

Postemergence Herbicide Applications in Soybeans

With postemergence herbicide applications slowing down in corn, applications in soybeans will begin in full force. There are a few things to consider before making these applications.

Clean Application Equipment

When making the transition between corn and soybeans, spray application equipment should be thoroughly cleaned. Many corn herbicides can leave residues in equipment that could cause damage to soybeans. Sprayer tanks, lines, booms, nozzles, and screens should be thoroughly cleaned to remove these residues before making applications to soybeans.

Apply at the Right Time

Weeds can affect soybean yields by competing for light, water, and nutrients. The time in the growing season when soybean yields begin to be affected by weeds is called the critical period. This can vary depending on weed species and density, time of weed emergence in relation to soybean emergence, environmental conditions, and production practices. It is important to control weeds before the critical period is reached to help protect soybean yield potential and maximize profitability. Where preemergence herbicides were applied at planting, the critical period is generally delayed to later in the season when a postemergence herbicide may be necessary. In total postemergence it is important to follow herbicide system recommendations (Table 1). In postemergence

herbicide applications in soybeans it is recommended that a residual herbicide always be used with a Roundup brand agricultural herbicide.

Roundup® brand agricultural herbicides should be applied in Roundup Ready® and Genuity® Roundup Ready 2 Yield® soybeans when weeds are 4 inches or less in height for control prior to the critical period. In total postemergence programs, this timing of application can generally vary anywhere from 2 to 5 weeks after planting, depending on the conditions. Postemergence applications can be made from soybean emergence (cracking) through flowering (Table 2).

Table 2. Maximum labeled rates for various application timings of Roundup® brand agricultural herbicides in Roundup Ready® and Genuity® Roundup Ready 2 Yield® soybeans.

Application Timing	Rate/ Acre
Total of all in-crop applications from cracking through flowering (R2 stage soybeans)	64 oz.
Maximum application rate for a single in-crop application	44 oz.
Maximum preharvest application rate	22 oz.

Roundup Ready® and Genuity® Roundup Ready 2 Yield® Soybean Recommendations and Systems

	Post-emergence		Product	Comments
	Post (Option 1)	Post (Option 2)		
Plains, Midwest and Northeast	•		Roundup PowerMAX® + Warrant® Herbicide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before weeds exceed 4 inches. • If no glyphosate-resistant weeds have emerged. • Add clethodim (Select Max®) to the tank mix if glyphosate-resistant grasses are present.
		•	Roundup PowerMAX® + Warrant® Herbicide + fomesafen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If no glyphosate-resistant weeds have emerged, substitute thifensulfuron (Harmony®) or cloransulam (FirstRate®) for fomesafen (Reflex®) based on emerged weed. • Add clethodim (Select Max®) to the tank mix if glyphosate-resistant grasses are present.
Southeast and Midsouth	•		Roundup PowerMAX® + Warrant® Herbicide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before weeds exceed 4 inches. • If no glyphosate-resistant weeds have emerged. • Add clethodim (Select Max®) to the tank mix if glyphosate-resistant grasses are present.
		•	Postemergence herbicide tank mix with Roundup PowerMAX (If Palmer pigweed has emerged)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fomesafen (Reflex®) should be sprayed on small pigweeds (< 3 inches) for effective control and at 15 gpa minimum. • Roundup PowerMAX rates above 22 fl oz/A are recommended with fomesafen (Reflex®) tank mix to reduce potential for antagonism. • Add clethodim (Select Max®) to the tank mix if glyphosate-resistant grasses are present.

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Use the Right Rate

In general, apply Roundup® brand agricultural herbicides at 22 ounces per acre in soybeans before weeds exceed 4 inches or less in height. If the application is delayed and weeds are larger in dense populations, apply a higher rate, up to 44 ounces per acre. A 22 to 44 ounce per acre rate in single or multiple applications will control or suppress perennial weeds. Perennial weeds should be allowed to grow to at least 6 inches before spraying for best results.

A sequential application may be required to control new flushes or growth of weeds. In general, apply 22 ounces per acre of Roundup® brand agricultural herbicides before weeds exceed 4 inches in height. A total maximum of 64 ounces per acre of Roundup® brand agricultural

herbicide can be applied in-crop when making sequential applications (Table 2).

Tank Mixtures in Postemergence Herbicide Applications

Tank mixtures of Roundup brand agricultural herbicides with other postemergence herbicides labeled for use in soybeans can help to manage tough-to-control and glyphosate-resistant weeds (Table 3). Roundup brand agricultural herbicide rates should not be reduced when tank mixing with other herbicides. Individual tank mix product labels should be referred to for restrictions and precautions, and followed according to the most restrictive precautionary statements for each product in the tank mixture. In some cases, tank mix products could cause visual soybean injury.

Table 3. Recommendations for tank mixes with Roundup® brand agricultural herbicides in Roundup Ready® soybeans.

Tank Mix Partner	Rate per Acre	In-crop Application Restrictions	Tough-to-Control or Glyphosate-resistant Weed Situations
Select MAX®	6-12 oz.	Through full flowering stage	Glyphosate-tolerant Volunteer Corn, Johnsongrass, Italian ryegrass
Flexstar®	6-12 oz.	Apply prior to bloom	Morningglories, Common ragweed, Giant ragweed, Waterhemp, Kochia, Palmer amaranth
FirstRate®	0.3 oz.	1st trifoliolate leaf through 50% flowering	Marestail, Morningglories, Velvetleaf, Giant ragweed
Ultra Blazer®	1-1.5 pts.	1st trifoliolate leaf through flowering	Waterhemp, Morningglories
Raptor®	4-5 oz.	Apply prior to bloom	Common lambsquarters, Eastern black nightshade
Pursuit®	4 oz.	Apply prior to bloom	Eastern black nightshade
Cobra®	6-8 oz.	1st trifoliolate leaf through flowering	Common ragweed, Giant ragweed, Eastern black nightshade, Kochia, Waterhemp, Palmer amaranth
Harmony® GTXP	0.083 oz.	1st trifoliolate leaf through flowering	Wild buckwheat, Common lambsquarters

Herbicide Mixing Order It does matter...

1. Tank should be filled 2/3 with water.
2. Ammonium sulfate (AMS) should be added allowing it to fully dissolve to tie up any hard water ions.
3. Any dry formulations, suspensions, wettable powders, or flowables should be added, and should be agitated to fully dissolve any dry products.
4. Drift reduction agents should be added.
5. Water soluble formulations (liquids) should be added.
6. Finally, Roundup® Brand Agricultural Herbicides should be added. If using Roundup PowerMAX®, non-ionic surfactant can be added last.



Use full labeled rates of Roundup brand agricultural herbicides and follow label directions. Add only ammonium sulfate to the spray solution. A non-ionic surfactant can be added if using Roundup PowerMAX® herbicide. Refer to individual product labels for specific details.

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