.25 litres product/ha</td>
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<td>6 weeks</td>
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<td>Combining peas, vining peas, dwarf French beans, Cabbage, cauliflower, salad onions</td>
<td>2.25 litres product/ha</td>
<td>1 per crop</td>
<td>5 weeks</td>
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<td>Cabbage, cauliflower, salad onions</td>
<td>2.25 litres product/ha</td>
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<td>Forest and nursery forestry</td>
<td>2.25 litres product/ha</td>
<td>1 per year</td>
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<td>Ornamental bulbs, Green cover on land temporarily removed from production eg set-aside *</td>
<td>2.25 litres product/ha</td>
<td>1 per crop</td>
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* When applying to green cover on land temporarily removed from production e.g. set aside:
  1. A full green cover must be established before the pesticide is applied.
  2. Treated plants must not be grazed by livestock or harvested for human or animal consumption.

To avoid the build up of resistance **DO NOT** apply products containing an ACCase inhibitor herbicide more than twice to any crop. In addition, **DO NOT** use this product in mixture or sequence with any other product containing cycloxydim.

**READ THE LABEL BEFORE USE. USING THIS PRODUCT IN A MANNER THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LABEL MAY BE AN OFFENCE. FOLLOW THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR USING PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS.**

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