Herbicide Resistance Management Guide

An educational guide to help manage or delay the onset of herbicide resistance.
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**EVOLUTION OF WEED RESISTANCE**

The use of herbicides in modern agricultural production systems has allowed growers to more effectively and efficiently control weeds, improve crop yields and increase profitability. Additionally, the adoption of herbicide-tolerant traits has allowed growers to apply non-selective herbicides over the top of crops, often with less tillage, fuel and labour. However, the evolution of herbicide-resistant weeds is an unfortunate side effect from the overuse of a single herbicide or mode of action.

The occurrence of herbicide-resistant weeds worldwide is tracked on the website: WeedScience.org. This site is run in conjunction with several global groups including the Herbicide Resistance Action Committee (HRAC) and the Canadian Weed Science Society (CWSS).

Cases of herbicide resistance are becoming increasingly common. There are over 380 resistant weed biotypes reported globally and 58 reported in Canada according to WeedScience.org. From a provincial standpoint, there are 20 biotypes in Alberta, 20 in Manitoba, 17 in Saskatchewan, 32 in Ontario and three in Quebec.

Globally, in the mid-1990’s, there was a rapid increase in the number of reported weed biotypes resistant to ALS inhibitors, ACCase inhibitors and synthetic auxins. The advent of glyphosate-tolerant technology, combined with a decreased price and increased pre-emergent applications in the same period, set the timer on resistance evolution for glyphosate. The graph below illustrates the increase in herbicide-resistant weeds reported globally.

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In Canada, some of the most widespread and increasingly important herbicide resistance problems in cereals, canola, corn, soybeans and pulses are associated with the following herbicide groups:

- **Group 1** – ACCase inhibitors
- **Group 2** – ALS inhibitors
- **Group 5** – Photosystem II inhibitors (triazines)
- **Group 9** – EPSP synthase inhibitors (glyphosate)
- **Group 10** – Glutamine synthetase inhibitors (glufosinate)
- **Group 14** – PPO inhibitors (limited acres in Canada)

If not managed correctly, these more recent herbicide mode of action introductions could also lose their effectiveness in the future. To effectively manage the development of weed resistance, it is key to first understand how herbicide resistance develops.
THE SCIENCE OF WEED RESISTANCE

How do herbicides kill weeds?
Herbicides enter the plant at lethal dosages and interfere with crucial life processes necessary for the plant to live. The active ingredient often binds to a particular target site within the plant, usually an enzyme or protein essential to plant growth and development, creating a cascade of consequences that eventually lead to plant death. A small number of herbicides can act at multiple target sites.

What is resistance and how does it originate?
Resistance is a naturally occurring, inherited ability of some weed biotypes to survive a herbicide treatment that should, under normal use conditions, effectively control a weed population. Natural selection is the most common theory for the initial evolution of weed resistance within a weed population.

How do resistant weed biotypes increase in number?
When a herbicide is applied to a sensitive population, most of the weeds in the population die. Sometimes rare resistant weed biotypes survive, mature and produce seed. With repeated use of the same herbicide or family of related herbicides, or lack of diversity in the herbicide management program, the resistant weeds may eventually be ‘selected’ from the population and dominate. Generally, the more effective the herbicide, the greater the selection pressure and the greater the probability that only resistant weeds will survive.

Selection of resistant weed biotypes with repeated applications of the same herbicide or same mode of action herbicides

What occurs within a resistant weed biotype that allows it to survive a herbicide application?
Some weeds have naturally developed one or more mechanisms that allow them to survive a herbicide treatment. This generally begins at a very low frequency in a population. The resistance mechanism is often controlled by a single gene. The two most common resistance mechanisms present within a weed population are:

Target site resistance
The herbicide reaches the target site at a normally lethal dose, but modification or amplification of the target site gene(s)/enzyme(s) limits herbicide binding, and thus its impact.

Herbicides acting at a single target site are more prone to weeds developing resistance than those that act at multiple sites. This is because the odds of a single mutation conferring resistance to a single mode of action (MOA) are much more likely compared to multiple mutations at multiple target sites. Herbicides with multiple modes of action are an effective resistance deterrent if more than one herbicide component has activity on the weed(s) of concern.

Non-target site resistance
This occurs when the amount of active herbicide that reaches the target site is reduced (e.g. reduced uptake, reduced translocation, enhanced metabolism, sequestration, etc.).

Can weeds be resistant to more than one herbicide or herbicide family?
Weeds can develop resistance to more than a single herbicide or a single mode of action. Two terms commonly used to describe these types of resistance scenarios include:

Cross-resistance
Weeds are resistant to two or more herbicides with the same mode of action by way of a single resistance mechanism (e.g. weed is resistant to multiple or all active ingredients in Group 1, but is still susceptible to other herbicide modes of action).

Multiple resistance
Weeds are resistant to two or more herbicides with differing modes of action because they possess either a non-target site resistance mechanism that works on multiple modes of action or possess two (or more) unique target site mutations (e.g. weed is resistant to Group 1 and Group 2 herbicides).

The difficulty of controlling weeds with various forms of resistance can be ranked as follows (least difficult to most difficult):

1. Single resistance (one herbicide)
2. Cross-resistance (multiple herbicides, same mode of action)
3. Multiple resistance (multiple herbicides, various modes of action)

THE SCIENCE OF WEED RESISTANCE

What actions increase the selection for herbicide resistance?

Weed management practices that can lead to increased selection pressure on weeds include:

- Using reduced rates of herbicides.
- Applying herbicides at inappropriate or delayed timing.
- Applying herbicides with the same mode of action multiple times during a growing season.
- Repeated use of herbicides with long residual activity.
- Using herbicides with the same mode of action for several consecutive growing seasons on the same field.
- Using herbicides as the only weed control option.

Identification of Weed Resistance

What to look for when identifying resistant weeds

Indicators of potential weed resistance are:

- A weed patch occurs in the same area year after year and is spreading.
- Dead weeds appear next to surviving weeds after the same herbicide application.
- Many weed species are managed, but one particular susceptible weed species is no longer controlled.

What should you do if you suspect you have herbicide resistant weeds?

The above indicators are not definitive proof of resistance and further testing is needed to confirm resistance. Contact your local agronomist or Bayer CropScience representative to have weed seeds collected and evaluated for potential resistance.

What management practices delay the onset or manage the spread of resistant weeds?

The best way to manage weed resistance is to prevent it from developing in your fields by implementing a diverse weed management program. This helps limit the selection pressure on weeds present in your fields. Use of Integrated Weed Management (IWM) strategies will help delay the development of resistance in weed populations.

MIX IT UP

Mix It Up is an initiative to elevate the importance and grower adoption of herbicide diversity. Herbicide mode of action (MOA) rotation is essential to improve weed resistance management.

- Rotate herbicide modes of action. Reduce the selection pressure of a single MOA by using multiple MOAs with activity on weeds of interest, both during the growing season and from year to year.
- Rotate crops. Crop rotation provides diversified weed management tools.

The following Integrated Weed Management techniques are effective in reducing problems with herbicide-resistant weed biotypes. It is best to use multiple practices to manage or delay resistance, as no single strategy is likely to be totally effective.

1. **Know your weeds, know your fields.** Closely monitor problematic areas of difficult-to-control weeds or dense weed populations.
2. **Start with clean fields.** Effective tillage or the use of a burndown herbicide program can control emerged weeds prior to planting.
3. **Apply herbicides correctly.** Ensure proper application, including correct timing, full use rates and appropriate water volumes.
4. **Control weed escapes.** Consider spot herbicide applications, cultivation, hand removal of weeds or other techniques to stop weed seed production.
5. **Zero tolerance.** Reduce the herbicide-resistant weed seed bank. Do not allow surviving weeds to set seed. This will help decrease weed populations from year to year and prevent major weed shifts.
6. **Clean equipment.** Prevent the spread of herbicide-resistant weeds and seeds.

What is herbicide classification by mode of action?

One simple way to delay or manage weed resistance is to use herbicides or herbicide tank mixes with differing modes of action from year to year. The Canadian Weed Science Society (CWSS), Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) and Herbicide Resistance Action Committee (HRAC) employ easy-to-use herbicide classification systems by mode of action, using numbers and letters, respectively. The CWSS and WSSA group products with similar modes of action together by an assigned group number from 1 to 29. The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) requests registrants voluntarily add a group number to the label showing the mode(s) of action of the herbicide or herbicide premixes.

A condensed version of the classification document is located at the back of this brochure. Alternatively, HRAC references herbicide classes by letter and number, as does the International Survey of Herbicide-Resistant Weeds (WeedScience.org), the reporting body for confirmed resistant weeds. On the following pages, we include both classifications for your reference.

Rotation of crops, herbicide-tolerant traits and herbicide modes of action, as well as the inclusion of mechanical and cultural control methods where possible, can play important roles in delaying the evolution of resistance or managing existing resistant weed populations.

Visit MixItUp.ca for more simple strategies and solutions.

Integrated Weed Management
**What is a Group 1 herbicide?**
- Inhibitor of acetyl-coenzyme A carboxylase (ACCase) enzyme.
- Inhibition prevents the production of fatty acids and lipid synthesis leading to rapid cessation of plant growth at the growing point.
- Susceptible grasses generally die in 10 days to two weeks.
- Consists of products from three chemical families: aryloxyphenoxy-propionate (FOPs), cyclohexanedione (DIMs) and phenylpyrazoline (DENs).

**How do weeds evolve resistance to Group 1 herbicides?**
- Involves both target site and non-target site resistance mechanisms.
- Resistance is due to an altered ACCase binding site or enhanced metabolism of the herbicide.

**How many weeds have developed resistance to Group 1 herbicides?**
Globally: 42 weed species confirmed
Canada: 4 weed species confirmed

**Confirmed Group 1-Resistant Weed Species in Canada**
- Green foxtail (West)
- Large crabgrass (East)
- Persian darnel (West)
- Wild oats (West)

Note: West refers to provinces from British Columbia to Manitoba, East refers to provinces from Ontario to the Atlantic.

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**COMMON GROUP 1 ACCase INHIBITOR HERBICIDES**

In-crop use of Group 1 herbicides is most common in cereals, canola, pulses and non-GM soybean production.

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* Contains at least one non-Group 1 chemistry
† IMI tolerant canola only

**WILD OATS**
Wild oats are the most prominent Group 1 herbicide-resistant grass weed on the Prairies. Recent surveys from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) indicate Group 1-resistant species have been found in 55% of MB, 32% of SK and 39% of AB fields surveyed.
**What is a Group 2 herbicide?**
- Inhibitor of acetolactate synthase (ALS) or acetyohydroxy synthase (AHAS) enzyme.
- Inhibition leads to depletion of key branched-chain amino acids necessary for protein synthesis and plant growth.
- Susceptible weeds may take several weeks to die.
- Consists of products from primarily four chemical families: imidazolinone, sulfonylurea, sulfonylaminocarbonyl-triazolinone and triazolopyrimidine.
- Group 2 active ingredients can have activity on broadleaf or grassy weeds and sometimes both.

**How do weeds evolve resistance to Group 2 herbicides?**
- Involves both target and non-target site resistance mechanisms.
- The binding site on the ALS enzyme is altered, and the herbicide cannot attach itself to the protein. Additionally, enhanced herbicide metabolism has been shown as a resistance mechanism.

**How many weeds have developed resistance to Group 2 herbicides?**
- Globally: 129 weed species confirmed
- Canada: 25 weed species confirmed
  - Ball mustard (West)
  - Chickweed (West)
  - Cleavers (West)
  - Canada fleabane (East)
  - Common ragweed (East)
  - Common waterhemp (East)
  - Cow cockle (West)
  - Eastern black nightshade (East)
  - Giant foxtail (East)
  - Green foxtail (West & East)
  - Hemp-nettle (West)
  - Horseweed (East)
  - Kochia (West)
  - Lamb’s-quarters (West & East)
  - Narrow-leaved hawk’s beard (West)
  - Pale smartweed (West)
  - Powell amaranth (West & East)
  - Redroot pigweed (West & East)
  - Russian thistle (West)
  - Shepherd’s purse (West)
  - Spiny sow thistle (West)
  - Stinkweed (West)
  - Wild buckwheat (West)
  - Wild mustard (West)
  - Wild oat (West)

**Kochia**
Kochia is now considered predominately resistant to Group 2 chemistry, as past AAFC surveys have confirmed resistance levels upwards of 90%.

**Confirmed Group 2-Resistant Weed Species in Canada**

**COMMON GROUP 2 ALS INHIBITOR HERBICIDES**
In-crop use of Group 2 herbicides is most common in cereals, Clearfield crops (canola, cereals and pulses), pulses, corn and to a lesser extent soybeans.

**BAYER CROPSCIENCE HERBICIDES FOR MANAGEMENT OF GROUP 2-RESISTANT GRASSY OR BROADLEAF WEEDS**

**WEST**

**CANOLA**
- Absolute*†
- Odyssey DLX*†
- Pursuit†
- Solo†
- Tensile†

**CEREALS**
- Adrenalin*†
- Ally
- Altitude FX*†
- Assert
- Avert
- Barricade*
- Benchmark*
- Broadband*
- Broadside*
- Everest
- Everest GBX*
- Frontline*
- Harmony brands*
- Retain*
- Refine
- Sierra
- Simplicity
- Spectrum*
- Stentor*
- Tandem*
- Triton*
- Varro
- Velocity m3*

**PULSES**
- Multistar
- Odyssey
- Odyssey DLX*
- Pursuit
- Solo
- Viper*

**EAST**

**CANOLA**
- Muster
- Accent brands*
- Battalion*
- Elim EP
- Galaxy 2*

**CEREALS**
- Option Liquid
- PeakPlus*
- Prism
- Ultim 75DF
- Ultim Total*
- Vio G3*

**SOYBEANS**
- Broadstrike
- Classic*
- Cleansweep*
- Conquest LQ*
- Firstrate
- Guardian*
- Guardian Plus*
- Pinnacle SG
- Pursuit

**PULSES**
- Multistar
- Odyssey
- Odyssey DLX*
- Pursuit
- Solo
- Viper*

* Contains at least one non-Group 2 chemistry
† IMI tolerant canola only
‡ Clearfield wheat only

Please refer to product labels for additional information on weeds controlled, application timings, precautions, restrictions and other important use information.
What is a Group 3 herbicide?
- Consist of products from two chemical families: dinitroaniline (DNAs) and phthalates.
- DNAs are pre-emergent soil-applied herbicides which inhibit cell division and elongation in plants by binding to the protein tubulin which is a key building block of microtubules. The effects of DNA herbicides generally occur in regions of the plant that are rapidly growing such as root meristems.
- DNAs stop root tip growth and result in swollen club-shaped roots. Shoot elongation is inhibited in broadleaf weeds resulting in a thickening of the stem. Generally DNAs will inhibit weed emergence; those that do emerge will display root pruning and stubby root tips.

How do weeds evolve resistance to Group 3 herbicides?
- Involves target site resistance mechanisms.
- Resistance to Group 3 herbicides results from amino acid base changes in the tubulin protein. These base changes prevent the herbicide from binding to the tubulin protein. As the herbicide cannot bind to the tubulin and inhibit microtubule formation, normal cell division and plant growth occurs.

How many weeds have developed resistance to Group 3 herbicides?
Globally: 11 weed species confirmed
Canada: 1 weed species confirmed

Confirmed Group 3-Resistant Weed Species in Canada
- Green foxtail (West)

GREEN FOXTAIL
Green foxtail is a monocot weed which first evolved resistance to Group 3, trifluralin herbicides in 1989.

Group 3 herbicides are pre-seed soil-applied herbicides. By the late 1990’s, the use of Group 3 herbicides declined significantly due to the need for soil incorporation and the growing popularity of reduced tillage. In addition, by the mid to late 1990’s there were a growing number of alternative products available for in-crop weed control reducing the reliance on soil-incorporated Group 3 herbicides, most notably the herbicide-tolerant canola systems.

Please refer to product labels for additional information on weeds controlled, application timings, precautions, restrictions and other important use information.
What is a Group 4 herbicide?
• Acts similar to indole acetic acid (IAA), a naturally occurring plant hormone.
• Primary action is to affect cell wall plasticity and nucleic acid metabolism leading to uncontrolled cell division and growth, which causes vascular tissue destruction.
• Often produces epinastic-like symptoms (stem twisting, leaf malformations, etc.).
• Symptoms can often be seen within days of treatment.
• Consists of products from primarily four chemical families: phenoxy carboxylic acid, benzoic acid, pyridine carboxylic acid and quinoline carboxylic acid.

How do weeds evolve resistance to Group 4 herbicides?
• The specific cellular or molecular binding site has not yet been identified.

How many weeds have developed resistance to Group 4 herbicides?
Globally: 30 weed species confirmed
Canada: 4 weed species confirmed

Confirmed Group 4-Resistant Weed Species in Canada
• Cleavers (West)
• Hemp-nettle (West)
• Wild carrot (East)
• Wild mustard (West)

Kochia plants have now developed multiple resistance to Group 2 + 9 + 4 in the United States.

Group 4-resistant wild mustard was first discovered in 1990.

Synthetic Auxins
HRAC Group 0

Use of in-crop Group 4 herbicides are most common in cereals, corn and to a lesser extent, canola.

WEST

**CANOLA**
- Absolute
- Lontrel
- Tensile

**CEREALS**
- 2,4-D
- Achieve Liquid Gold
- Adrenalin
- Altitude FX
- Attain XC
- Axial Xtreme
- Banvel
- Barricade
- Broadside
- Buctril M
- Curtail M
- Dyvel
- Everest GBX
- Frontline
- Harmony
- Lontrel

**CORN**
- Dichlorprop
- Estroprop brands
- Lontrel
- MCPA
- Mecoprop
- Refine M
- Target
- Trophy
- Tropotox Plus

EAST

**CANOLA**
- Lontrel

**CEREALS**
- 2,4-D
- Banvel II
- Buctril M
- Dyvel

**CORN**
- Accent 1-Pass
- Accent Total
- Banvel II
- Battalion
- Distinct
- Marksmen
- PeakPlus
- Tropotox Plus
- Ultim Total

* Contains at least one non-Group 4 chemistry    † IMI tolerant canola only    ‡ Clearfield wheat only

** COMMON GROUP 4 SYNTHETIC AUXIN HERBICIDES **

** BAYER CROPSCIENCE HERBICIDES FOR MANAGEMENT OF GROUP 4-RESISTANT BROADLEAF WEEDS **

** WEST **
- ** CANOLA **
  - Liberty (Group 10)
- ** CEREALS **
  - Infinity (Group 6, 27)
  - Pardner (Group 6)
  - Tundra (Group 1, 6, 27)
  - Varro (Group 2)
  - Velocity m3 (Group 2, 6, 27)
- ** PULSES **
  - Sencor (Group 5)

** EAST **
- ** CANOLA **
  - Liberty (Group 10)
- ** CEREALS **
  - Infinity (Group 6, 27)
  - Pardner (Group 6)
- ** CORN **
  - Converge XT (Group 5, 27)
  - Liberty (Group 10)
  - Option Liquid (Group 2)
  - Vos G3 (Group 2, 27)
- ** SOYBEANS **
  - Liberty (Group 10)
  - Sencor (Group 5)

Please refer to product labels for additional information on weeds controlled, application timings, precautions, restrictions and other important use information.
**What is a Group 5 herbicide?**
- Group 5 herbicides used in Canada consist of products from three chemical families: phenyl carbamates, triazines and triazinones.
- Target site resistance results from a mutation that alters the binding site A on the Q_b protein.
- Non-target site resistance mechanisms enhance metabolism.

**What is a Group 6 herbicide?**
- Group 6 herbicides used in Canada consist of products from two chemical families: benzthiadiazoles and nitriles.
- Target site resistance results from a mutation that alters the binding site B on the Q_b protein which prevents normal electron transfer to continue.
- Non-target site resistance mechanisms enhance metabolism.

**How do weeds evolve resistance to Group 5 herbicides?**
- Group 5 herbicides bind to site A on the Q_b protein preventing the flow of high energy electrons out of photosystem II. This results in a buildup of high energy electrons and the formation of toxic radicals which degrade carotenoids and chlorophyll resulting in rapid chlorosis and necrosis in affected plants.

**How do weeds evolve resistance to Group 6 herbicides?**
- Group 6 herbicides inhibit photosystem II but at site B on the Q_b protein. The Q_b protein is a component of the electron transport sequence in photosystem II. Group 6 herbicides bind to site B on the Q_b protein preventing the flow of high energy electrons out of photosystem II. This results in a buildup of high energy electrons and the formation of toxic radicals which degrade carotenoids and chlorophyll resulting in rapid chlorosis and necrosis in affected plants.

**How many weeds have developed resistance to Group 5 herbicides?**
- Globally: 69 weed species confirmed: Canada: 12 weed species confirmed
- **Common Group 5 PS ii SITE B INHIBITOR HERBICIDES**

**How many weeds have developed resistance to Group 6 herbicides?**
- Globally: 4 weed species confirmed
- **Common Group 6 PS ii SITE B INHIBITOR HERBICIDES**

**Confirmed Group 5-Resistant Weed Species in Canada**
- Barnyard grass (East)
- Birdsfoot trefoil (East)
- Common groundsel (East)
- Common ragweed (East)
- Lambsquarters (East)
- Late flowering goosefoot (East)
- Powell amaranth (East)
- Redroot pigweed (East)
- Wild mustard (East & West)
- Witchgrass (East)
- Yellow foxtail (East)

**Confirmed Group 6-Resistant Weed Species in Canada**
- Redroot pigweed (East)
- Smooth pigweed (East)

**BAYER CROPSCIENCE HERBICIDES FOR MANAGEMENT OF GROUP 5-RESISTANT GRASSY OR BROADLEAF WEEDS**

**BAYER CROPSCIENCE HERBICIDES FOR MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION OF POTENTIAL GROUP 6-RESISTANT BROADLEAF WEEDS**
What is a Group 8 herbicide?
• Group 8 herbicides used in Canada consist of products from two chemical families: thiocarbamates and pyrazoliums.
• Affected weeds frequently fail to emerge and exhibit a stunted and swollen coleoptile with abnormal growth of the first leaf. Those weeds that do emerge appear stunted and bright green.
• Thiocarbamate herbicides inhibit an enzyme essential for elongating fatty acid chains which form waxes and suberin. Waxes and suberin are important components of the waxy layer on the outside of the seedling which prevent water loss.

How do weeds evolve resistance to Group 8 herbicides?
• Group 8 herbicide resistance is not well understood.
• One possible mechanism of resistance to thiocarbamates is a result of elevated gibberellin levels which promotes rapid meristematic growth. Rapid meristematic growth allows the plant to minimize exposure to the herbicide-treated layer of soil and carry on with normal growth and development.

How many weeds have developed resistance to Group 8 herbicides?

Globally: 8 weed species confirmed
Canada: 1 weed species confirmed

Confirmed Group 8-Resistant Weed Species in Canada
• Wild oats (West)

**WILDS OATS**
Wild oats first demonstrated resistance to Group 8 herbicides in 1998. The latest AAFC surveys indicate up to 15% of the fields surveyed contain Group 8-resistant wild oats.

**Confirmed Group 8-Resistant Wheat Species in Canada**
• Wild oats (West)
What is a Group 9 herbicide?
- Inhibitor of the chloroplast enzyme 5-enolpyruvylshikimate-3-phosphate synthase (EPSPS).
- Inhibition leads to depletion of key amino acids that are necessary for protein synthesis and plant growth.
- Symptoms may take weeks to fully develop.
- Consists of one product from one major chemical family: glycine.

How do weeds evolve resistance to Group 9 herbicides?
- There are three known mechanisms of resistance involving both target and non-target site resistance: target site resistance caused by EPSPS gene modification, and/or caused by gene amplification, and non-target site resistance caused by a reduced glyphosate translocation mechanism. A potential fourth mechanism, glyphosate metabolism, has also been identified.

How many weeds have developed resistance to Group 9 herbicides?
- Globally: 24 weed species confirmed
- Canada: 5 weed species confirmed

Confirmed Group 9-Resistant Weed Species in Canada
- Canada fleabane (East)
- Common ragweed (East)
- Giant ragweed (East)
- Horseweed (East)
- Kochia (West)
- "First developed resistance to glyphosate in Ontario in 2012.

Kochia was first confirmed resistant to both Group 2 and Group 9 herbicides in 2012. Glyphosate-resistant kochia is now confirmed in both AB and SK.

Use of Group 9 herbicides is most common in canola, \*corn and \*soybeans. In cereals and pulses, Group 9 herbicides are used for burndown prior to planting, just prior to harvest, or just after harvest.

\* Over-the-top use on glyphosate tolerant crops only.
\* When applied with glyphosate contains more than one non-Group 9 chemistry. Glyphosate used as a pre-burn application or as a pre-harvest application.

Please refer to product labels for additional information on weeds controlled, application timings, precautions, restrictions and other important use information.
**What is a Group 10 herbicide?**
- Inhibitor of glutamine synthetase, a key enzyme in incorporating ammonium into amino acids.
- Blockage of this enzyme allows a buildup of phytotoxic ammonia.
- Consists of products from one chemical family: phosphinic acid (glufosinate).

**How do weeds evolve resistance to Group 10 herbicides?**
- Researchers are investigating how glutamine synthetase inhibitor resistance develops.

**How many weeds have developed resistance to Group 10 herbicides?**
- Globally: 2 weed species confirmed
- Canada: 0 weed species confirmed

**How can Group 10 herbicides fit in my resistance management strategy?**
- By introducing a new mode of action like a glutamine synthetase inhibitor, products such as Liberty may become key ingredients and management options for control of weeds resistant to ALS inhibitors, glyphosate, triazine and other herbicide modes of action.
- Liberty is used in-crop in LibertyLink herbicide-tolerant crops: corn, canola and soybeans.
- For a complete resistance management approach, rotate crops, herbicide-tolerant traits and herbicide modes of action.

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**COMMON GROUP 10 GLUTAMINE SYNTHETASE INHIBITOR HERBICIDES**

Use of Group 10 herbicides is most common in LibertyLink tolerant canola, corn and soybeans.

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**BAYER CROPSCIENCE HERBICIDES FOR PREVENTION OF POTENTIAL GROUP 10-RESISTANT GRASSY OR BROADLEAF WEEDS**

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**Mitosis Inhibitors**

**What is a Group 15 herbicide?**
- Inhibits cell growth and division by interfering with development of very long-chain fatty acids (VLCFA).
- Typically affects susceptible weeds prior to emergence but does not inhibit seed germination.
- Often applied as a soil treatment for control of annual grasses and small-seeded broadleaf weeds.

**How do weeds evolve resistance to Group 15 herbicides?**
- This target site resistance appears to be due to an altered VLCFA synthase binding site.

**How many weeds have developed resistance to Group 15 herbicides?**
- Globally: 4 weed species confirmed
- Canada: 0 weed species confirmed

**Group 14**

**PPO Inhibitors**

**HRAC Group K3**

**What is a Group 14 herbicide?**
- Inhibitor of protoporphyrinogen oxidase (PPO) enzyme.
- Inhibition leads to a chain reaction resulting in the leaking of cell membranes.
- PPO inhibitors are typically most effective on annual broadleaf weeds.
- Consists of products from four major chemical families: diphenyl ether, N-phenylphthalimide, pyrimidinediones and triazolinones.

**How do weeds evolve resistance to Group 14 herbicides?**
- Target site resistance is conferred by an amino acid deletion in the PPO gene.

**How many weeds have developed resistance to Group 14 herbicides?**
- Globally: 6 weed species confirmed
- Canada: 0 weed species confirmed

**BAYER CROPSCIENCE HERBICIDES FOR PREVENTION OF POTENTIAL GROUP 14-RESISTANT BROADLEAF WEEDS**

**WEST**

- CANOLA
  - Liberty® (Group 1)
- CEREALS
  - Battlione®
    - Dual II Magnum
    - Frontier Max
  - Boundary®
- PULSES
  - Authority®
  - Select (Group 1)

**EAST**

- CANOLA
  - Liberty® (Group 10)
- CEREALS
  - Converge XT (Group 5, 27)
  - Select (Group 1)
- PULSES
  - Convene (Group 5)

**COMMON GROUP 14 PPO INHIBITOR HERBICIDES**

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* When applied with glyphosate contains more than one non-Group 14 chemistry

**COMMON GROUP 15 MITOSIS INHIBITOR HERBICIDES**

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* Contains at least one non-Group 15 chemistry
** Pre-emerge only

**BAYER CROPSCIENCE HERBICIDES FOR PREVENTION OF POTENTIAL GROUP 15-RESISTANT GRASSY OR BROADLEAF WEEDS**

**WEST**

- CANOLA
  - Liberty® (Group 10)
- CEREALS
  - Battlione®
    - Dual II Magnum
    - Frontier Max
  - Converge XT (Group 5, 27)
  - Infinity (Group 6, 27)
- PULSES
  - Convene (Group 5)

**EAST**

- CANOLA
  - Liberty® (Group 10)
- CEREALS
  - Converge XT (Group 5, 27)
  - Select (Group 1)
- PULSES
  - Convene (Group 5)

**LL = LibertyLink canola, corn or soybeans only**

Please refer to product labels for additional information on weeds controlled, application timings, precautions, restrictions and other important use information.
What is a Group 22 herbicide?
- Consist of products from one chemical family: bipyridiliums.
- Fast-acting, non-selective, contact herbicides.
- Divert electron transport in photosystem I.
- They divert electron flow in photosystem I forming toxic ultra-reactive hydroxyl radicals which disrupt proteins and lipids within the plant cell membranes resulting in rapid tissue desiccation and plant death.

How do weeds evolve resistance to Group 22 herbicides?
- Involves non-target site resistance through enhanced metabolism or sequestration.
- Biotypes displaying resistance due to enhanced metabolism are able to enzymatically degrade ultra-reactive hydroxyl radicals before they can disrupt cell proteins and lipids.
- Biotypes displaying resistance due to sequestration are able to accumulate the herbicide molecule in cell vacuoles or bind the herbicide to cell wall components preventing it from reaching the target site in photosystem I.

How many weeds have developed resistance to Group 22 herbicides?
- Globally: 28 weed species confirmed
- Canada: 3 weed species confirmed

Confirmed Group 22-Resistant Weed Species in Canada
- Eastern black nightshade (East)
- Horseweed (East)
- Virginia pepperweed (East)

Other Group 22 Herbicides

**Group 22 Herbicides**
- Eastern black nightshade (East)
- Horseweed (East)
- Virginia pepperweed (East)

**How does a Group 22 herbicide work?**
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**How many weeds have developed resistance to Group 22 herbicides?**
- Globally: 28 weed species confirmed
- Canada: 3 weed species confirmed
What is a Group 27 herbicide?

- Inhibitor of 4-hydroxyphenylpyruvate-dioxygenase (HPPD) enzyme, which disrupts the formation of carotenoids.
- The lack of carotenoids results in the destruction of chlorophyll molecules by excessive light energy. This leads to characteristic bleaching of leaf tissue and rapid plant death (normally six to 14 days) after application.
- Consists of products from three main chemical families: triketone, isoxazole and pyrazole.

How do weeds evolve resistance to Group 27 herbicides?

- Due to the recent discovery of HPPD resistance, researchers are investigating how this resistance develops.

How many weeds have developed resistance to Group 27 herbicides?

Globally: 2 weed species confirmed
Canada: 0 weed species confirmed

How can Group 27 herbicides fit in my resistance management strategy?

By alternating and/or tank mixing HPPD inhibitors with other modes of action, these products can be key management options for control of weeds resistant to other herbicide groups.
**BAYER CROPSCIENCE HERBI-CIDE FEATURES**

**Buctril M / GROUP 4, 6**

Buctril M is the most trusted broadleaf herbicide available to canola, flax and corn growers. It provides fast-acting control of 28 broadleaf weeds across Canada. Buctril M tank mixes with a multitude of products, including Liberty, creates effective, full-spectrum weed control for your InPulSion hybrid or LibertyLink canola.

**Concise / GROUP 1**

Concise herbicide provides your canola, flax and pulses from 13 of Western Canada’s toughest grassy weeds plus sulphur-in spray applications in one post-emergent pass. Tank mixing with a multitude of products, including Liberty, creates effective, full-spectrum weed control for your IntePulSion hybrid or LibertyLink canola.

**Excel Super / GROUP 1**

Excel Super is a specially formulated post-emergent herbicide for superior control of tough annual grassy weeds plus volunteer corn in canola. Its wide window of application from the 1 to 6 leaf stage of corn to control seven tough annual grassy weeds plus volunteer corn in canola and soybeans. Its wide window of application makes it an excellent resistance management tool.

**Infinity / GROUP 6, 27**

With two powerful actives, Infinity provides exceptional broadleaf control for wheat and barley and other forage grasses. Infinity contains the only Group 17 active ingredient in canola, is fast-acting and makes an excellent resistance management tool.

**Liberty / GROUP 10**

As a Group 10 herbicide for canola, Liberty effectively controls Group 1-resistant wild oats and Group 1- and 9-resistant kochia as well as your regular problem weeds. Liberty’s unique mode of action makes it an excellent resistance management tool by helping reduce the risk of glyphosate resistance and the development of resistant weeds, year after year.

**Liberty 200 SN / GROUP 10**

Liberty herbicide delivers fast, broad-spectrum grassy and broadleaf weed control in Hericue, AgraLink and IntePureLink canola hybrids containing the LibertyLink trait, as well as new LibertyLink soybeans and InPulSion canola hybrids.

**Pardner / GROUP 6**

Pardner herbicide provides powerful control of major broadleaf weeds in canola, alfalfa, corn and a wide range of other crops and forage grasses. It controls 10 tough broadleaf weeds, many of which have Group 3-resistant biotypes, has no re-cropping restrictions and provides excellent crop safety.

**Select / GROUP 1**

Select herbicide protects many broadleaf crops against the toughest grassy weeds, including quackgrass. Tank mix Select with Liberty for unsurpassed control of grassy weeds on IntePulSion canola and LibertyLink soybeans.

**Sencor / GROUP 5**

Sencor is a pre-emerge broad-spectrum herbicide registered for broadcast weed control on select wheat and barley crops, including Group 2- and Group 9-resistant kochia. It contains Group 5 modes of action. Sencor helps manage and prevent Group 2-resistant broadleaf weeds including hemp-nettle, chickweed and wild mustard.

**Thumper / GROUP 4, 6**

Thumper provides reliable and outstanding control of 26 different broadleaf weeds for wheat and barley growers, including Group 4- and Group 6-resistant kochia. It contains Group 4- and Group 6 (bromoxynil) active ingredients, making it an effective resistance management tool.

**Tundra / GROUP 1, 6, 27**

Wheat and barley growers love Tundra for its simplicity and crop safety. This pre-emerge formulation offers powerful grassy and broadleaf control, a broadleaf herbicide resistance management tool and the convenience of bulk. Just add water and go.

**Varro / GROUP 2**

The tank mix-friendly grassy herbicide with activity on select broadleafs. Varro provides excellent control of wild oats, even Group 1-resistant, and enables wheat growers to rotate back to sensitive crops like the lentils and dry beans.

**Velocity m3 / GROUP 2, 6, 27**

Velocity m3 herbicide is the perfect all-in-one solution for your most difficult grassy and broadleaf weeds. With three different modes of action, Velocity m3 provides wheat growers with a strong resistance management tool and exceptional crop safety.

**Vios G3 / GROUP 2, 27**

Vios G3 herbicide is a one-pass, full season solution for Roundup Ready and LibertyLink corn hybrids. Containing two powerful active ingredients in an easy-to-use concentrated liquid formulation, Vios G3 provides effective resistance management and comprehensive broad-spectrum weed control. Just one 1.78 L jug treats 40 acres of corn, helping growers out of your field and off your mind.

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**CANOLA**

**WHEAT**

**PULSES**

**CORN**

**SOYBEANS**
## HERBICIDE CLASSIFICATION BY MODE OF ACTION

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