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WEED CONTROL

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DOUBLEGEE

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Pasture

Dicamba (trade name Banex) can be used for the control of doublegee in pastures. One half pint per acre is effective when the weed is in the 2-3 leaf stage. Unfortunately clovers and medics are killed more readily than doublegee, making the value of the treatment debatable.

Is it worth losing the legume component of the pasture in order to kill the doublegee?

Where it is necessary to reseed a pasture, the cultivation required can be expected to cause the germination of dormant seed, so that little is achieved in long term control.

Cereals

Dicamba can be applied to cereals with complete safety providing a number of conditions are met. Firstly the rate of application should not exceed ½ pint of the commercial product per acre. The second condition is that the treatment should only be applied when the cereal is in the early stooling stage. That is when the plant has made from three to five tillers and is from 6 in. to 10 in. tall. If applied before this growth stage is reached, or during the boot stage (when the head is developing in the sheath of the flag leaf), yields may be reduced.

Dicamba is not effective against radish or turnip and where they are present with doublegee 2,4-D amine should be added to the solution.
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