

Ragwort control in grassland

Common Ragwort is well adapted to dry conditions and has thrived particularly well this year. If pulling or cutting the weed have not been effective control options, now is the time to consider herbicide application. September is the best month to control Ragwort with herbicides whilst the weed is at leafy rosette stage.

Why is September application best?:

- Ragwort is a biennial plant and forms a leafy rosette in autumn of Year 1
- Rosette stage is the most susceptible stage to herbicide application
- Ragwort is actively growing in warm soils and translocating downwards
- Efficacy is better than spring application (when Ragwort extending up towards flowering and growth is slow)
- Autumn application allows Ragwort remains to fully disappear before cutting next spring





Thrust 3.5 L/ha

- Apply in 200 litres water/ha under favourable growing conditions until end September
- For knapsack application, apply 90ml Thrust in 10 litres water
- Can be applied to agricultural grassland <u>including horse pasture</u>, and also to amenity grassland. No manure restrictions
- Professional product to be applied by persons with appropriate spraying certificate

Ragwort plants sprayed with this herbicide are more palatable and contain higher levels of toxins. Animals should be excluded from treated areas until any ragwort has completely recovered or died and there is no visible sign of the dead weed.

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