

DuPont™ Express®

herbicide

With TotalSol® soluble granules

Optimize the DuPont™ ExpressSun® trait system with Express® herbicide

Benefits of the ExpressSun® trait

Herbicide-tolerant sunflower hybrids can provide producers with technology to aid in the control of annual and perennial broadleaf weeds. High-yielding sunflower hybrids from Pioneer Hi-Bred, Croplan Genetics and SEEDS 2000 Inc. include the DuPont™ ExpressSun® trait with built-in tolerance to the active ingredient in DuPont™ Express® herbicide with TotalSol® soluble granules. Express® research trials have demonstrated in-season control of Canada thistle and control of many other annual broadleaf weeds in conventional, minimum-till or no-till sunflower production systems.

The ExpressSun® trait system is designed to maximize weed control in sunflower crops, thereby enhancing production and yield. ExpressSun® combines herbicide-tolerant sunflower seed with the Express® trait herbicide to provide improved weed control over conventional systems.

ExpressSun® trait development

Application of Express® herbicide, to conventional (non-Express®-tolerant) sunflowers will result in significant crop injury or plant death. In contrast, herbicide-tolerant sunflower hybrids with the ExpressSun® trait possess genetic tolerance to Express® herbicide.

Pioneer first introduced herbicide-tolerant sunflowers with the ExpressSun® trait for the 2007 season and continues to develop new herbicide-tolerant hybrids.

Unlike other herbicide-tolerant crops, such as Roundup Ready soybeans with the Roundup Ready gene, herbicide-tolerant sunflowers with the ExpressSun® trait were derived through traditional plant-breeding methods and are non-GMO products. Resistance to Express® herbicide has been bred into the Pioneer, Croplan and Seeds 2000 Inc. elite sunflower germplasm.

Express® herbicide with TotalSol® soluble granules:

- Has been extensively used in wheat and barley for more than 20 years to control broadleaf weeds and is proven effective in controlling Canada thistle.
- Dissolves completely into ions that are absorbed readily by weeds, resulting in more-consistent control over a wide variety of environmental conditions.
- Is formulated as a 50 percent active water-soluble granule.

Studies indicate that Express® herbicide presents a low risk to mammals, birds, fish and other nonplant wildlife when used in accordance with the label.

Stewardship

It is well-known that domestic sunflowers can outcross readily to wild sunflowers. To preserve the efficacy of the ExpressSun® trait, producers are required to follow specific management practices designed to prevent or delay herbicide resistance in wild species of sunflowers. These practices span crops to promote herbicide resistance management.

- Always grow sunflower hybrids with the ExpressSun® trait as part of a multiyear rotation with other crops.
- Use non-ALS/AHAS (non-group 2) mode-of-action herbicides in a tank mix with ALS/AHAS herbicides, or as sequential treatments in the rotational crop, to control wild and volunteer sunflowers.
- Control wild sunflowers in non-crop areas adjacent to ExpressSun® trait sunflower fields through the use of non-ALS/AHAS herbicides and/or mowing prior to seed set.



- Use tillage to control emerged wild sunflowers prior to planting hybrids with the DuPont™ ExpressSun® trait or by utilizing non-ALS/ AHAS burndown herbicides or use ALS/AHAS burndown herbicides in a tank mix with non-ALS/AHAS herbicides to provide control of sunflowers.
- As practical, use ALS/AHAS herbicides in a tank mix with non-ALS/AHAS (non-group 2) mode-of-action herbicides or use ALS/AHAS herbicides in a sequential program that employs alternate modes of action to control wild and volunteer sunflowers.

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Rate and timing

- Postemergence: ¼ to ½ ounce per acre. Do not exceed 1 ounce per acre per use season.

Adjuvant

- Methylated seed oil at a rate of 1 gallon per 100 gallons of spray solution.

Application method postemergence

- Apply DuPont™ Express® herbicide with TotalSol® soluble granules using a minimum spray volume of 5 gallons by ground or 2 gallons by air to provide good weed control. When tank mixing with a grass herbicide, such as DuPont™ Assure® II, use the higher spray volume recommended for those products, usually 10 gallons by ground.

Condensed list of broadleaf weeds controlled or suppressed

Buckwheat, wild*	Nightshade, hairy*
Chamomile, mayweed	Pennycress, field
Chamomile, wild	Pineapple-weed
Chickweed, common	Pigweed: redroot, tumble†
Dandelion**	Puncturevine†
Falseflax, smallseed	Purslane, common
Flixweed	Shepherd's-purse
Kochia**	Smartweed, Pennsylvania*
Lambsquarters: common, slimleaf	Sowthistle, annual*
Lettuce, miner's	Tansymustard
Lettuce, prickly***	Thistle: Canada, Russian***
Marshelder†	Vetch*: common, hairy
Mustard: black, blue (purple mustard), wild	Wallflower, bushy (treacle mustard)

* Partially controlled weeds exhibit a visual reduction in numbers as well as a significant loss of vigor.

** Addition of 2,4-D LVE is required.

*** Resistant biotypes were not always adequately controlled.

† This Express® recommendation is made as permitted under FIFRA Section 2(ee) for improved control of marshelder, puncturevine and tumble pigweed on sunflower hybrids with the DuPont™ ExpressSun® trait in all registered states except SC. Approval is pending for SC. The 2(ee) expiration date is 1/31/2013.

Application timing

- Apply Express® from the one-leaf stage up to (but not including) bud formation.
- Depending on environmental conditions, a second application may be needed 14 or more days after the first application.
- Do not apply within 70 days of sunflower harvest.

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