

# Grassmanship - Spring Agronomy Solutions



## Welcome to Nufarm's Spring technical bulletin in grassland.

**Maximise quality grass for the coming season by controlling weeds in most scenarios in established grassland.**

Perennial weeds such as Docks and Thistles will be at a leafy rosette stage during the Spring and this is a prime opportunity to control these yield and quality robbing weeds.

Nufarm have a great range of **Forage Friendly** agronomy solutions, ideal for grass to be cut for silage or hay, grazing fields and horse paddocks.

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### CONTROL DOCKS BEFORE FIRST CUT

April is a good month to catch docks at a leafy rosette growth stage. Conditions during April will give active growth of the weeds, making them an ideal target for spraying. Time your application to allow at least 3 weeks before cutting, this allows the herbicide time to translocate into the roots.



**Thrust 2.5L/ha + fluroxypyr 1.0 L/ha**

This is a great mix to tackle Docks in silage fields. Also effective on chickweed, thistles, buttercup and nettle. Graze after 2 weeks or cut after 3 weeks.

**Safe to grass, forage friendly, no manure restrictions.**

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## **CONTROL Sycamore seedlings**



Thrust is very effective on sycamore seedlings in horse pasture.

- Apply up to 4 leaf stage of sycamore
- Minimum grazing interval is 14 days but do not re-introduce horses or livestock until the seedlings have completely disappeared.
- Sycamore seedlings emerge in April and are particularly toxic if eaten by horses or ponies.



**Agronomy  
Solutions**

**Thrust 3.5L/ha by boom sprayer**

**Thrust 90ml in 10 litres water for knapsack**

## ALL ROUNDER - MIXED PERENNIAL WEED CONTROL

Docks, Thistles, Nettles, Buttercup.

- A great complimentary mix controlling all the main weeds
- Ideal for both grazing and cutting fields.
- Graze after 2 weeks or cut after 3 weeks
- Safe to grass, forage friendly, no manure restrictions
- 1 pack Thrust + 1 pack Tandus (Pasturepack) treats 2ha (5 acres)



Available  
as a  
convenient  
twin-pack



**Thrust 2.5L/ha + fluroxypyr (eg  
Tomahawk / Tandus) 1.0L/ha**

## THISTLE CONTROL



- Effective on both Creeping thistle and Spear Thistle
- Apply in 200 litres water per ha to actively growing weeds
- Graze after 2 weeks or cut after 3 weeks
- Safe to grass, forage friendly, no manure restrictions



**Thrust 3.5L/ha  
OR  
Lupo 4.0L/ha**

# RAGWORT CONTROL

April is a month where Ragwort is at the rosette stage and this gives an opportunity for effective control.

- Weeds should be actively growing.
- Avoid spraying if frost is forecast or very dry conditions persist.
- Ideal for horse and pony pasture
- Livestock should not be re introduced to treated areas until the Ragwort has completely died off and disappeared. This can take 6 weeks.



Ragwort rosette stage makes an ideal target for herbicide application but must be actively growing



Thrust 3.5L/ha + Depitone Ultra 1.25L/ha



# Star Product Profiles:

## THRUST - The anchor product in grassland weed control



The powerful combination of 2,4-D and dicamba makes Thrust a “go to” product for the control of Dock, thistles, buttercup and ragwort in established grassland.

- 5 litre pack
- Can be applied by boom sprayer or knapsack
- 3.5L/ha in 200L water boom sprayer
- 90ml in 10L water knapsack
- Controls many off label weeds such as Sycamore seedlings, Himalayan Balsam, Nettles and Burdock.
- Forage Friendly – no cutting or manure restrictions

# DEPITONE ULTRA - an ester form of 2,4-D for grassland



Depitone Ultra is a low volatility ester form of 2,4-D. This unique product has several benefits over the standard amine salt formulation including:

Emulsifiable concentrate formulation, making a great mixing partner to pep up control of difficult weeds such as Ragwort, Nettles and Creeping Buttercup.

Better and quicker efficacy at variable temperatures

Better rainfastness

Better performance in hard water

Application rate is 2.0 litres/ha in grassland, amenity grassland and managed amenity turf.

Pack size = 5 litres

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DEPITONE ULTRA contains 600 g/l 2,4-D Ester  
LUPO contains 345 g/l 2,4-D + 345 g/l MCPA  
THRUST contains 344 g/l 2,4-D + 120 g/l dicamba  
TANDUS/TOMAHAWK contains 200 g/l fluroxypyr

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Details of application rates and timings are given in Nufarm labels and product literature; both of which can be accessed from our website [nufarm.com/ie](https://nufarm.com/ie)

Alternatively, ring the Nufarm helpline on 01274 694714, Monday to Friday 9.00 - 17.00

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**Use plant protection products safely. Always read the label and product information before use.**

For label and safety information, refer to the Nufarm website [www.nufarm.com/ie](https://www.nufarm.com/ie).

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