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**OPTILL®**

For weed control in soybean

**FOR USE IN ONTARIO & QUEBEC**

**HERBICIDE**

**WATER DISPERSIBLE GRANULES**

**COMMERCIAL (AGRICULTURAL)**

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**Warning: Contains the allergen sulfites**

**REGISTRATION NO. 30756**

**PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS ACT**

**CAUTION - EYE IRRITANT**

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**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ENDANGERING LIFE OR PROPERTY  
INVOLVING THIS PRODUCT, CALL DAY OR NIGHT  
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NET CONTENTS: 0.25 kg - 20 kg

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6. Wash exposed areas of skin thoroughly after handling and before eating, drinking or smoking or going to the washroom. Take a shower immediately after work.
7. Wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, coveralls, shoes plus socks and chemical resistant gloves during mixing, loading, application, clean-up and repair.

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8. If clothing becomes contaminated, remove immediately and wash. Store and wash all protective clothing separately from household laundry. Wash in detergent and hot water before reuse. Wear freshly laundered clothes daily.
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## **TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Treat symptomatically.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**OPTILL** will provide control of most annual grass and broadleaf weeds in soybeans.

**OPTILL** is applied in tank-mix combination with glyphosate as an early preplant or pre-emergent application in reduced or no-till soybeans followed by a planned in-crop application of a registered herbicide. **MERGE®** Adjuvant is required for optimum burndown activity.

**OPTILL** combines the two active ingredients: saflufenacil, a potent inhibitor of protoporphyrinogen-oxidase (PPO) belonging to herbicide mode of action Group 14, and imazethapyr, an inhibitor of acetocholactate synthase (ALS) belonging to the herbicide mode of action Group 2. Saflufenacil is rapidly absorbed by roots and foliage with limited systemic activity. Under active growing conditions, susceptible emerged weeds usually develop chlorotic and necrotic injury symptoms within hours and die within a few days. Susceptible germinating weed seeds will usually die as they reach the soil surface or shortly after emergence. Imazethapyr is an inhibitor of acetocholactate synthase (ALS) or also called acetohydroxyacid synthase (AHAS), a key enzyme in the biosynthesis of essential branched-chain amino acids. Plant death results from events occurring in response to ALS inhibition and low branched-chain amino acid production.

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## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

### WEEDS, RATES AND TIMING

**OPTILL** at a rate of 147 g/ha is applied in tank-mix combination with glyphosate and MERGE Adjuvant as an early preplant or pre-emergent application in reduced or no-till soybeans. This treatment is recommended when there is a planned in-crop application of another registered herbicide.

**OPTILL** is compatible with all liquid glyphosate formulations registered for use as a pre-plant treatment prior to soybeans in which glyphosate is present as an isopropylamine salt, di-ammonium salt or potassium salt, as a tank mix-partner. Refer to the glyphosate label for rates and weeds controlled in addition to those listed below. Apply to weeds less than 15 cm in height, according to the glyphosate label. Refer to the glyphosate label for further recommendations, precautions and restrictions.

Timing	Early pre-plant surface application or pre-emergent application
Rate	147 g/ha <b>OPTILL</b> + glyphosate (refer to glyphosate label for rates)
Water Volume	100 to 200 L/ha
Surfactant/Adjuvant	Add MERGE Adjuvant at a rate of 1 L/ha.
Remarks	<p>For Pre-plant timing, apply pre-plant from 21 days prior to planting up to the day of planting.</p> <p>For Pre-emergent timing, apply prior to when the soybeans cause the ground to crack and no more than 3 days after planting.</p> <p>For Pre-emergent timing, DO NOT apply to coarse textured soils with less than 2% organic matter.</p> <p>DO NOT incorporate as injury may result.</p>

**OPTILL** is recommended for the burndown control and early-season residual control of the following broadleaf and grass weeds.

Weeds	Level of Control C = Control S = Suppression		Maximum Weed Stage for Burndown Application
	Burndown Control	Early season residual Control	
<b>Broadleaf Weeds</b>			
Broadleaf plantain	C	C	Beginning of flowering
Canada fleabane	C <sup>3</sup>	C	20 leaf
Common chickweed	C	C	8 leaf
Common ragweed	C <sup>3</sup>	C <sup>1, 2</sup>	8 leaf
Dandelion (suppression only)	S	S	6 leaf
Giant ragweed	C <sup>3</sup>		8 leaf
Lamb's-quarters	C	C <sup>1, 2</sup>	8 leaf
Lady's thumb	C		6 leaf
Perennial sow thistle (top growth burndown control)	C		8 leaf
Prickly lettuce (top growth only)	C	C	9 leaf
Redroot pigweed	C	C <sup>1, 2</sup>	8 leaf
Shepherd's- purse	C	C	Full flower
Stinkweed	C		Full flower
Wild buckwheat	C		6 leaf
Wild mustard	C		8 leaf
<b>Grasses</b>			
Barnyard grass	C	S	
Crabgrass (large)	C	S	
Foxtail (green, yellow)	C	S <sup>1</sup>	

Burndown control - Control of emerged weeds at the time of application

Early season residual control – Residual weed control up to the 4<sup>th</sup> trifoliolate of soybean

- <sup>1</sup> Group 2 resistant biotypes exist. If the resistant biotypes are present, adequate residual control may not be achieved with this tankmix.
- <sup>2</sup> Includes triazine-resistant biotypes
- <sup>3</sup> Includes glyphosate-resistant biotypes

## FACTORS AFFECTING OPTILL PERFORMANCE

Residual pre-plant or pre-emergent applications of **OPTILL** must be activated by at least ½ inch of rainfall or sprinkler irrigation prior to weed seedling emergence. Reduced weed control may occur if adequate moisture is not received.

## **MIXING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. When applying **OPTILL**, always start with a clean sprayer. Thoroughly clean the sprayer by flushing the system with water containing detergent. Refer to previously applied product labels for specific cleaning instructions.
2. Fill clean spray tank one-half full of clean water and start agitation system.
3. Using a calibrated measuring device, add the correct amount of **OPTILL** and continue to agitate.
4. Add the correct amount of glyphosate while continuing agitation.
5. If recommended, add the correct amount of MERGE Adjuvant to the tank last.
6. Continue agitation while filling the spray tank with the remaining amount of water.
7. Continue to agitate or run the by-pass system.
8. After any break in spraying operation, agitate thoroughly before spraying again. Check inside the tank to ensure that sprayer agitation is sufficient to remix the spray materials. Do not allow the mixture to sit overnight.
9. If an oil film starts to build up in the tank, drain it and clean the tank with strong detergent solution.
10. Immediately after use, thoroughly clean the sprayer by flushing the system with clean water containing detergent.

Dispose of all rinsings in accordance with provincial regulations.

## **SPRAYING INSTRUCTIONS**

Use sprayers equipped with standard flat nozzles. The use of 80°-110° stainless steel flat fan nozzle is recommended for optimum spray coverage with nozzles tilted 45° forward to ensure better coverage.

Thoroughly clean all screens to prevent nozzle clogging. Apply in a water volume of 100 to 200 L/ha and at a pressure of 275 kPa. For applications to dense weed infestations and thick canopies, use the higher water volume.

Better coverage of the product results in enhanced control of weeds.

## FOLLOW CROPPING

The crops listed below can be grown after an application of **OPTILL**.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Plant Back Crops</b></p> <p>In case of crop failure, the following crops can be planted in the same season<sup>1</sup></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rotational Crops</b></p> <p>The following crops can be planted anytime in the following season. Conduct a field bioassay (a test strip grown to maturity) the year <b>BEFORE</b> growing any other crop.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Soybeans Wheat (winter)<sup>2</sup></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Barley (spring) Corn (field) Dry beans Soybeans Wheat (spring, winter)<sup>2</sup></p>

<sup>1</sup> A second application of **OPTILL** cannot be made in the rescue crop.

<sup>2</sup> Winter wheat may be re-planted in cases of crop failure or as a rotational crop 100 days following an **OPTILL** application. Soil preparation for re-planting should be no deeper than 10 cm.

## RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

1. Clean sprayer thoroughly after use to avoid damage to the next crop sprayed.
2. **DO NOT** mix or apply **OPTILL** with any other adjuvant except as specifically recommended on this label.
3. **DO NOT APPLY BY AIR**
4. **DO NOT** apply to soybeans within 100 days of harvest.
5. **DO NOT** graze or feed treated soybean forage, hay or straw to livestock.
6. **ONLY ONE (1)** application of **OPTILL** may be made during the season. **DO NOT** over apply **OPTILL** herbicide. Over application may result in injury particularly if the crop is under stress.
7. **OPTILL** is only to be applied to soybeans in no-till or minimum tillage situations. **DO NOT** apply to soybeans where conventional tillage has been implemented.
8. For applications in soybeans, **DO NOT** incorporate **OPTILL** as injury may result.
9. **DO NOT** apply **OPTILL** herbicide when crop is under stress conditions because crop injury may result.
10. **DO NOT** let spray drift contaminate crops in adjacent fields.
11. **DO NOT** enter or allow worker entry into treated areas for 12 hours after application.

12. **DO NOT** contaminate irrigation/drinking water supplies or aquatic habitats by cleaning of equipment or disposal of wastes.
13. To reduce runoff from treated areas into aquatic habitats, avoid application to areas with a moderate to steep slope, compacted soil, or clay. Avoid application when heavy rain is forecast. Contamination of aquatic areas as a result of runoff may be reduced by including a vegetative strip between the treated area and the edge of the water body.
14. As this product is not registered for the control of pests in aquatic systems, **DO NOT** use to control aquatic pests.
15. In some cases, tank mixing a pest control product with another pest control product or a fertilizer can result in biological effects that could include, but are not limited to: reduced pest efficacy or increased host crop injury. The user should contact BASF at 1-877-371-2273 or [www.agsolutions.ca](http://www.agsolutions.ca) for information before mixing any pesticide or fertilizer that is not specifically recommended on this label. The user assumes the risk of losses that result from the use of tank mixes that do not appear on this label or that are not specifically recommended by BASF.

## **BUFFER ZONES**

**DO NOT** apply during periods of dead calm. Avoid application when winds are gusty. **DO NOT** apply with spray droplets smaller than the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) medium classification. Boom height must be 60 cm or less above the crop or ground.

### **DO NOT APPLY BY AIR.**

Use of the following spray methods or equipment **DO NOT** require a buffer zone; handheld or backpack sprayer and spot treatment.

The buffer zones specified in the table below are required between the point of direct application and the closest downwind edge of sensitive terrestrial habitats (such as grasslands, forested areas, shelter belts, woodlots, hedgerows, riparian areas and shrublands) and sensitive freshwater habitats (such as lakes, rivers sloughs, ponds, prairie potholes, creeks, marshes, streams, reservoirs and wetlands).

Application Method	Crop	Buffer Zone for Protection of:	
		Terrestrial Habitats (m)	Aquatic Habitats (m)
Field sprayer*	Soybean	4	1

\*For field sprayer application, buffer zones can be reduced with the use of drift reducing spray shields. When using a spray boom fitted with a full shield (shroud, curtain) that extends to the crop canopy, the labelled buffer zone can be reduced by 70%. When using a spray boom where individual nozzles are fitted with cone-shaped shields that are no more than 30 cm above the crop canopy, the labeled buffer zone can be reduced by 30%.

When a tank mixture is used, consult the labels of the tank mix partners and observe the largest (most restrictive) buffer zone of the products involved in the tank mixture.

## RESISTANCE-MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

For resistance management, please note that **OPTILL** is both a Group 2 and a Group 14 herbicide. Any weed population may contain plants naturally resistant to Group 2 and/or Group 14 herbicides. The resistant biotypes may dominate the weed population if these herbicides are used repeatedly in the same fields. Other resistance mechanisms that are not linked to site of action, but specific for individual chemicals, such as enhanced metabolism, may also exist. Appropriate resistance-management strategies should be followed.

To delay herbicide resistance:

- Where possible, rotate the use of **OPTILL** or other Group 2 and Group 14 herbicides within a growing season (sequence) or among growing seasons with different herbicide groups that control the same weeds in a field.
- Use tank mixtures with herbicides from a different group when such use is permitted. To delay resistance, the less resistance-prone partner should control the target weed(s) as effectively as the more resistance-prone partner.
- Herbicide use should be based on an integrated weed management program that includes scouting, historical information related to herbicide use and crop rotation, and considers tillage (or other mechanical control methods), cultural (for example, higher crop seeding rates; precision fertilizer application method and timing to favour the crop and not the weeds), biological (weed-competitive crops or varieties) and other management practices.
- Monitor weed populations after herbicide application for signs of resistance development (for example, only one weed species on the herbicide label not controlled). If resistance is suspected, prevent weed seed production in the affected area if possible by an alternative herbicide from a different group. Prevent movement of resistant weed seeds to other fields by cleaning harvesting and tillage equipment when moving between fields, and planting clean seed.
- Have suspected resistant weed seeds tested by a qualified laboratory to confirm resistance and identify alternative herbicide options.
- Contact your local extension specialist or certified crop advisors for any additional pesticide resistance-management and/or integrated weed-management recommendations for specific crops and weed biotypes.
- For further information or to report suspected resistance, contact BASF at 1-877-371-2273 or at [www.agsolutions.ca](http://www.agsolutions.ca).

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