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## IMPORTANT

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**If any information in this or any other publication conflicts with the information on the label, always use the label recommendation.** You are legally responsible for the safe use of pesticides you purchase. This means the safe transport and storage of these materials, the label rates used on crops, and the safe disposal of containers

Pest	Group	Active Ingredient	Pesticide Product Name	Rate	Restricted-Entry Interval (REI)	Pre-Harvest Interval (days)	Remarks
<b>WEEDS</b>							
<b>Preplant</b> <i>Perennial weeds including quackgrass</i>	14	Carfentrazone-ethyl	<b>Aim EC</b>	36.5-117 ml/ha	-	1	Apply in minimum spray volume of 100 L/ha. Refer to label for target weeds, buffer zones and rates. Use high flow rate nozzles to apply the highest spray volume.
	9	Glyphosate	<b>Roundup Transorb HC</b>	1.67-4.67 L/ha	12 hours	7	Apply in the fall or spring prior to planting. Annual weed control programs will be necessary to control weeds germinating after planting. For quackgrass control, apply to actively growing quackgrass when at least 4 new leaves are present. The low rate (1.67 L/ha) will provide a minimum of one season control, while higher rates (1.67-4.67 L/ha) will provide longer term control. The low rate of Roundup should be applied in 50 to 100 L/ha water. If higher water volumes are used, add a suitable surfactant. Allow 3 or more days after treatment before tillage. Best control of quackgrass is obtained when these herbicides are applied in the fall.
			<b>Roundup WeatherMAX</b>	1.67-4.67 L/ha	12 hours	7	
<b>Touchdown Total</b>	1.8-5.0 L/ha	12 hours	7				
<b>Preemergence Treatments</b> <i>Germinating broadleaved weeds</i>	5	Pyrazon	<b>Pyramin FL</b>	8.25-10.25 L/ha	12 hours	-	Do not apply on soils with less than 3% organic matter. Use high rate on medium to heavy soils. Apply in 200-500 L of water / ha. At least 1.25 cm rain after application is necessary for good weed control.

<i>Broadleaf weeds and grasses</i>	15	S-metolachlor	<b>Dual II Magnum</b>	1.25 L/ha	12 hours	-	Make only one application per year in a minimum of 150 L of water per ha. <b>DUAL II MAGNUM may result in injury to the red beet crop which may include stand loss, delayed maturity and even loss of yield.</b> Irrigate after application to activate the herbicide if rainfall is not expected but use only 0.5 inches of water to incorporate the herbicide. Excessive irrigation will increase the risk of crop injury. <b>Mechanical incorporation of DUAL II MAGNUM will increase the risk of crop injury.</b> DO NOT use DUAL II MAGNUM if the planting operation creates a furrow or trough over the seed-row into which rain or irrigation water will collect and thus concentrate the herbicide over the row.
<i>Broadleaf weeds and grasses</i>	26	Pelargonic acid	<b>Beloukha</b> <i>NEW 2021</i>	12 – 20 L/ha	Until dry	1	Use the minimum effective rate for weed control. For harder-to-control weeds, higher rates or repeat applications may be required. During seedbed preparation, apply either before or after seeding but at least 3 days prior to crop emergence. Max. 4 applications/season
<i>Stale seedbed technique</i>	22	Diquat	<b>Reglone, Dessicash</b>	2.3-4.6 L/ha	24 hours	-	Apply in 300 to 1100 L of water/ha to foliage of the emerged weeds but before the crop has emerged.
		Paraquat	<b>Gramoxone®</b>	2.75-5.5 L/ha	24 hours	-	Use Gramoxone for best control of grasses.
<b>Postemergence Treatments</b> <i>Annual broadleaf weeds</i>	5	Pyrazon	<b>Pyramin FL plus Citowett Plus</b>	8.25 L/ha plus 250ml/100L of spray volume	-	-	Apply after the first true leaf of beets is 2.5 cm long and before weeds have reached the 4 <sup>th</sup> true leaf stage. Apply in 300-400 L of water / ha

<b>Postemergence Treatments</b>  <i>Annual broadleaf weeds</i>	2	Triflurosulfuron methyl	<b>Upbeet</b> plus <b>Non-ionic surfactant</b> (Agral 90, Citowett plus, Agsurf)	36 g/ha plus 0.25% v/v	12 hours	30	For the control of broadleaf weeds, apply up to 3 times per year, post emergent to the crop, when beets are 2-4 leaf, 4-6 leaf and 6-8 leaf stages. <b>In situations of stress, delay application until both weeds and crop resume growth.</b> See label for mixing and application instructions. <b>Do not apply more than 108 g/ha per year.</b>
	5	Phenmedipham Desmedipham	<b>Betamix β EC</b>	1.15-1.75 L/ha	24 hours	30	May be applied to red garden beet at any growth stage when necessary to control early germinating weeds. Apply in 100-200 L /ha of water. Apply a maximum of 3 applications per season.
	4	Clopyralid	<b>Lontrel 360</b>	0.42-0.56 L/ha	12 hours	30	Make one application per year to control labeled weeds. Apply to garden beets in the 2 - 8 leaf stage. Apply when weeds are actively growing. Apply post planting as a ground application only. Apply in 200 – 300 L water/ha.
	4	Clopyralid	<b>Lontrel XC</b>  <i>NEW 2021</i>	0.25 – 0.34 L/ha	12 hours	30	Make one application per year to control labeled weeds. Apply to garden beets in the 2 - 8 leaf stage. Apply when weeds are actively growing. Apply post planting as a ground application only. Apply in 200 – 300 L water/ha.
<i>Grasses</i>	1	Sethoxydim	<b>Poast® Ultra Plus Merge®</b> (adjuvant)	1.1 L/ha plus 1% v/v	12 hours	49	Can apply up to two applications per year, but total product applied <b>cannot exceed 1.1 l/ha per season.</b> Do not apply with Spray droplets smaller than the ASAE medium classification. See label for buffer zone restrictions.
	1	Clethodim	<b>Centurion</b>  + <b>Amigo</b> (adjuvant)	0.19-0.38 L/ha Quackgrasses: 0.38 L/ha	12 hours	30	<b>To be used only with the adjuvant AMIGO.</b> <u>Annual grasses:</u> Apply Centurion when the annual grasses and volunteer cereals are in the 2 to 6 leaf stage. Most effective control is achieved when application is made prior to tillering when grasses are small and actively growing. <u>Quackgrass:</u> Apply Centurion when the quackgrass is in the 2 to 6 leaf

<i>Grasses</i>				0.5% v/v Quackgrasses: 1.0% v/v			stage and 6 to 15 cm in height. Most effective results are achieved when application is made at the 3 to 5 leaf stage, when the canopy is uniform and actively growing. Apply a maximum of two applications per year. If repeat application is required, allow at least 14 days between first and second application. * Refer to section “MINOR USES” in the label for additional use instructions.
<i>Inter-row shielded</i>	14	Carfentrazone-ethyl	<b>Aim EC</b>	36.5-117 mL/ha	12 hours	1	Apply in minimum spray volume of 100 L/ha. Refer to label for target weeds, buffer zones and rates. Use high flow rate nozzles to apply the highest spray volume.
	22	Diquat	<b>Reglone, Dessicant</b>	2.3-4.6 L/ha	24 hours	-	Do not spray solution on the crop plant since it could be injured or killed. Use Gramoxone for best control of grasses.
		Paraquat	<b>Gramoxone®</b>	2.75-5.5 L/ha	24 hours	-	
26	Pelargonic acid	<b>Beloukha</b>  <i>NEW 2021</i>	12 – 20 L/ha	Until dry	1	Use the minimum effective rate for weed control. For harder-to-control weeds, higher rates or repeat applications may be required. Use shielded / directed spray to avoid spraying desired vegetation	
<b>Pest</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Active Ingredient</b>	<b>Pesticide Product Name</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Restricted-Entry Interval (REI)</b>	<b>Pre-Harvest Interval (days)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>INSECTS</b>							
<b>Aphids</b>	1B	Malathion	<b>Malathion 85E</b>	535-1345 ml/ha	24 hours	7	Use enough water volume to ensure plant coverage.
	29	Flonicamid	<b>Beleaf 50SG</b>	0.12-0.16 kg/ha	12 hours	3	Thorough spray coverage of plant foliage is essential. Minimum of 94 liters of water/ha. Maximum of 3 applications per season, allow 7

<b>Aphids</b>							days between applications. <b>Avoid overnight storage of spray mixtures, do not use liquid fertilizer as a carrier and do not use adjuvants.</b>
	4	Thiamethoxam	<b>Actara 25 WG</b>	105 g/ha	12 hours	7	<b>Also controls Aster leafhopper.</b> Apply before pests reach damaging levels. Scout fields and treat again if populations rebuild to potentially damaging levels. Max of 2 app/season. Application interval: 7 days. Apply in sufficient water volume to ensure adequate coverage. Do not use less than 100 L/ha.
	4C	Sulfoxaflor	<b>Closer SC</b>	50-150 ml/ha	12 hours	7	Maximum 2 applications/growing season. Do not apply during crop flowering period or when flowering weeds are present in treatment area. Minimum treatment interval = 7 days. Minimum 100 L/ha spray volume for ground application.
	4D	Flupyradifurone	<b>BYI 02960 200SL</b>  <i>NEW 2021</i>	500 – 750 mL/ha	12 hours	7	Tops or greens from these crops may not be fed to livestock as feed or used for human consumption. Minimum interval between applications: 10 days. Minimum application volume: 100 L/ha. Maximum BYI 02960 200SL Insecticide allowed per crop season: 2000 mL/ha.
<b>Flea beetles and leaf hoppers</b>	1A	Carbaryl	<b>Sevin XLR Plus</b>	1.25-2.5 L/ha	5 days (hand harvest, irrigation), 12 hours (scouting, hand weeding, thinning).	7 (beet root) 21 (beet tops)	Use a lower rate on young plants. Repeat on a 7–10-day interval.
	1B	Malathion	<b>Malathion 85E</b>	535-1345 ml/ha	24 hours	7	Use enough water volume to ensure plant coverage.
	4D	Flupyradifurone	<b>BYI 02960 200SL</b>  <i>NEW 2021</i>	500 – 750 mL/ha	12 hours	7	<b>Leafhoppers.</b> Tops or greens from these crops may not be fed to livestock as feed or used for human consumption. Minimum interval between applications: 10 days. Minimum application

<b>Flea beetles and leaf hoppers</b>							volume: 100 L/ha. Maximum BYI 02960 200SL Insecticide allowed per crop season: 2000 mL/ha.
<b>Tarnished plant bug</b>	4C	Sulfoxaflor	<b>Closer</b>	300 mL/ha	12 hours	7	Not for use on beet greens.
	1B	Dimethoate	<b>Lagon 480 E</b>	0.7 L/ha	3 days	12	Maximum of 3 applications per season.
<b>Cutworms</b>	3	Permethrin	<b>Pounce 384 EC</b>	180 – 390 ml/ha	When dry	-	Only apply up to the 5-leaf stage. Applications should be made in warm moist conditions in the evening. Do not disturb soil for 5 days after treatment. Will only control surface feeding or climbing stages of cutworms.
<b>Diamondback Moth, Cabbage Looper, Imported Cabbageworm</b>	5	Spinetoram	<b>Delegate WG</b>	140-200 g/ha	-	3	Time application with peak egg hatch or small larvae. Repeat applications based on population monitoring. Use higher rate for higher infestations or advanced growth stages. Maximum of 3 applications per year with a minimum re-treatment interval of 7 days.
<b>Diamondback Moth, Cabbage Looper, Imported Cabbageworm, Beet armyworm</b>	28	Chlorantraniliprole	<b>Coragen</b>	250-375 ml/ha	12 hours	1	Begin applications when treatment thresholds have been reached. Thorough coverage is important to obtain optimum control. Do not apply more than once every 3 days. Max 4 applications/season.
<b>Beet armyworm, Beet webworm</b>	11	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> , subsp. <i>aizawai</i> , (Strain ABTS-1857 fermentation solids, spores, and insecticidal toxins)	<b>XenTari WG</b>	500-1000 g/ha	4 hours	0	<b>Beet armyworm, beet webworm.</b> Apply sufficient spray volume to ensure uniform deposition on all plant surfaces; recommend 500 L per ha.
<b>Carrot weevil</b>	28	Cyantraniliprole	<b>Exirel</b>	1000-1500 ml/ha	12 hours	1	Begin applications at the 2-3 leaf stage or when scouting indicates the presence of weevils. Consult local agricultural authorities to determine appropriate threshold levels for carrot weevil in



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Carrot weevil							your area. Do not make more than 4 applications per season. Do not apply more than once every 7 days.
<b>DISEASES</b>							
<b>Cercospora leaf spot</b>	7 & 3	Pydiflumetofen + Difenoconazole	<b>A20259 Fungicide</b> <i>NEW 2021</i>	1.0 L/ha	12 hours	7	Apply on a 7 - 14-day interval, starting prior to disease establishment. If disease pressure is high, use the shortest interval. Apply as a broadcast spray in sufficient water (minimum of 150 L/ha) for thorough coverage.
	7 & 11	Pyraclostrobin + Fluxapyroxad	<b>Merivon</b> <i>NEW 2021</i>	0.4 L/ha	12 hours	7	Begin applications prior to onset of disease development. Apply subsequent applications if disease persists or weather conditions are favourable for disease development.
	11	Pyraclostrobin	<b>Cabrio EG</b>	0.56-0.84 Kg/ha	12 hours	3	Maximum 2 sequential applications and three in total. <b>Also controls alternaria and powdery mildew.</b> <i>**Can be used on <u>beet tops</u> to control Alternaria, Cercospora leaf spot and powdery mildew. Begin applications prior to disease development at 0.56-1.1 kg per hectare at 7-14-day intervals for Alternaria and 0.56-0.84 kg per hectare at 7-14-day intervals for Cercospora and at 7-day interval for powdery mildew. Use the higher rate and shorter interval when disease pressure is high. Do not apply more than one (1) application. **</i>

<b>Cercospora leaf spot</b>	-	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	<b>Serenade Opti</b>	0.5-1.1 kg/ha	-	0	<b>Serenade Opti is a biopesticide that will only suppress the indicated diseases.</b> Begin application soon after emergence and when conditions are conducive to disease development. Repeat as necessary on a 7–10-day interval. Serenade Opti must be applied with a non-ionic surfactant at a rate of 0.25% v/v or at labeled rates. Under conditions of moderate to high disease pressures, use the higher rate and shorter application interval indicated.
	M1	Copper	<b>Cueva</b>	0.5% to 2% solution, applied at 470-940 L/ha	4 hours	1	Re-apply using 5–10-day intervals. Not for use on beet greens.
<b>Rhizoctonia root rot, crown rot and stem canker (<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>)</b>	11	Azoxystrobin	<b>Quadris</b>	4-6 mL per 100 m row in 50-100 L water/ha	12 hours	40	Maximum of one application per year. Apply either in-furrow at seeding or as a banded application over the row soon after emergence or within 30 days of emergence.
			<b>Azoshy 250 SC</b>		12 hours		
<b>White mould (<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i>)</b>	-	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	<b>Serenade Opti</b>	1.1-2.2 Kg/ha	-	0	<b>Serenade Opti is a biopesticide that will only suppress the indicated diseases.</b> Begin application soon after emergence and when conditions are conducive to disease development. Repeat as necessary on a 7–10-day interval.
	7 & 3	Pydiflumetofen + Difenconazole	<b>A20259 Fungicide</b> <i>NEW 2021</i>	1.0 L/ha	12 hours	7	<b>Suppression.</b> Apply on a 7 - 14-day interval, starting prior to disease establishment. If disease pressure is high, use the shortest interval. Apply as a broadcast spray in sufficient water (minimum of 150 L/ha) for thorough coverage.
<b>Gray Mold</b>	7	Penthiopyrad	<b>Fontelis</b>	1.0-1.75 L/ha	4 hours	0	<b>Begin applications prior to disease development, continue a 7–14-day interval.</b> Use higher rate and

<b>Gray Mold</b>							shorter interval when disease pressure is high. Max seasonal rate is 4.5 L/ha. Do not make more than 2 sequential applications before switching to another mode of action.
<b>Leaf blight</b> ( <i>Alternaria spp.</i> )	7 & 3	Pydiflumetofen + Difenoconazole	<b>A20259 Fungicide</b>  <i>NEW 2021</i>	1.0 L/ha	12 hours	7	Apply on a 7 - 14-day interval, starting prior to disease establishment. If disease pressure is high, use the shortest interval. Apply as a broadcast spray in sufficient water (minimum of 150 L/ha) for thorough coverage.
	7 & 11	Pyraclostrobin + Fluxapyroxad	<b>Merivon</b>  <i>NEW 2021</i>	0.3-0.4 L/ha	12 hours	7	Begin applications prior to onset of disease development. Use the shorter interval and/or the higher rate, where applicable, when disease pressure is high. Apply subsequent applications if disease persists or weather conditions are favorable for disease development.
	11	Trifloxystrobin	<b>Flint</b>	140-210 g/ha	12 hours	7	Begin applications preventatively and continue as needed on a 14-day interval. Use the higher rate and shorter spray interval when disease pressure is severe. Use sufficient water to obtain thorough coverage. DO NOT apply more than 840 g of FLINT Fungicide per hectare per season.

Use the following web link to search for any pesticide label mentioned in this guide, or any other pesticide registered in Canada:

<http://pr-rp.hc-sc.gc.ca/ls-re/index-eng.php>

## PESTICIDE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>Poison Control Centres</b>		
Nova Scotia	800.565.8161 or 902.428.8161	IWK, Halifax, NS
New Brunswick	911	Ask for Poison Information
Prince Edward Island	800.565.8161 or 902.428.8161	IWK, Halifax, NS
Newfoundland	709.722.1110	Dr. Charles A. Janeway Child Health Care Centre, St. John's, NF

<b>Environmental Emergencies (Pesticide Spills)</b>	
Transport Canada Regional Operations Centre (24 hours)	
Nova Scotia	800.565.1633
New Brunswick	800.565.1633
Prince Edward Island	800.565.1633
Newfoundland	800.563.9089

## ABBREVIATIONS & CONVERSIONS

<b>Formulation and Measurement Abbreviations</b>			
FORMULATIONS		MEASUREMENTS	
DF	Dry flowable	mL	millilitre
EC, E	Emulsifiable concentrate	kPa	kilopascal
L	Liquid	kg	kilogram
Sn / Su	Suspension	g	gram
WP/W	Wettable powder	L	litre
		BIU	Billions of International Units
		ppm	parts per million (1000 ppb)
		ppb	parts per billion (1/1000 ppm)

<b>Helpful Conversions<sup>1</sup></b>	
kPa X 0.14 = pounds per square inch (psi)	millilitres X 0.035 = fluid ounces
hectares X 2.47 = acres	litres X 35 = fluid ounces
kilograms X 2.2 = pounds	litres X 0.22 = imperial gallons
kilograms per hectare X 0.89 = pounds per acre	litres per hectare X 14.17 = fluid ounces per acre
kilograms per hectare X 0.40 = kilograms per acre	litres per hectare X 0.40 = litres per acre
	degree-days C X 1.8 = degree-days F

### <sup>1</sup> Pesticide Units of Measurement

It is not recommended to convert label rates to imperial units because there is a high probability of mathematical and rounding errors. Present day pesticides are formulated to be more effective in smaller amounts. Therefore, even small conversion errors can lead to the use of incorrect rates (either too high or too low). Use metric – you will be glad you did!