



Albaugh expands U.S. crop protection portfolio with EPA approval for Pyraxol SC Herbicide

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New pyroxasulfone-based residual herbicide targets resistant grass and broadleaf weeds, strengthening weed management options for corn, cotton and soybean growers



Albaugh has strengthened its crop protection portfolio in the United States with the launch of Pyraxol SC, a new residual herbicide based on the active ingredient pyroxasulfone, following registration by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The approval comes as growers across major row-crop regions continue to grapple with escalating herbicide resistance, particularly among troublesome annual grasses and broadleaf weeds that have become increasingly difficult to manage through conventional weed-control programmes.

Positioned within the Group 15 herbicide category, Pyraxol SC is designed for pre-emergence applications and provides long-lasting residual weed control while requiring comparatively lower application rates than many traditional herbicides in the same class. The formulation is intended to help growers extend weed suppression throughout the early stages of crop establishment, reducing competition during critical growth periods.

According to Albaugh, the herbicide delivers effective control of annual grasses, sedges and several economically significant broadleaf weeds, including waterhemp and Palmer amaranth. The product also targets weed populations that have developed resistance to widely used herbicide chemistries, including glyphosate, ALS inhibitors and ACCase inhibitors, addressing one of the most pressing agronomic challenges facing North American producers.

The company said Pyraxol SC has been developed for use across major row crops, including corn, cotton and soybeans, offering selective weed control while maintaining crop safety when applied according to approved label recommendations.

Andy Bogue, U.S. Sales Director – Crop Protection at Albaugh, said the introduction of the product represents an important addition to the company's herbicide portfolio at a time when growers are seeking effective alternatives to manage increasingly resistant weed populations. He noted that pyroxasulfone has established itself as one of the industry's leading residual herbicide active ingredients and that the launch provides farmers with another reliable post-patent source of the chemistry.

The introduction also reflects Albaugh's broader strategy of expanding access to high-performance crop protection products while improving affordability for growers. As resistance management becomes an increasingly central component of integrated weed management programmes, manufacturers are placing greater emphasis on products that combine multiple modes of action, extended residual activity and economic value.

Pyraxol SC will become commercially available through Albaugh's authorized distribution network following completion of individual state registrations across the United States.