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Using Adjuvants In Your Plant Protection Program

Here’s how adjuvants can improve the performance and coverage of your plant protection product applications.

Using adjuvants in your turf management program can help you improve plant protection product performance. They can even make the difference between peak and poor performance. The starting point is to find the right adjuvant for the job. The most commonly used adjuvants for turf are: wetting agents; spreader/stickers; spreader/activators; sticking agents, and buffering and compatibility agents.

Wetting Agents

If you’ve been making thorough herbicide, fungicide and insecticide applications but still aren’t getting the control you expect, your plant protection product may not be penetrating plant tissue surfaces. This reduces control and leaves spray residue susceptible to wash-off. The wetting agent Riverside® Silkin™ helps sprays penetrate plant tissue quicker for improved overall performance.

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The wetting agent Riverside Silkin and spreader/activator Riverside Activate Plus™ reduce surface tension of spray so that it forms "flatter" droplets, improving coverage and absorption.

Spreader/Stickers

Good control in some areas and poor control in others could mean drift and wash-off are taking their toll on spray performance. During application, spray droplet size varies, reducing adhesion and causing spray to miss the target. To improve coverage and adhesion, use the spreader/sticker Riverside Complex™. It adjusts droplet size for better performance, even under adverse conditions. By reducing surface tension in the spray droplet and keeping the spray mixture suspended, Complex can dramatically improve the efficiency of herbicides, fungicides and insecticides.

Spreader/Activators

Droplet size varies during applications, making retention and distribution more difficult. Spreader/activators work in much the same way wetting agents do. They deliver more uniform droplet distribution, quicker wetting and increased spray retention on leaf and stem surfaces when used with herbicides, fungicides and insecticides.

The spreader/activator Riverside Activate Plus improves performance and efficiency by moving the spray into plant tissue more quickly. By speeding up penetration, you get increased pest control.

Sticking Agents

Contact herbicides, and non-systemic fungicides and insecticides can sometimes be washed away by rain, irrigation or even dew. Plant protection product sprays are also affected by drift. The sticking agent Riverside Flex helps plant protection products penetrate the vegetation canopy and stick to plant tissue. That also helps control drift. Using Riverside Adjuvants Maximize Your Pest Control.
Plex will help you make applications that will last longer, even in wet conditions. It improves coverage. Both maintain droplet size near 400 microns, ideal for the best application.

### Approximate Actual Size

- **<250 Microns**
- **250-400 Microns**
- **>400 Microns**

Spray droplets under 250 microns are susceptible to drift and poor coverage. Using Riverside Plex or the spreader/sticker Riverside Complex to control droplet size effectively controls drift and improves coverage. Both maintain droplet size near 400 microns, ideal for the best application.

### Buffering and Compatibility Agents

If you’re not getting the control you want but have followed label directions to the letter, it could be a pH problem in your tank mix. The buffering agent Riverside Combine® will help you correct the pH level for maximum performance from your spray mixture. If you’re unsure of your pH level, use a pH test kit or, if you don’t have one, contact your Terra representative.

### Get maximum plant protection product performance with Riverside® adjuvants.

Adjuvants help you get the most out of your program and protect your plant protection product investment at the same time. Riverside adjuvants make the difference between a good job and a great job. Use them with your spray applications to maximize performance.

### Combine® pH use chart.

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A chart like this one makes it easy to adjust pH level for optimum results. For example, if your desired pH is 7 and your starting pH is 9, you would need to mix 4 ounces of Combine per 100 gallons of water to get the proper pH.

In addition to buffering, Combine also works as a compatibility agent. The compatibility agent Combine should be used when: more than one plant protection product is included in a tank mix; when tank mixing different formulations like wettable powders and liquids; or when applying micronutrients or plant protection products with fertilizer. Also, Combine improves spray mix stability and dispersion.

To see if a compatibility agent will help your tank mix, try the jar test. Fill two quart jars each with a pint of water or carrier. Use the same source and temperature as you would in your actual tank mix. Mark one jar “with” and one “without.” Add 1/8 teaspoon of Riverside Combine to the jar marked “with” and shake it gently for 5-10 seconds. Add the plant protection product(s) to both jars in the proper volume and sequence according to the label directions. Shake gently before adding each new product. Wait 5-10 minutes. Check both jars. If no gels, sludge, flakes or other irregularities are present, the mix is compatible.

If the jar marked “with” is compatible and the jar marked “without” isn’t, a compatibility agent should be added to your tank mix. If the jar marked “with” isn’t compatible, the tank mix shouldn’t be used. Wait 30 minutes. If the mixture separates but readily mixes again, the tank mix can be used with proper agitation.

### Adjuvants Pay Off

Overall, adjuvants can help you protect the investment you make in plant protection products by making them more effective. Whether you’re using wetting agents, spreader/stickers, spreader/activators, sticking agents, buffering and compatibility agents or all five, they can help you overcome some of the common problems faced by turf professionals.

For more technical information on adjuvants, contact your nearest Terra Professional Products representative.
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