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Enlist™ Field Specialists Show the Way to Control Tough Weeds

Retailers and growers can rely on weed experts for information and advice

INDIANAPOLIS — Feb. 26, 2016 — Growers know the weed landscape is changing across the South. Managing tough-to-control and herbicide-resistant weeds requires a new approach. Enlist™ field specialists can help growers, applicators and retailers adopt effective control plans, including the Enlist weed control system.

Ralph Lassiter, Enlist field specialist, has seen all types of weed challenges and understands the issues Southeastern growers face. Lassiter is part of a team of Enlist field specialists —experts who provide in-field technical support for growers, distributors, seed companies and retailers.



Herbicide-resistant species are spreading

Southeastern growers face some of the most challenging weeds, including Palmer amaranth, ragweed and marestail. In addition to glyphosate resistance, some growers are starting to see weeds that are resistant to protoporphyrinogen oxidase (PPO).

“We are the tip of the spear when it comes to resistant weed challenges,” Lassiter says. “With the appearance of PPO resistance, growers are concerned about which products we’ll be able to use.”

Lassiter says it’s more important than ever to use a planned approach to weed control. He suggests growers need to start with clean fields before planting and use preemergence residual products, preferably with different modes of action.

“Growers can follow with timely postemergence applications,” he says. “Using an additional mode of action or two can help control more weeds.”

Growers who plant Enlist corn and Enlist™ soybeans will be able to use Enlist Duo® herbicide to control difficult and herbicide-resistant weeds. Cotton growers are awaiting registration from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of Enlist Duo for use on Enlist cotton.

Enlist Duo is a proprietary blend of glyphosate and new 2,4-D choline. Because this technology uses two modes of action, it helps preserve and prolong the efficacy of both ingredient herbicides. And it controls the stubborn weeds that rob yield.

Enlist field specialists offer the technical support for growers and retailers who adopt the Enlist system. They provide training, assist with service inquiries and help implement Enlist Ahead — a management resource that allows growers, applicators and retailers to achieve the best results from the Enlist™ weed control system today and in the future. They can help growers understand the Enlist technology and make better decisions to steward the technology for years to come.

Offering application advice

Like all field specialists, Lassiter can help growers, applicators and retailers learn effective practices that ensure on-target application of Enlist Duo herbicide. These include using the appropriate nozzles, spray pressure and tank cleanout practices. Enlist Duo features Colex-D® technology, which provides several benefits, including near-zero volatility, minimized potential for physical drift, low odor and improved handling characteristics.

“We have 23 nozzles approved for use with Enlist Duo herbicide,” Lassiter says. “These nozzles have been tested by Dow AgroSciences and independently to ensure they offer effective plant coverage and limit off-target movement.”

An effective weed management program involves hitting weeds before they can get established and start curbing yield. But, in the real world, flexibility also is a benefit.

“It’s best to control weeds early,” Lassiter says. “We want to hit them with a postemergence application when the weeds are 4 to 6 inches tall. However, Mother Nature sometimes prevents us from getting into the field at the optimum time. In those cases, Enlist Duo offers a wide window of opportunity and still can control tough weeds.”

Enlist Duo® herbicide can be applied any time from planting until the R2 stage in soybeans and the V8 stage in corn.



“As an Enlist field specialist, I’m here to provide education, training and support to growers, applicators and retailers,” Lassiter says. “The goal is to help growers manage weed challenges successfully now and in the years to come.”

Visit Enlist.com to learn more about weed control options and the Enlist™ weed control system.

Sidebar:

Tips to Manage Weed Resistance

Southern growers are struggling with tough-to-control and herbicide-resistant weeds including Palmer amaranth. Taking the following steps during the season can help them manage weed resistance:

- Develop an integrated weed management plan that delivers multiple modes of action throughout the season. With resistance increasing, the Enlist™ weed control system allows use of effective modes of action.
- Use full rates of the herbicides during applications. Do not use partial rates or trim back for any reason, including cost.
- Spray when weeds are small. Although it can be challenging because of weather and other factors, this is the ideal application timing.
- Scout fields regularly to identify weeds when they are small and easy to control.



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