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Since last year's launch of REFLEX®, a pre-emergent herbicide used to manage hard-to-control broadleaf weeds in pulses and legumes, the experience has been overwhelmingly positive - growers have valued the product's effectiveness.

Syngenta has however, received a number of enquiries about reports of damage to wheat crops in paddocks where REFLEX® was used for weed control in pulse crops in 2021. We take these enquiries very seriously and are acting with urgency to help growers understand the nature of these issues.

Syngenta representatives have been on farm working side-by-side with growers and their advisors, predominantly in Western Australia and to a lesser extent in the Victorian Mallee region, inspecting crops and working to understand what has happened and the best way forward.

These cases represent a small percentage of the total number of paddocks treated nationally in 2021. Encouragingly there are early signs of crop recovery in a number of areas after recent rainfall.

Syngenta recommends growers and advisors who have affected crops, to continue to manage these crops as required for nutritional, weeds, insects and disease needs based on the crops current yield potential.

It is also recommended where the crops are in the early stage of recovery, when being treated with herbicides, softer weed control options where possible are recommended to be utilised.

From our early investigations we are directing any further use in this season (winter 2022) that REFLEX® is avoided in situations where the soil is sandy or sandy loam and organic matter is considered low. Supply and sales of REFLEX® is continuing where those conditions do not exist

Please reach out to your Syngenta representative or contact us on 1800 022 035 if you have any issues, questions, or positive feedback to share with us. We will continue to engage closely with growers and advisors where new concerns are raised.

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