

# SPRAYGRAZING

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# Why Spraygraze?



- Reduce broadleaf weed competition
- Maximise pasture productivity
- Reduce unwanted seed in wool, eyes, skin & mouth
- Help utilise unattractive feed
- Low cost & easy

# Weeds Targeted



- Capeweed
- Thistles
- Erodium (storksbill, corkscrew)
- Patterson's Curse
- Dock
- Many other broadleaf weeds

# How it works



- Light (sub-lethal) rate of phenoxy herbicide
  - (Agritone 750/Amicide 625)
  - Tank-mix with Dimethoate for RLEM control
- Broadleaf weeds
  - 'sweetened' – become erect, stand up and turns starch reserves into sugars
- Plants become attractive to stock
- Heavy grazing removes the plant

# When to Spraygraze



## OPTIMUM

4 - 6 weeks post Autumn Break  
(or 4 - 6 weeks after irrigation starts)

Avoid letting weeds get to mature

## Stock requirements

- Sheep are preferred (old wethers best)
- Can use cattle (steers or bullocks OK)
- Stock at 4 - 5 times normal rate or crash graze  
ie Have lots of stock or do small areas at a time
- Worm free

# Technique



- Spray with Agritone 750 or Amicide 625
- Wait 7-10 days  
(look for 'phenoxy effect' )
- Stock heavily
- Remove stock when they start to overgraze legumes

- Watch for poisonous plants
  - eg - capeweed, variegated thistle, patterson's curse
  - Do not graze these weeds for extended periods
- **DO NOT USE BREEDING/LACTATING STOCK**
- **DO NOT HAVE HORSES IN Paddock**

# Cautions



- Check pasture for Redlegged Earthmite or Lucerne flea damage
- Add Dimethoate to reduce stress from insect pests

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