

Bayer to Launch New Broadleaf Herbicide in US

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Bayer Crop Science plans to release a new broadleaf corn herbicide, DiFlexx, which it said will offer growers flexibility for a broad range of application while also fitting a variety of soil and weather conditions.

The product is expected to be on the US market in 2015, following regulatory approval. The US is by far the world's largest corn producer, growing more than one third of global output.

DiFlexx is a blend of dicamba and Bayer's Safener Crop Safety Innovation technology that the company said enables corn plants to better withstand herbicidal activity. With a liquid formulation, it will have a wide window of application from burndown to V10, targeting tough weeds such as Palmer amaranth, lambsquarters and waterhemp, but also more than 100 annual and perennial weeds, including those resistant to glyphosate-, PPO- and ALS-based herbicides.

Jeff Springsteen, Bayer CropScience US product manager, said DiFlexx can improve overall plant health and ultimately increase yields as it improves soil and foliar uptake of plants. The herbicide can be applied to all soil types, making it applicable for silage, white corn, seed corn and popcorn crops.

Additionally, Springsteen said, DiFlexx can be safely combined with MSO (Methylated Seed Oil) or COC (Crop Oil Concentrate) for improved weed control as compared to non-safened dicamba.

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