

Researchers impressed by new herbicide

PHILADELPHIA — Excellent control of most major grasses and many broadleaf weeds, including velvetleaf, activation in low-moisture levels and application flexibility are uniformly reported by university researchers who conducted trials on Command[®], a unique preemerge herbicide for soybeans. Developed by FMC Corporation, Command has undergone one of the most extensive experimental use permit (EUP) evaluations ever conducted on a preemerge herbicide.

Weed specialists at universities throughout soybean growing areas have done exhaustive testing on the efficacy of Command under a wide variety of soil and climatic conditions and different tillage practices.

Dr. George Kapusta, professor, plant and soil sciences, Southern Illinois University - Carbondale, reflects the findings of many researchers, noting that grass control with Command is equal to

or better than other preemerge herbicides he has worked with and that Command also gives good to excellent control of several important broadleaf weeds. Additionally, Dr. Kapusta says, "Command is an excellent herbicide for low-moisture application. This is very unique because most others lose a significant amount of efficacy."

Dr. Robert Hayes, associate professor, plant and soil sciences, University of Tennessee, comments about the activity of Command in dry weather, noting, "Command is an excellent herbicide for dry weather application. I would suggest it over any other preemerge product on the market if I knew I was not going to get rain for several weeks."

Since Command provides equally effective control when applied either preemergently or incorporated, it is especially valuable in all types of reduced tillage operations. Dr. Kapusta

notes, "I have done a lot of work with Command in no-till operations. It has done an excellent job on both grasses and weeds. Command is a very adaptable product."

University of Wisconsin professor, Dr. R. Gordon Harvey, agrees, noting, "Command provides excellent control in no-till situations."

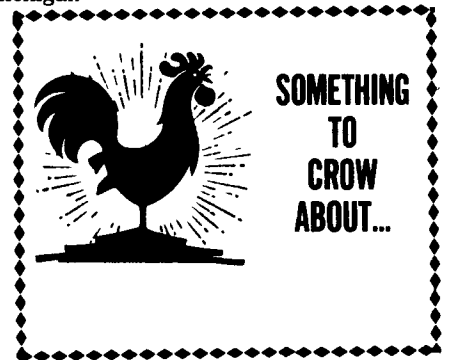
Effective control of most economically significant weeds and grasses, and good suppression of others, was found by all researchers. Velvetleaf control is an added benefit since Command is the first and only selective herbicide that controls it.

Dr. Richard Fawcett, professor and weed control specialist, Iowa State University, says, "In Iowa, velvetleaf is the single most serious weed problem — the one problem that, until now, we've not

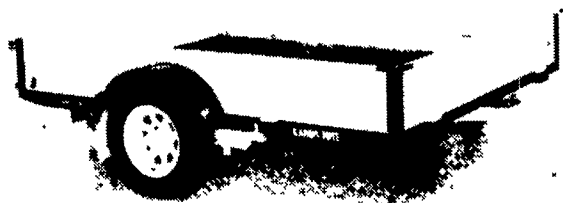
been able to solve. Command gives consistent control of velvetleaf when applied to the soil surface. In my evaluation, control was achieved with little rainfall."

Michigan has a similar problem. Michigan State University extension weed specialist, Dr. James Kells, notes, "Command gives excellent control of velvetleaf, and that is our main weed problem in soybeans in Michigan."

The uniformity of the results in university trials is striking. Command has proven to be equal to or has outperformed other commonly used preemerge herbicides. Researchers have used it in a variety of combinations and rates, and they were impressed with its control spectrum, activation with minimal moisture, and application flexibility.



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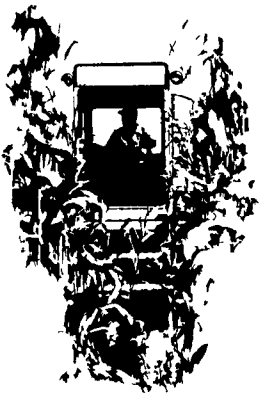
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