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Agronomic Tips from Denny Wildman



There's a
New SHERIFF in Town
---- Weed Control for Soybeans ----

Hello all.

Most of you know about the **New Sheriff in Town**, a new weed control product for soybeans. And, most of you probably know that this product is somewhat controversial... so controversial in fact, that it's already been challenged in Arkansas. Read about it [Here](#)

Over the winter, I attended several meetings on this totally new direction for soybean weed control and the many precautions necessary to prevent damage to surrounding crops.

Here's my conclusion.

Regardless of our individual opinion on the merits of this new weed control product, the fact is that farming involves risk and issues will occur. Professional applicators will, I'm sure, follow the established guidelines to avoid drift or contamination on non-target crops – but, we **MUST BE PREPARED** with effective solutions when non-targeted crops are impacted in an undesirable way.



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In your Stoller tool box, you have several products like Bio Forge, X-Cyte, and Folizyme, that are field-proven to minimize plant damage from drift of a post-emergent applied herbicide. Because herbicides use different modes of action to kill weeds, it's necessary to select the proper tools to effectively reverse the intended result.

Obviously, the degree of plant damage on non-targeted crops determines the speed in which plants recover. Across the board, if a decision is made to apply a corrective application, it's very important to make the prescribed application quickly, as in **HOURS**, not days.

In general, our goal under these conditions is to focus on the plants hormonal balance and work to make the plant cytokinin dominate in this scenario. When crops are contaminated by a spray drift, we must reduce the plant's stress at the cellular level, and meet the plant's nutritional needs to accelerate its return to health.

Yes, the new Sheriff has brought some new challenges in our efforts to control resistant weeds in soybeans. If I can be of assistance, please call.

Make every day a great day.



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