

New option in faba and azuki beans

Resellers can now offer a new option for controlling problem grasses and broadleaf weeds in faba beans, broad beans and azuki beans with Claw® 350SL from Crop Care.

The APVMA has issued a permit allowing the use of Claw 350SL (imazamox) in these crops, in addition to the herbicide's current registrations in lucerne and legume pastures.

Claw 350SL contains 350 g/L of imazamox, a Group B imidazolinone herbicide.

Crop Care launched the unique soluble liquid imazamox herbicide in 2014, recognising the need for an effective formulation that was easy to measure and handle.

Jason Wheaton, Territory Sales Manager with Crop Care in South Australia, said Claw would fill a useful niche for controlling wild radish and grass weeds in faba beans, particularly before the canopy closes over.

"In areas like Bordertown and Tatiara, faba beans are replacing canola in the rotation because they are more lucrative and provide growers with other options when it comes to weed control," Mr Wheaton said.

"Like faba beans, broad beans are also being grown in increasing quantities for local dairy markets as well as for human consumption, providing growers with another potential income source," he said.

The advent of disease resistant bean varieties and better agronomic practices are fuelling the trend.

Mr Wheaton said Claw 350SL was finding an important niche in lucerne seed crops in the Upper South East of South Australia.

"This region produces 90 per cent of Australia's lucerne seed, so it is important for growers to protect these high value crops from the threat of broadleaf and grass weeds," he said.

"The ease of tank mixing Claw 350SL with trifolamine is allowing lucerne growers to control broadleaf and grass weeds with one application, saving time and increasing efficiency."



Mr Wheaton recommended adding the crop oil, Supercharge Elite, to give superior efficacy on target weeds when applied post emergence in lucerne, compared with traditional, non-ionic surfactants.

Claw 350SL has been specifically developed to target a range of problem grasses and broadleaf weeds including barley grass, silver grass and erodium.

Mr Wheaton said the compatibility of Claw 350SL with a range of herbicides and insecticides gave the new product great flexibility and opened up sales opportunities for resellers.

Claw 350SL is also compatible with MCPA and simazine.

Numerous insecticides are also compatible with new Claw 350SL, allowing growers to target specific insect pests and weeds in one application.

These include Imidan which is commonly mixed with Astral 250EC, as well as Saboteur, Mascot Duo and omethoate.

For more information about Claw 350SL, contact your local Crop Care sales representative or visit www.cropcare.com.au



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