

## Autumn Broadleaf Sprays

It is important to remember a couple of key considerations when thinking about your Autumn broadleaf spraying program.

- 1) Do you have clover and are they important to you.
- 2) What weeds are you targeting
- 3) What is the size of the weeds you are targeting
- 4) What are the climatic conditions

Looking at these key factors can make a difference to your rate of success in eradicating broadleaf weeds in your pasture.

If you have a new sown pasture and white clover is coming through some sprays are considered softer on white clover than others.

In general capeweed is a major issue for Gippsland however the different selective broadleaf chemicals all have different advantages when attacking other broadleaf weeds in pasture such as nettle, marshmallow and dock for example. Chemicals generally used for broadleaf weed control in Gippsland include Nugrex, Amicide and Agritone.

The bigger the weed size has an effect on the selection of the chemical and what rate the chemical needs to be applied for a successful spray program. The smaller a broadleaf weed the higher the success level of your spray application. Target spray programs when weeds are smaller than a music CD to increase your chances of a successful broadleaf weed kill.

Currently we are seeing a dry start to Autumn. Additions to your tank mix may help the efficacy of your chemical when the plant is under limited moisture stress. Adding LI700 can help the spray stick to the plant leaf while Liase can help increase the uptake of the chemical into the plant.