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IR-4 Ornamental Horticulture Program Pydiflumetofen Crop Safety

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Abstract

Pydiflumetofen is a new fungicide being developed by Syngenta for the control of leaf spots (*Septoria*, *Cercospora*, *Alternaria*, *Venturia*), powdery mildew, *Fusarium*, *Botrytis*, *Sclerotinia*, *Corynespora*, and other foliar diseases. The IR-4 Project completed 19 crop safety trials on 18 ornamental horticulture plant species or genera during 2015 and 2016. In these trials, all 18 species or genera exhibited minimal or no injury in the limited number of trials (one or two) for each crop; Syngenta can consider adding these to the label.

Introduction

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Materials and Methods

Pydiflumetofen was applied as foliar treatment typically 3 times at approximately 14 days intervals. The application rates were 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal, plus a water treated control. A minimum of ten plants (replicate treatments) were required. Phytotoxicity was planned to be recorded on a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = No phytotoxicity; 10 = Complete kill). Phytotoxicity was rated weekly up to 6 weeks after initial application. For IR-4 testing, the following protocols were used: 15-003 and 16-004. For more detailed materials and methods, including application rates for various products, please visit <http://ir4.rutgers.edu/ornamental/OrnamentalDrafts.cfm> to view and download these protocols.

Pydiflumetofen was supplied to researchers (See list of researchers in Appendix 1) by Syngenta.

Results and Summary

Based on the type and nature of injury seen with pesticide applications, tested plant species were placed into three categories: 1) no significant phytotoxicity or growth differences from the untreated check or any injury was transitory, 2) no or minimal transitory injury seen at the 1X rate, but the 2X and/or 4X rates did cause significant phytotoxicity, 3) significant injury at the 1X rate sufficient to recommend growers not utilize Pydiflumetofen, and 4) more data is needed to make informed recommendations.

Phytotoxicity

Across all crops tested, Pydiflumetofen exhibited no or minimal negative impact on all plant species or genera. However none of these crops had the minimum number of 3 tests for definitive conclusion of crop safety. There are 18 species or genera where less than 3 trials were conducted so there is not enough information available at this time (Table 4). All trials for each of these crops showed no or minimal, transitory phytotoxicity.

Please see Table 5 for a summary of the individual trial results.

Table 1. List of Pydiflumetofen treated crops with no or minimal transitory injury.

None

Table 2. List of Pydiflumetofen treated crops with no injury at 1X but significant injury at 2X or 4X.

None

Table 3. List of Pydiflumetofen treated crops with significant injury at 1X.

None

Table 4. List of Pydiflumetofen treated crops where more information is needed.

*Alyssum sp.*¹

*Antirrhinum majus*¹

*Begonia sp.*²

*Calibrachoa sp.*¹

*Chrysanthemum/Dendranthema x morifolium*¹

*Coreopsis sp.*¹

*Dianthus sp.*¹

*Gerbera sp.*¹

*Impatiens hawkeri*¹

*Impatiens walleriana*¹

*Lupinus sp.*¹

*Osteospermum sp.*¹

*Pelargonium x hortorum*¹

*Petunia sp.*¹

*Salvia sp.*¹

*Verbena sp.*¹

*Viola sp.*¹

*Viola x wittrockiana*¹

¹ No injury in 1 trial

² No injury in 2 trials

Table 5 Detailed Summary of Crop Safety Testing with Pydiflumetofen.

Notes: Table entries are sorted by crop Latin name. Only those trials with research reports received by 1/7/2017 are listed below.

PR#	Crop	Production Site	Researcher	State	Year	Application Type	Results
32428	Madwort (Alyssum sp.) 'Clear Crystal Lavender'	Greenhouse	Bodine	NJ	2015	Foliar	No significant injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times.
32437	Snapdragon (Antirrhinum majus) 'Rocket Mix'	Greenhouse	Bodine	NJ	2015	Foliar	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times.
32440	Begonia (Begonia sp.) B. semperflorens 'Bada Bing'	Greenhouse	Hausbeck	MI	2016	Foliar	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times.
32440	Begonia (Begonia sp.) 'Dragon Wing Red'	Greenhouse	Freiberger	NJ	2016	Foliar	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times.
32436	Calibrachoa (Calibrachoa sp.) 'Kabloom Deep Blue'	Greenhouse	Bodine	NJ	2015	Foliar	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times.
32434	Hardy Mum (Chrysanthemum/Dendranthema x morifolium) 'Dark Roanole'	Greenhouse	Freiberger	NJ	2016	Foliar	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times.
32431	Tickseed (Coreopsis sp.) 'Early Sunrise Yellow'	Greenhouse	Bodine	NJ	2015	Foliar	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times.
32427	Pinks (Dianthus sp.) 'Bouquet Rose Magic'	Greenhouse	Bodine	NJ	2015	Foliar	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times.
32432	Transvaal Daisy (Gerbera sp.) 'Garvenia Sweet Honey'	Greenhouse	Freiberger	NJ	2016	Foliar	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times.
32443	New Guinea Impatiens (Impatiens hawkeri) 'Super Sonic Purple'	Greenhouse	Freiberger	NJ	2016	Foliar	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times; slight leaf yellowing at end of trial.
32442	Garden Impatiens (Impatiens walleriana) 'Super XP Pink'	Greenhouse	Freiberger	NJ	2016	Foliar	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times.
32426	Lupine (Lupinus sp.) 'Gallery Blue'	Greenhouse	Freiberger	NJ	2016	Drench	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal.
32435	African Daisy (Osteospermum sp.) 'Asti Purple'	Greenhouse	Bodine	NJ	2015	Foliar	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times.
32439	Geranium, Zonal (Pelargonium x hortorum) 'Zonal Tango Orange'	Greenhouse	Freiberger	NJ	2016	Foliar	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times.
32438	Petunia (Petunia sp.) 'Tritunia Blue'	Greenhouse	Bodine	NJ	2015	Foliar	Slight injury only after 3rd application, with complete recovery, with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal; no growth reduction.
32429	Sage (Salvia sp.) 'Evolution White'	Greenhouse	Freiberger	NJ	2016	Foliar	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times.
32433	Vervain (Verbena sp.) 'Lanai Vintage Vodka'	Greenhouse	Freiberger	NJ	2016	Foliar	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times.
32441	Pansy (Viola sp.) 'Colossus Yellow'	Greenhouse	Freiberger	NJ	2016	Drench	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal.

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32430	Garden Pansy (Viola x wittrockiana) 'Delta Orange Blotch'	Greenhouse	Bodine	NJ	2015	Foliar	No injury or growth reduction with 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal applied 3 times.

Label Suggestions

In this report, all plants exhibited no or minimal injury after foliar treatments of Pydiflumetofen at 13.7, 27.4 and 54.8 fl oz per 100 gal, suggesting that this active ingredient is safe to ornamental horticulture crops. Given the lack of phytotoxicity across so many different plant species and genera, it is suggested that all the 18 plants in Table 4 (listed below) that showed no injury be placed on the Pydiflumetofen label if Syngenta has similar results on these crops. Or a general statement can be placed on the label such as ‘has not been demonstrated to cause damage on various ornamental plant species according to labeled use instructions. Pydiflumetofen may be used on a wide number of crops, but must be tested on a limited portion of the crop prior to applying to the whole crop if the grower has no previous experience applying Pydiflumetofen to that crop’.

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