

## **MINOR USE LABEL EXPANSIONS GRANTED FOR DUAL MAGNUM AND DUAL II MAGNUM HERBICIDES FOR CONTROL OF WEEDS ON ASPARAGUS**

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The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) recently announced the approval of minor use label expansions for **DUAL MAGNUM and DUAL II MAGNUM herbicides (s-metolachlor)** for control of weeds on asparagus (established beds) in Canada. Dual Magnum and Dual II Magnum herbicides were already labeled for use on a wide range of major and minor specialty crops in Canada and have a proven record of providing producers with effective weed management.

This minor use project sponsored by Minor Use office of OMAFRA was submitted in the fall of 2006 in response to minor use priorities identified by producers and extension personnel.

Weed management on asparagus has been a high priority item for a number of years and the registration of Dual Magnum and Dual II Magnum herbicides will provide asparagus producers with an effective and useful weed management tool.

ONE application per year of either Dual Magnum or Dual II Magnum herbicide can be applied in the spring to dormant asparagus beds prior to emergence or post-harvest to asparagus at a rate of 1.55 – 1.75 L product per ha. Apply using ground application equipment only and observe a pre-harvest interval of 16 days. Consult the full minor use label for precautions and detailed use directions.

**Dual Magnum and Dual II Magnum herbicides should be used in an integrated weed management program and in rotation with other management strategies.** Follow all other precautions and directions for use on the Dual Magnum herbicide labels.

This minor use submission was sponsored by OMAFRA as a result of priorities established in consultation with producers. We also wish to thank the personnel of **Syngenta Crop Protection Canada Inc.** for their support of this registration and the personnel of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency for evaluating and approving this important pest management tool.

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