

# Insecticide Resistance Management Strategies Developed by the CropLife Australia Insecticide Resistance Management Review Group Valid as at 10 June 2016

Crop(s) : Pasture/Winter Crops

Mite: Redlegged Earth Mite (RLEM) Halotydeus destructor

### **Guidelines:**

- Rotate insecticide groups.
- Do not apply consecutive sprays of products from any one insecticide group

Crop Stage	Group*	Chemical Sub-group	Example chemical
Seed Treatment	4A	Neonicotinoids	Imidacloprid
		or	
(or in-furrow)	1B	organophosphates	dimethoate
		or	C
	2B	phenylpyrazoles	fipronil
Bare Earth	1B	organophosphates	omethoate
(Pre-emergent)		or	
	3A	synthetic pyrethroids	bifenthrin
Early Season	3A	synthetic pyrethroids	alpha-cypermethrin
(Autumn when limited		or	
green growth)	1B	organophosphates	chlorpyrifos
Spring	1B	organophosphates	Omethoate
		or	
	3A	synthetic pyrethroids	gamma-cyhalothrin

<sup>\*</sup>Groups are the International Resistance Action Committee Insecticide Groups based on mode of action of the insecticides - refer MoA tables.

If both autumn and spring applications are needed, alternate between synthetic pyrethroids and organophosphates

#### **Timing of Sprays**

- 1. Monitor Redlegged Earth Mite (RLEM) activity carefully and only treat if damage has reached threshold levels
- 2. One well timed spray in Autumn or Spring will maximise effectiveness of treatment.

## **Placement of Sprays**

- 1. Apply perimeter sprays where infestations are concentrated on the edge of fields.
- 2. Use blanket sprays where appropriate.

#### **Cultural Practices**

- 1. Heavy grazing or cutting for hay or cultivation will reduce mite numbers.
- 2. Develop damage thresholds.
- Rotate crops and pastures that are more tolerant to the pest.
- 4. Encourage predator survival by judicious use of insecticides.
- 5. Control alternative hosts such as Capeweed and Paterson's curse.

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