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New fungicide performs well in high pressure season



The new DuPont™ Talendo® fungicide for the control of Powdery mildew in wine and table grapes has performed particularly well, even under severe pressure, in a series of demonstration trials this season. The trials set up to give distribution advisors an opportunity to evaluate Talendo® in the field before its launch later this year. DuPont market development manager, David Richards inspected the trial sites in three states, in conjunction with local territory managers, and said the results had been very encouraging.

“In a year where disease pressure was high and growing conditions were very challenging, Talendo® proved to be equal to or better than other fungicide combinations in the trials,” he said.

“They gave our customers an excellent opportunity to see the performance of Talendo® before it is released.”

In high pressure sites at Pemberton in Western Australia and the Yarra Valley of Victoria the Talendo® treated section recorded virtually no infection compared to adjacent untreated

areas which were severely affected.

“Talendo® fungicide demonstrated its worth in a high disease pressure year and also has a number of other advantages over existing Powdery mildew products,” Mr Richards said.

“It has a novel mode of action and will control Powdery mildew strains which are resistant to other fungicide classes such as triazoles (DMI’s) and strobilurins.”

He said Talendo® provides long lasting residual protection against new infections, with a 14 day re-spray interval, and has demonstrated excellent early season control.

“It has local systemic and translaminar activity to protect treated leaves and, with a two hour rainfast period, will resist washoff by heavy downpours.”

Powdery mildew was a major issue for many vineyards last year and demonstrated the need for preventative control early in the season. Failure to control Powdery mildew early can result in a problem that could take up to two seasons to remedy.

“Control of Powdery mildew is best achieved by applying protectant fungicides 2, 4 and 6 weeks after bud burst,” Mr Richards said.

He said Talendo® was an ideal option during this critical time as it inhibited spores from germination right through until the end of the 2 week spray interval, even at low concentrations. Mr Richards said Talendo® was compatible with a wide range of viticulture products in the spray tank and also had a favourable environmental profile.

“It is harmless to key beneficial insects and earthworms and has low toxicity to honey bees,” he said. Mr Richards said the company expected registration in time for next season.



Greg Bennett of DuPont inspecting Talendo® treated vines with Greg Walton of E. E. Muir & Sons P/L, Werribee South, Victoria.



Members of the Landmark agronomy team inspect a trial site in the Yarra Valley of Victoria which included the new DuPont™ Talendo® fungicide.

Supply of products

The limited supply versus demand of many agricultural products was very challenging through 2010 and 2011 and looks set to continue in the foreseeable future. For many DuPont products the orders received were much higher than initial forecasts making it difficult to deliver in a timely manner. It is very important that DuPont has regular communication with our customer base and are advised of any changes in market conditions that will affect the forecasted product numbers.

Disaster appeal

DuPont and its employees banded together to raise in excess of \$20,000 which was donated to the Premier’s Disaster Relief Appeal. The flooding and cyclone damage occurred in many key agricultural areas and it is hoped the money raised will go a small way to help these communities get back on their feet.

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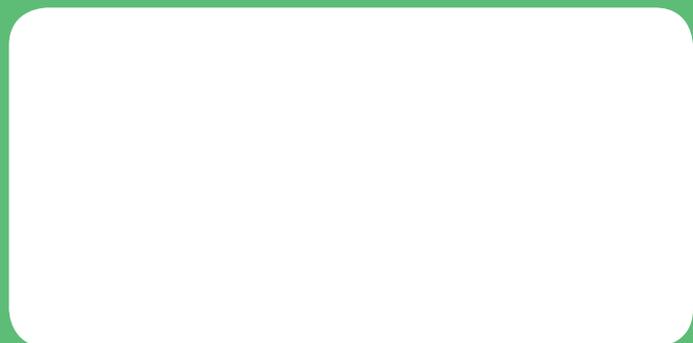
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