



Welcome to Nufarm's Summer Technical Bulletin in Grassland

Spring 2026 has not been kind with regard to providing ideal conditions and opportunities for weed control in Grassland. Extremely wet, cold conditions, followed by harsh drier weather mean many perennial weeds in Grassland have missed their ideal timing for effective weed control application.

However, as weather and field conditions have turned a corner, there is now an excellent opportunity through early summer and beyond to spray regrowth of Perennial Weeds and Ragwort post silage/hay cutting or topped post grazing. Best control of difficult weeds such as **Docks**, **Thistles** and **Ragwort** is often achieved in summer as the weeds are at a consistent growth stage for effective control post cutting and are translocating reserves to the roots rather than up to seed heads. New Sown Leys which have been sown are also now due for their Weed Control Programme.

Nufarm offer a great range of **Forage Friendly** Agronomy Solutions, ideal for silage or hay, grazing fields and horse paddocks, including new sown leys. Nufarm's new solution in new sown leys is **DockMaster** which can effectively target difficult to control weeds such as **Fat Hen** and **Charlock** that existing products struggle to control.

Why is Summer Application Advantageous?

- ✓ Weed growth is active due to warm soils
- ✓ Uniform Growth Stage of weeds post silage/hay cutting
- ✓ Weeds are translocating down to build reserves for the winter
- ✓ Best efficacy and root kill is achieved from herbicide application
- ✓ No competition from weeds next spring when grass is scarce

Aim for leafy
regrowth in
Summer



TRANSLOCATION

Ideal growth
stage for
application

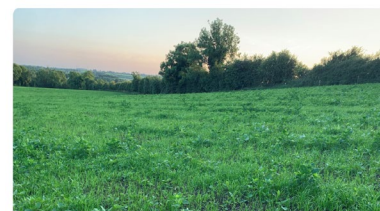


Spring Sown New Ley Weed Control with **DOCKMASTER**

Competitive weeds such as **Fat Hen**, **Charlock**, **Seedling Docks** and **Chickweed** should be controlled in new sown leys at the susceptible seedling stage

 **Agronomy
Solutions**

 **DOCKMASTER 1.5 L/ha**
+ Tomahawk
(fluroxypyr) 0.75 L/ha



Trial Demo. Results:
**DOCKMASTER 1.5 L/ha plus
Tomahawk 0.75 L/ha** new sown ley- pre
and post application results, June 2025
Co. Kilkenny vs post application (3
months) Sept. 2025

- ✓ Excellent control of **Docks**, **Chickweed**, **Charlock**, **Small Nettle** and **Fat Hen**
- ✓ Ideal product for intensive Dairy and Livestock sector
- ✓ New sown ley application
- ✓ Short grazing and cutting interval – 7 days
- ✓ Good fit for multi cut silage and rotational grazing
- ✓ Also approved for use in Established Grassland offering full label flexibility and use for use in all Grassland situations

Agronomy Solutions for Post-Silage Weed Control:



THRUST® 2.5 L/ha
+
Fluroxypyr
(Tomahawk or Tandus)
1.0 L/ha

OR

DOCKMASTER
1.5 L/ha
+
D50® 2.0 L/ha

Power of 3 actives- 2,4-D + dicamba + fluroxypyr or MCPA

A proven mix with **broad weed spectrum**, ideal for application post silage/hay regrowth

✓ Very safe mix Agronomic Solutions for use on **established grass**, giving excellent control of :

Docks | Thistles | Nettles | Buttercup | Dandelion

✓ Silage & grazing land 14-day grazing interval

✓ Knapsack application with Thrust

✓ Apply April – September

Ideal Agronomy Solutions for grassland weed control on **dairy, beef or sheep farms**



also available as a convenient
Twin Pack: **PasturePack**

The Ideal Solution for Thistle Control: **LUPO®**

Lupo is very effective against both Creeping Thistle and the larger Spear Thistle (see photos below). Timing of application is flexible from rosette stage, right up to pre flower stage when the weeds have expended a lot of root reserves.



LUPO® 4.0 L/ha

- Apply in 200 litres of water to actively growing **Thistles**.
- Also very effective control of **Creeping Buttercup** and **Nettles**



Bracken Control



THRUST® 3.5 L/ha
+
EAGLE 60 G/ha

- Agronomy Solution for control of weeds in permanent grassland and is effective on bracken.
- Apply in 200 litres of water/ha to new leafy growth at frond fully unfurled during July for best results.
- Allow top growth to die back fully in year of application
- Remove dead stems in the following spring.



Treated vs untreated 1 year after application-
Demo trial at Tinahely Co. Wicklow July 2022

Emergency Use Authorisation Update- CloverMax (2,4-DB + MCPA)

- **CloverMax (240 g/l 2,4-DB + 40 g/l MCPA) (PCS No 07628)** has been approved for an Emergency Use Authorisation (EMUA) under Article 53 of regulation EC No 1107/2009 by the Pesticide Regulatory Control Division (PRCD) of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFFM)
- This EMUA authorises the use of CloverMax for sale and use on farm as an "emergency" use within a **120 day period from 15th June to 13th October 2026** in newly sown re-seeds with Red Clover silage swards (at establishment) only
- PRCD requires that any unsold and unused product is to be returned to the approval holder (Nufarm) or their agent at the end of the approval period and at the latest by the 15th November 2026.

CloverMax Application Timing and Advice:

- New Sown Red Clover Silage Swards; Apply after the 1st trifoliate leaf has appeared on the majority of the clovers and before the 4th leaf on majority of clovers, ensuring that weeds are at the susceptible stage. Maximum Application Rate: 7.0 L/ha, Maximum Total Dose: 7.0 L/ha in 100-400 litres of water per hectare in Tractor mounted/trailed sprayers only, following on label mixing and spraying instructions
- In hard water areas (>200 mg/L CaCO₃) it is recommended to add a water softener

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DockMaster (PCS No 06760) contains 660 g/l MCPA+ 90 g/l dicamba
Lupo (PCS No 02979) contains 345 g/l 2,4-D + 345 g/l MCPA
Thrust (PCS No 04520) contains 344 g/l 2,4-D +120g/l dicamba
Fluroxypyr/Tandus (PCS No 06840) contains 200g/l fluroxypyr
CloverMax (PCS No 07628) contains 240 g/l 2,4-DB + 40 g/L MCPA
D50 (PCS No 05532) contains 500 g/L 2,4-D
Eagle contains 75% w/w amidosulfuron

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Grassmanship™ Weed Control Chart

Established Grass >1 year								New Sown Ley < 1 year	
GRASSLAND WEEDS (pre flowering, leafy stage)	Thrust 3.5 L/ha	Lupo 4.0 L/ha	Depitone Ultra 2.0 L/ha	Tomahawk/Tandus 1.0 L/ha	D50 3.3 L/ha	Agritox / NU46 2.7 L/ha	Dockmaster 1.5 L/ha	SEEDLING WEEDS (<6 leaves)	Dockmaster 1.5 L/ha + Tomahawk 0.75 L/ha
Bramble	**	-	**	**				Bindweed	***
Bracken	**	-	*	-				Black Nightshade	***
Burdock	***							Buttercup	***
Buttercup sp.	***	***	***	*	***	**	**	Charlock	***
Chickweed	*	*	**	***			***	Chickweed	***
Clover	***	**	**	***				Cleavers	***
Cranesbill sp.	***	**						Cranesbill	*
Cow Parsley	**	-	-	*				Dandelion	***
Daisy	**	**	**	**	**	**		Dock (seedling)	***
Dandelion	**	*	**	***	**	*	**	Fat Hen	***
Dock sp.	***	**	**	***	**		***	Fumitory	*
Himalayan Balsam	***							Groundsel	***
Hogweed	*	-	-	-				Hempnettle	***
Mouse Ear common	**	*	*	**			*	Knotgrass	**
Nettles	**	*	**	*	**		**	Mayweed	**
Plantain	***	***	***	*	***	***	***	Mouse Ear	***
Ragwort	***	**	**	*	**	**	**	Annual Nettle (small)	***
Rush (Soft)	-	***	*	-	**	**	*	Redshank	**
St John's Wort	**							Red Deadnettle	**
Sycamore seedlings	***							Runch	***
Thistle creeping	***	**	**	*	**	**	**	Shepherd's Purse	***
Thistle spear	***	**	**	*	**	**	**	Sowthistle prickly	**
Yarrow	*	*	*		*	*		Speedwell sp.	*
Yellow Rattle	**	*	*		*			Thistle (seedling)	***

*** Good control ** Moderate control *Some activity - Tolerant

Indications only - this information does not constitute a recommendation.
Livestock should be excluded from treated areas until any ragwort has completely died and there is no visible sign of the dead weed.

Use plant protection products safely. Always read the label and product information before use. For label and safety information, refer to the Nufarm website
www.nufarm.com/ie