

GETTING THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULTS



Checklist



1 Use Sakura only in wheat (except durum wheat) and triticale

2 Use Sakura in rotation with other chemical and non-chemical control options

Sakura should be part of a farm-wide Integrated Weed Management strategy. Ideally use Sakura pre-emergent herbicide in situations where the weed seed bank has been lowered, such as after two break crops.

3 Add Sakura *slowly* and directly to the spray tank. Mix Sakura in the tank first and ensure it is fully dispersed before adding other products

Maintain good agitation before and during spraying.

4 Apply Sakura at full label rates

Reducing rates will compromise weed control and increase the risk of developing herbicide-resistant weeds.

5 Apply Sakura evenly to uncultivated soil that isn't too ridged or cloddy

Cultivation before Sakura application (including "tickle") will bury weed seeds, or stimulate increased emergence and usually result in reduced weed control – especially if there isn't enough time for an effective knockdown.

6 Use higher water rates if the stubble cover is likely to be problematic

Stubble cover or other plant residues of greater than 50% can reduce the effectiveness of Sakura.

Pulverised pasture stubble 'blanketing' the soil or only partially burned windrows will be more problematic than crop stubble, even if it's prostrate.

If the previous year's stubble is to be burned, do it as a 'hot' burn several weeks before seeding. 'Cold' burns can create a physical barrier between Sakura and the germinating weeds.

7 Ensure emerged weeds are controlled by an effective knockdown herbicide before planting the crop

8 Sakura needs to be present when weeds germinate for most effective uptake

Sakura works well for dry seeding, but control will be compromised if Sakura is applied onto moist soil without follow-up rain. For application after a weed germination event with minimal rain forecast, tank-mixing with trifluralin may help to improve control.

Conversely, heavy rainfall after Sakura application on sandy soil may cause movement of the herbicide out of the weed seed zone and reduce weed control.

Do not apply Sakura if heavy rain has been forecast within 48 hours.

9 Incorporate Sakura by sowing (IBS) using either knife points and press wheels or narrow points and harrows within 3 days of application

Maintain a sowing speed that ensures treated soil is not thrown into adjacent crop rows.

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