Technical Update



Diamondback Moth outbreak in Neeps

- An outbreak of Diamondback moth is causing severe damage to the Scottish Neep crop. The pest
 causes feeding damage in all brassicas, but especially in neaps, cauliflower, cabbage and broccoli.
 Adults lay their eggs on the leaves, with the larvae stripping the leaf. With current higher than average
 temperatures it is possible to host 2 or 3 life cycles. Eggs will hatch within 3 days of being laid, and a
 complete generation will take around 5 weeks.
- Diamondback moth has shown resistance to pyrethroids and diamides (such as chlorantraniliprole) and there are few effective legal solutions. DiPel DF is a biological insecticide based on naturally occurring Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt). It is highly selective against caterpillars, (larvae) of lepidopterous insects, safe to operators and to the wider environment.

KEY BENEFITS

- Powerful and targeted control of Lepidoptera pests.
- Stops feeding immediately.
- Does not harm bees, beneficials, mammals or fish.
- Biological insecticide Organic classification.
- Nil withholding period.
- No LERAP.
- Once dry, DiPel DF has excellent rainfastness.
- Multiple applications.

MODE OF ACTION

- DiPel DF is targeted to lepidopterous species because of their high gut pH (9.5 10.5).
- The Bt toxin crystals dissolve in the midgut.
- The Bt toxins are activated and attach to midgut receptors.
- Pores form in the cell wall and cells rupture.
- Bt spores will invade the insect body, death follows.







APPLICATION ADVICE

DiPel DF contains *Bacillus thuringiensis* var kurstaki with a potency of 32,000 IU/mg Easy to use WDG formulation supplied in a 0.5Kg pack.

Water Volume: Field crops 400 - 1000L/Ha. Protected Crops 400-2000L/Ha

Rate of Use: 0.75 - 1Kg DiPel DF *

Maximum number of applications:No restrictionLatest time of application:No restriction

*Use lower rate for normal infestation of young larvae and higher rate for heavy infestations or larvae at more advanced growth stages. In case of infestation with cabbage moth (*Mamestra brassicae*) use higher rate (DiPel DF provides only some control of this pest).

Apply DiPel DF as soon as first larvae are seen, preferably during an active feeding period. Repeat every 7-10 days until the end of the hatching period. Avoid high sunlight intensity. Ensure good coverage.

	Crops
Label Crops	Amenity vegetation, aubergine (protected), broad bean - fresh (protected), broccoli/calabrese (outdoor), brussels sprout (outdoor), cabbage (outdoor), cauliflower (outdoor), combining pea (outdoor), cucumber (protected), dwarf french bean (protected), edible podded pea (outdoor), globe artichoke (outdoor), leek (outdoor), ornamental plant production, pepper and chilli (protected), raspberry, runner bean (protected), strawberry, tomato (protected), vining pea (outdoor).
EAMU Crops Please check CRD website. This list is not complete	Forestry, outdoor sweetcorn, blackberry, other rubus hybrids, aubergine (protected), cayenne pepper (protected), red beet (outdoor), leek (outdoor), watercress (outdoor and protected), bulb onion (outdoor), garlic (outdoor), shallot (outdoor), broad bean (outdoor), dwarf French bean (outdoor), runner bean (outdoor), Outdoor carrot, Outdoor horseradish, Outdoor parsley root, Outdoor parsnip, Outdoor salsify, Outdoor bilberry, Outdoor blackcurrant and redcurrant, Outdoor blueberry, Outdoor cranberry, Outdoor gooseberry, Outdoor other vaccinium species, Outdoor whitecurrant, Outdoor calabrese, Outdoor celery, Outdoor choi sum, Outdoor collards (including spring greens), Outdoor kale, Outdoor oriental cabbage, Outdoor rhubarb, Protected broccoli, Protected Brussels sprout, Protected cabbage, Protected calabrese, Protected calliflower, Protected celery, Protected choi sum, Protected collards (including spring greens), Protected kale, Protected oriental cabbage, Protected rhubarb.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Dipel DF contains Bacillus thuringiensis var kurstaki

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