



Rapeseed Proving To Be Stubborn This Spring

Reports are coming in across the Midwest that rapeseed stands have been difficult to burndown this spring. Rapeseed use is growing because of many factors, including:

- Economical seed costs
- Large taproot for breaking up hard pans
- Good recycler of phosphorus
- Viable weed suppression

However, much of the Midwest has seen a mild winter, leading to rapeseed stands with a good head at the start of spring. As it matures, many chemicals aren't effective and herbicides that translocate don't work well either.

Planning is Critical for Success

Rapeseed must be controlled prior to bud stage. While research continues, it appears some dealers across the country are still having success controlling rapeseed. Gramoxone (paraquat) is working well, as are some other products listed below:

- In front of soybeans: Pursuit, Flexstar, Cobra, Classic
- In front of corn: Atrazine, Laudis, Balance

This information is by no means a recommendation. Always follow herbicide labels for specific recommendations on how and when to use. Also understand that these herbicides are used for controlling rapeseed in the field – the use of these herbicides can and will prohibit the planting of brassicas this fall.

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