

BROADLEAF WEED CONTROL AFTER CLOPYRALID

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Dow AgroSciences announced that they were voluntarily removing certain uses of clopyralid. This affects the label of clopyralid for use on residential sites. The decision to remove residential uses of clopyralid will limit some of the herbicide choices that we have come accustomed to in recent years. Clopyralid is very active on clover, medic and thistle and is included in many postemergence broadleaf products (Confront, Momentum, Millennium Ultra and Battleship). Golf courses, commercial properties and sod farms will retain their labels.

In response to the loss of clopyralid, Dow actively pursued the labeling of fluroxypyr, another pyridine class herbicide, to replace clopyralid. Fluroxypyr, labeled as Spotlight in late 2003, has shown excellent clover activity in our studies. Fluroxypyr is has shown good tankmix compatibility with triclopyr and the phenoxy acids (2,4-D, MCPP, MCPA). It is likely that fluroxypyr will be included in many familiar broadleaf herbicides in 2005.