

HIGH rainfall and sandy soil

One of the things that makes Sakura® so effective for so long is that it remains active in the soil for an extended period – long enough to control buried seeds that might normally emerge as weeds later than most other pre-emergent herbicides remain effective.

However, in very sandy soils, heavy rain can incorporate Sakura to such a depth that it is diluted below its optimum concentration and won't provide the usual high levels of control of weeds germinating at or near the surface.



For more information about getting the best out of Sakura, including a short video about this issue, visit www.sakuraherbicide.com.au

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Delayed effect

Because of this extended incorporation and dilution effect, Sakura tends to take a few weeks to reach peak levels of control in sandy soil, even with only moderate rainfall after sowing. The good news is that it can then go on controlling later germinations for months. When the rain is very heavy, Sakura can still remain effective on buried seeds that would otherwise germinate later in the season.

Application timing

We realise that growers don't usually have the luxury of sowing every paddock at the best possible time and weather forecasts aren't always precise. However, if you have very sandy soils and heavy rain is forecast and you *are* able to delay spraying and sowing until after that rain has fallen, you may be able to avoid the problems described above.

Tank-mixing

One option in sandy-soil situations is to tank-mix Sakura with another pre-emergent herbicide. Adding trifluralin, for example, is one very good, cost-effective option that can help support the overall level of weed control.

Technical advice

The management of this issue can be quite specific to each local area, so we suggest you talk to your local Bayer CropScience technical advisor or call our technical enquiries number: 1800 804 479.