



Dow AgroSciences

FirstRate™

Herbicide

GROUP	2	HERBICIDE
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FOR SALE FOR USE IN EASTERN CANADA ONLY.
For broadleaved weed control in soybeans.

COMMERCIAL

READ THE LABEL AND BOOKLET BEFORE USING
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

GUARANTEE: cloransulam-methyl 84%
Water Dispersible Granules
Warning, contains the allergen sulfites.

REGISTRATION NO. 26697 PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS ACT

CAUTION  **POISON**

CAUTION - EYE IRRITANT

Individual soluble packets cannot be sold separately.

NET CONTENTS: 10 x 17.01 grams Water Soluble Packets

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PRECAUTIONS

CAUSES EYE IRRITATION

HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN

AVOID CONTACT WITH SKIN, EYES OR CLOTHING

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants
- Chemical-resistant gloves

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining personal protective equipment. If no instructions are available for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash personal protective equipment separately from other household laundry. Discard clothing and other absorbent materials that have been drenched or heavily contaminated with this product's concentrate. Do not reuse them.

OPERATOR USE PRECAUTIONS

After handling this product, users should:

- Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the washroom.
- Remove clothing immediately, if herbicide penetrates clothing. Wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
- Remove personal protective equipment immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

If this pest control product is to be used on a commodity that may be exported to the U.S. and you require information on acceptable residue levels in the U.S., visit CropLife Canada's web site at www.croplife.ca.

FIRST AID

Take container, label or product name and Pest Control Product Registration Number with you when seeking medical attention.

If swallowed: Call a poison control centre or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control centre or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

If on skin or clothing: Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. Call a poison control centre or doctor for treatment advice.

If inhaled: Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible. Call a poison control centre or doctor for further treatment advice.

If in eyes: Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control centre or doctor for treatment advice.

TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No specific antidote. Employ supportive care. Treatment should be based on judgment of the physician in response to reactions of the patient.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL

Do not ship or store with food, feeds, drugs or clothing.

ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS

Do not apply directly to waterbodies. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters.

Maintain a buffer zone of 35m between the last spray swath and the edge of sensitive areas such as shelter belts and woodlots. To protect aquatic habitats, a buffer zone of 7m must be observed between the last spray swath and the edge of sensitive areas such as rivers, lakes, streams and ponds.

When a tank mixture is used, consult the label of the tank-mix partners and observe the largest (most restrictive) buffer zone of the products involved in the tank mixture.

Caution should be exercised when handling this product at mixing and loading sites to prevent contamination of water supplies. Use of closed systems for mixing or transferring this pesticide will reduce the probability of spills. Use a back-flow device when filling sprayer tank with water to prevent back-siphoning into water supply.

Do not contaminate water used for domestic purposes.

STORAGE

Store in original container in a secured dry storage area. Prevent cross-contamination with other pesticides and fertilizers. Keep away from food or feed. Do not store at temperatures above 50°C for extended periods of time. If the container is damaged and a spill occurs, either use the clean product immediately or sweep-up the spilled granules and dispose of as waste.

Water soluble Packaging: packets may become brittle when stored below 0°C. Handle packets carefully when frozen to avoid breakage or allow package to warm above 0°C before handling.

DISPOSAL

1. When all the water-soluble bags are used, make the empty outer package unsuitable for further use.
2. Dispose of the outer package in accordance with provincial requirements.
3. For information on disposal of unused, unwanted product, contact the manufacturer or the provincial regulatory agency. Contact the manufacturer and the provincial regulatory agency in case of a spill, and for clean-up of spills.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FirstRate Herbicide controls certain broadleaved weeds in soybeans. FirstRate Herbicide may be applied preemergence or postemergence.

GENERAL USE PRECAUTIONS

FAILURE TO FOLLOW LABEL INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN ERRATIC WEED CONTROL OR CROP DAMAGE. READ ALL DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE APPLYING.

- **DO NOT APPLY BY AIR.**
- **Do not apply when weather conditions favour drift to non-target sites. To minimize spray drift to non-target areas:**
 1. Do not use nozzles that produce a fine spray droplet.
 2. Minimize drift by using sufficient spray volume to ensure adequate coverage with large droplet size sprays.
 3. Keep ground-driven spray boom as low as possible above the target surface.
 4. Spray when conditions are calm or wind speed is less than 10 km/hr.
- Adequate soil moisture is required for optimum herbicide activity. Preemergence or early postemergence applications require an activating rainfall which moistens the soil to a depth of at least 5 cm.
- Do not apply when air temperature is near freezing or when freezing conditions are expected for several days following time of application.

- Extended cold, wet conditions (soil temperatures below 10°C for extended periods) or abnormally high soil moisture conditions during emergence and early crop development may cause injury symptoms on soybeans such as temporary yellowing of the leaves and/or crop stunting. Soybeans will quickly outgrow these symptoms once normal growing conditions resume.
- Make only 1 application per year.
- Soil applications of FirstRate Herbicide on soils with greater than 5% organic matter may result in reduced weed control. Under these conditions, postemergence applications of FirstRate Herbicide may be required to control specific weeds, however, residual control will be reduced.
- Do not apply to peat or muck soils.

Sprayer Clean-up

Thoroughly clean spray equipment after use. Cleaning should occur as soon as possible after application. All rinsate material should be collected in a suitable container and disposed of according to label directions (i.e., applying it to cropland to be planted to crops recommended on this label) or in a locally approved manner (see Disposal section). Spray equipment should be cleaned after use by the following procedure:

1. Drain the sprayer tank.
2. Hose down the interior surfaces of the tank. Flush tank, hoses, boom and nozzles with clean water for 10 minutes. Fill the tank with water and re-circulate for 15 minutes. Spray part of the mixture through the hoses, boom and nozzles and drain the tank.
3. Remove the nozzles and screens and clean them separately.
4. If the spray equipment will be used on crops other than soybeans, repeat steps 1 and 2 again and thoroughly wash the spray mixture from the outside of spray tank and the boom.

ROTATIONAL CROP RESTRICTIONS

When tank mixing with other herbicides, follow the crop rotation on the label of each product used.

Crop	Rotational Interval (Months)
soybean	0
wheat	4
corn	9

A field bioassay should be conducted before planting other crops not listed above. A successful field bioassay means growing to maturity test strips of the crop(s) intended for production the following year.

Field Bioassay

Using typical tillage, seeding practices, and timings for the particular crop, plant several strips of the desired crop across the field previously treated with FirstRate Herbicide. Plant the strips perpendicular to the direction FirstRate Herbicide was applied. The strips should also be located so that different field conditions are encountered, including soil texture, drainage and compacted areas. If the crop does not show visible symptoms of injury or stand reduction, the field can be seeded with the test crop in the growing season following the bioassay. If visible injury or stand reduction occurs, the test crop should not be seeded and the bioassay must be repeated the next growing season.

PREHARVEST INTERVALS

Do not harvest soybean plants for forage or hay. Do not harvest soybeans for 65 days after application.

Caution: Do not graze the treated crops or cut for hay; sufficient data are not available to support this use.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

FirstRate Herbicide is registered for use on soybeans in Eastern Canada as a preemergence or post-emergence application.

PREEMERGENCE APPLICATION

Preemergence applications may be made in both conventional and conservation tillage systems. Apply after planting but prior to crop or weed emergence. FirstRate Herbicide may be applied alone or in tank-mix combination with Broadstrike™Dual, or Pursuit. When applied in tank-mix combination, follow applicable use instructions, including rates, precautions and restrictions of each product used in the tank mixture.

Weeds Controlled by FirstRate Herbicide alone

cocklebur lamb's-quarters
common ragweed velvetleaf

Adequate soil moisture is necessary for optimum herbicidal efficacy. Rainfall is necessary to move FirstRate Herbicide into the weed germination zone. Sufficient rainfall to moisten the soil to a depth of 5 cm is generally adequate. If adequate rainfall is not received within 7 to 10 days after application, a shallow cultivation or use of a rotary hoe is recommended to control established weeds and move the herbicide into the weed germination zone. When adequate rainfall is received following dry conditions, activity on established weeds will depend on the weed species and the location of the root system in the soil.

Rates Of Application

FirstRate Herbicide Applied Alone

Component	Amount	Weeds Controlled
FirstRate Herbicide	20.8 g/ha 1 WSP treats 0.8 ha	Common Ragweed, Velvetleaf, Lambsquarters
	41.7 g/ha 1 WSP treats 0.4 ha	Common Ragweed, Velvetleaf, Cocklebur and heavy infestations of Lambsquarters

FirstRate Herbicide Plus Broadstrike Dual

Component	Amount	Weeds Controlled
FirstRate Herbicide	20.8 g/ha 1 WSP treats 0.8 ha	Common Ragweed, Velvetleaf, Cocklebur, Lambsquarters plus weeds on the Broadstrike Dual label
Broadstrike Dual	2.4 L/ha	

FirstRate Herbicide Plus Pursuit

Component	Amount	Weeds Controlled
FirstRate Herbicide	20.8 g/ha 1 WSP treats 0.8 ha	Common Ragweed, Velvetleaf, Cocklebur, Lambsquarters plus weeds on the Pursuit label
Pursuit	312 mL/ha	

POSTEMERGENCE APPLICATION

FirstRate Herbicide may be applied any time prior to the flowering stage of soybeans. Application prior to full emergence of the first trifoliate leaf may cause temporary yellowing of soybeans. This effect is transient and has no effect on soybean yields. Application timing restrictions of tank-mix partners should be followed. When applied in a tank-mix combination, follow applicable use instructions, including rates, precautions and restrictions of each product used in the tank mixture.

Weeds controlled by FirstRate Herbicide alone

Leaf Stage

cocklebur, common	4 to 8
jimsonweed	2 to 4
ragweed, common	4 to 8
ragweed, giant	4 to 6
velvetleaf	2 to 4

Postemergence applications of FirstRate Herbicide will provide residual soil activity on broadleaved weeds. Length and effectiveness of residual activity from postemergence applications is dependent on rainfall following application (2 cm or more rainfall within a week of application), density of the weed and crop canopy at application, the reserve of non-germinated weed seeds in surface soil and soil organic matter (>5%).

Rates Of Application

FirstRate Herbicide Applied Alone

Component	Amount	Weeds Controlled
FirstRate Herbicide	20.8 g/ha 1 WSP treats 0.8 ha	Common Ragweed, Velvetleaf, Cocklebur, Jimsonweed, Giant Ragweed
Non-ionic Surfactant*	0.25% v/v	
Liquid Fertilizer 28-0-0 or 32-0-0	2.5% v/v	

FirstRate Herbicide Plus Pursuit

Component	Amount	Weeds Controlled
FirstRate Herbicide	20.8 g/ha 1 WSP treats 0.8 ha	Common Ragweed, Velvetleaf, Cocklebur, Jimsonweed, Giant Ragweed plus weeds on the Pursuit label
Pursuit	312 mL/ha	
Non-ionic Surfactant*	0.25% v/v	
Liquid Fertilizer 28-0-0 or 32-0-0	2 L/ha	

*The non-ionic surfactant Agral 90 and liquid fertilizer should be added to the spray tank last.

Weed Control in Glyphosate Tolerant Soybean, i.e., Varieties with the Roundup Ready Gene

WARNING: Apply Roundup Herbicide on glyphosate tolerant soybean varieties only, i.e., varieties with the Roundup Ready gene.

NOTE: ALWAYS USE PEDIGREED (I.E., CERTIFIED) SOYBEAN SEED DESIGNATED AS GLYPHOSATE TOLERANT. SOYBEANS WHICH ARE NOT DESIGNATED AS GLYPHOSATE TOLERANT WILL BE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY THIS TREATMENT.

FirstRate Herbicide Plus Vantage™, Vantage Plus or Roundup

Component	Amount	Weeds Controlled
FirstRate Herbicide	20.8 g/ha 1 WSP treats 0.8 ha	Common Ragweed, Velvetleaf, Cocklebur, Jimsonweed, Giant Ragweed plus weeds on the Vantage, Vantage Plus, and Roundup labels
Vantage, Vantage Plus or Roundup	1.25 - 2.5 L/ha	
Non-ionic Surfactant*	0.125% v/v	
Liquid Fertilizer 28-0-0 or 32-0-0	2.5% v/v	

* The non-ionic surfactant Agral 90 and liquid fertilizer should be added to the spray tank last.

MIXING AND APPLICATION

SPRAY PREPARATION

FirstRate Herbicide is a water dispersible granule formulation. Thorough mixing is required. Vigorous, continuous agitation during mixing, filling and throughout application is required. Sparger pipe agitators generally provide the most effective agitation in spray tanks. To prevent foaming in the spray tank avoid stirring or splashing air into the spray mixture. To prevent foaming during filling keep end of fill pipe below the surface of the liquid in the spray tank. The addition of an anti-foaming agent such as Halt[®] may also reduce foaming.

The following method is recommended:

1. Fill the spray tank with 1/4 to 1/3 of the total amount of water required for the load.
2. Start the agitation system.
3. Open the foil over-pack and add the required number of water soluble packets (product in transparent film) directly into the spray tank while agitating. Do not open water soluble packets. Water soluble packets will float on the surface until the water soluble film dissolves and releases the product. Handling packets with hands should be minimized.
4. Continue agitation until the product is completely dispersed.
5. For postemergence applications only: Add the non-ionic surfactant and liquid fertilizer after the water soluble packets have dissolved completely.
6. Complete filling spray tank while continuing agitation system.
7. Before spraying, make sure the product is thoroughly dispersed in the water.

If spraying and agitation must be stopped before the spray tank is empty, the materials may settle to the bottom. Settled materials must be re-suspended before spraying is resumed. A sparger agitator is particularly useful for this purpose. Settled material may be more difficult to re-suspend than when originally mixed. Line screens in the spray tank should be no finer than 50 mesh.

Spray Application

Apply FirstRate Herbicide in sufficient spray volume to provide uniform coverage using properly calibrated ground equipment. A total spray volume of 100 to 300 L/ha using low pressure (135 to 270 kPa) application is recommended. Maintain sufficient agitation in the sprayer tank during spraying to ensure a uniform spray mixture. Apply spray mixture within 24 hours after mixing. If the product is allowed to settle, thoroughly agitate to re-suspend the mixture before spraying.

NOTE TO USER: READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT FOR THE INDICATED SPECIAL USE APPLICATIONS: The DIRECTIONS FOR USE for this product for the use(s) described below were developed by persons other than Dow AgroSciences Canada Inc. and accepted for registration by Health Canada under the User Requested Minor Use Label Expansion program. Dow AgroSciences Canada Inc. itself makes no representation or warranty with respect to performance (efficacy) and/or crop tolerance (phytotoxicity) claims for this product when used on the crop(s) listed below.

Accordingly, the Buyer and User assume all risks related to performance and crop tolerance arising, and agrees to hold Dow AgroSciences Canada Inc. harmless from any claims based on efficacy and/or phytotoxicity in connection with the use(s) described on this label.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

POSTEMERGENCE APPLICATION TO SOYBEANS

For control of Canada fleabane (up to the 20 leaf stage) and suppression of horsenettle. Make one postemergent ground application per year.

Application rate

Apply at a rate of 20.8 g/ha (one water soluble packet treats 0.8 ha)

PREEMERGENCE APPLICATION TO SOYBEANS

For the control of Giant Ragweed, apply FirstRate Herbicide after planting but prior to crop emergence.

Application rate

For the control of Giant Ragweed (pre-emergence and cotyledon to 4 leaf stage), apply FirstRate Herbicide at a rate of 41.7 grams of product per hectare (one water soluble packet treats 0.4 hectares).

For control of Giant Ragweed (cotyledon to 6 leaf stage) apply FirstRate Herbicide at a rate of 20.8 grams of product per hectare (one water soluble packet treats 0.8 hectares) plus 0.25% v/v Agral 90 plus 2.5% v/v liquid fertilizer (28-0-0 or 32-0-0).

Refer to the main FirstRate label for additional details and instructions, including preharvest intervals, before using.

READ THE ROTATIONAL CROPPING RESTRICTIONS ON THE FULL LABEL BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT.

WEED RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT

FirstRate Herbicide is a Group 2 herbicide. Any weed population may contain plants naturally resistant to FirstRate Herbicide and other Group 2 herbicides. The resistant individuals can eventually dominate the weed population if these herbicides are used repeatedly. These resistant weeds will not be controlled by FirstRate Herbicide or other Group 2 herbicides. To delay herbicide resistance:

- Avoid the exclusive, repeated use of FirstRate Herbicide or other herbicides in the same herbicide group.
- Rotate with herbicides from a different herbicide group that control the same weeds as FirstRate Herbicide.
- Use tank mixes with herbicides from different groups when a use is permitted.
- Integrate tillage or other mechanical cultural control methods into weed control programs whenever practical.
- Prevent movement of resistant weeds to other fields by cleaning harvesting and tillage equipment and planting clean seed.
- Keep accurate records of crop rotation and herbicides used in each of your fields.
- For further information, contact your local Dow AgroSciences representative.

NOTICE TO USER: This pest control product is to be used only in accordance with the directions on the label. It is an offence under the *Pest Control Products Act* to use this product in a way that is inconsistent with the directions on the label. The user assumes the risk to persons or property that arises from any such use of this product.

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