



April 2018

What You Should Know About Organic Herbicides

UPCOMING EVENTS

OSU 2018 Grape Day
Business & Economics from
Vineyard to Wine Sales
4-3-18
LaSells Stewart Center - OSU
Corvallis, OR

Kubota Field Events
OVS Aurora & McMinnville
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Saturday, May 19th - 9am - 2pm
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Store Locations



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Weed management is an ever present problem in agriculture. Weeds compete for space, nutrients, and water which can impact cultivated crops and reduce yields. Weed control is especially challenging for organic growers who have few effective and economical options available for use on organic food crops.

Westbridge Agricultural Products now offers SUPPRESS® Herbicide EC, a safe and effective, low foaming, and easy to use broad spectrum contact herbicide. SUPPRESS is an EPA registered, OMRI approved herbicide used for post emergent non-selective weed control. It is not volatile and will not cause vapor damage to non-target plants. This proprietary formulation is an emulsifiable concentrate that provides organic growers with a fast and effective alternative to help meet their production goals and manage rising labor costs. It is also an excellent alternative for conventional growers to use as a rotational herbicide where weeds have become resistant to other chemical herbicides. SUPPRESS has no pre-harvest interval so it can be applied up to day of harvest.

SUPPRESS Herbicide EC works best on newly emerged weeds and at temperatures greater than 60°F. Label directions call for a lower rate of 3% for young, succulent and actively growing weeds. For more mature weeds use the higher application rates of 6% or 9% in up to 100 gallons of water per acre. When using SUPPRESS for sucker control, apply 6% to 9% solution to eliminate tender suckers, and a higher rate of 9% for mature (lignified) suckers. Acidify spray water to pH 6 or below prior to adding SUPPRESS to the spray tank. The dilution water can be adjusted using an acidifier, such as BioLink® Acidifer. SUPPRESS needs to be thoroughly mixed in the spray tank and should have a diluted, milky appearance before applying. Once the SUPPRESS emulsion is formed, a bypass pump will maintain the blend. Be aware that not all bypass pumps will adequately mix spray tanks. Always avoid spray drift to prevent damage to the crop. If using a tractor, speed should be less than 2 mph during application. For best results, use continuous agitation until all spray solution has been applied using enough water to thoroughly cover the weeds.

SUPPRESS Herbicide EC provides organic and conventional growers with an effective and economical option for weed control. For more information about SUPPRESS Herbicide EC contact OVS Ag Supplies at 800-653-2216.

Kristina Short - Westbridge Agricultural Products



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OVS is introducing the STOCKade ST400i! The world's first 9 Gauge Barbed cordless fencing stapler that makes fencing faster, easier and safer.

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The ST400i has an outstanding power, allowing you to drive up to 2 staples per second. The fuel cell in conjunction with the 3.7V Li-ion battery, allows you to fire up to 3,000 staples per charge.



Watch it in action!

<https://www.stockade.com/products/fence-post-staplers/1-st400i-cordless-fence-post-stapler>



FEATURES:

- Adjustable depth of staple drive
- 9 gauge barbed staples 1½, 1¾ and 2" available
- Top load magazine for easy and fast re-loading
- Hot dipped galvanized staples Class III
- V-notch guide and wire guide to ensure correct staple placement
- 2 batteries provided with each kit so you will never run out of power

Ricardo Santiago - OVS Ag Supplies

Spray Time!

It's hard to believe that even with the cool and wet weather we need to be thinking about spraying. However according to degree day models we are tracking approximately 12 days ahead of 2017 (as of March 17th 2018). That being said, looking at current plant development throughout the valley we are expecting to see Woolly Bud emergence around the first to second week of April. Woolly Bud is a critical stage for preventing rust mites in the vineyards. Contact your OVS Agronomist for more information and recommendations.



In blueberries, some varieties have already broke bud and it is time for preventative Mummyberry sprays. With the warming weather we will be seeing the apothecia emerge and spores being released and causing infections. Contact your OVS Agronomist for recommendations on prevention and control of this disease.

Cherries are also showing signs of life in the valley, we have observed green tip (March 15th 2018) already in the sours and are definitely seeing bud swell in sweet varieties. Excellent options for Blossom Blight control in stages 2-to full bloom include Indar at 6 oz/acre, Quilt Excel at 14 oz/acre or Luna Sensation at 7 oz/acre.

The best way to ensure maximum efficacy from your crop protection products is proper application. Make sure to calibrate your sprayers before beginning the season and check them periodically throughout the season, as well as replace worn and broken components as necessary. In all my years of farming and consulting the biggest errors in application have been from unmaintained and uncalibrated equipment. The cost to maintain and repair application equipment is almost inconsequential when compared to the cost of materials, or worse... an application that doesn't work.

Our Aurora and McMinnville Service Departments run year-round **Sprayer Inspection Specials** specifically designed to clean, test and repair all makes and models of sprayers. [Check our website for more information!](#)

Joe Duyck - OVS Agronomy Team

Dave Anderson Joins OVS as McMinnville Service Manager

OVS McMinnville welcomed Dave Anderson to the team as Service Manager last month, offering previous Manager Jim Stowell an opportunity to lighten his workload while still taking care of customers. Dave comes to us from Pacific Tractor in Hillsboro, where he worked as a Service Technician, then Service Manager for 9 years.

As with many of our associates who grew up on farms, Dave grew up on a small farm in Bend, Oregon and at 13 started working at a local dairy farm. Understanding customers and their service needs, big or small, is what motivates Dave to find the best solution to every repair or maintenance request that enters his shop. This quality makes his a perfect fit for our Service Team!

Married and with a grown daughter, free time usually finds Dave rebuilding motors in his home shop and competing in local truck pull events.



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Used Kubota BX1850 w/ 48" Mid Mower

- Stock #52549 (McMinnville)
- Hydrostatic Transmission
- MFWD
- 1000 ROM Mid PTO
- 540 Rear PTO
- Cat I 3pt Hitch
- 1654 Hours

\$6,995



Used John Deere 1445

- Stock #51309 (McMinnville)
- Commercial Front Mower
- 4WD
- Diesel Engine
- 1388 Engine Hours
- 72" Mowing Deck

\$9,499



Used Kubota RTV-X900G-H

- Stock #33410 (Aurora)
- 114 Hours
- 4x4 Diesel
- Hydrostatic Drive
- 3 Speeds
- Manual Bed Tilt
- Heavy Duty Tires
- Front Bumper
- 510 Miles

\$12,700



Used Kubota ZD331LP-72

- Stock #51383 (McMinnville)
- 72" Commercial Deck
- Side Discharge
- Diesel
- 1036 Hours

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