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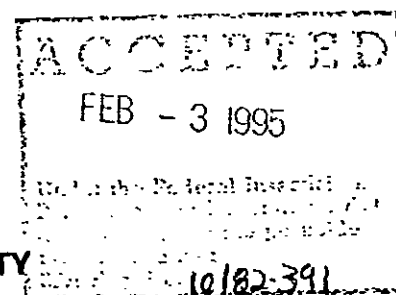
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### TopNotch™ No-Till Herbicide

For Use Only on Field Corn, Production Seed Corn, Silage Corn and Popcorn

### COMPLETE DIRECTIONS FOR USE

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**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**

**CAUTION**

**ACTIVE INGREDIENT:**

**Acetochlor**

2-chloro-2'-methyl-6'-ethyl-N-ethoxymethylacetanilide ..... 33.68%

**INERT INGREDIENTS:** ..... 66.32%

**TOTAL** ..... 100.00%

Contains 3.2 pounds active ingredient per gallon

EPA Reg. No. 10182-391

**STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL TREATMENT**

**FIRST AID:** Immediately start the procedures below. If further treatment is required, contact a Poison Control Center, a physician or the nearest hospital.

**IF ON SKIN:** Wash with plenty of soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

**IF IN EYES:** Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

**IF SWALLOWED:** Immediately give several glasses of water but do not induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, give fluids again. Have a physician determine if condition of patient will permit induction of vomiting or evacuation of stomach. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious or convulsing person.

**IF INHALED:** Remove victim to fresh air. Get medical attention if respiratory irritation occurs or if breathing becomes difficult.

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**FOR 24-HOUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, CALL 1-800-F-A-S-T-M-E-D (327-8633).**

**FOR CHEMICAL EMERGENCY: Spill, leak, fire, exposure, or accident call CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300.**

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## PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

### HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

#### CAUTION

HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED, INHALED OR ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants.
- Waterproof gloves.
- Shoes plus socks.

Discard clothing and other absorbent materials that have been drenched or heavily contaminated with this product's concentrate. Do not reuse them. Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

When handlers use closed systems, enclosed cabs, or aircraft in a manner that meets the requirements listed in the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides [40 CFR 170.240(d)(4-6)], the handler PPE requirements may be reduced or modified as specified in the WPS.

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#### User Safety Recommendations

Users should:

- Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.
  - Remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
  - Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.
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#### ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This product is toxic to fish. Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters.

This chemical demonstrates the properties and characteristics associated with chemicals detected in groundwater. The use of this chemical in areas where soils are permeable, particularly where the groundwater is shallow, may result in groundwater contamination.

Acetochlor has properties that may result in surface water contamination via dissolved runoff and runoff erosion. Practices should be followed to minimize the potential for dissolved runoff and/or runoff erosion

**PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS**

Do not use or store near heat or open flames.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

For use only on field corn, production seed corn, silage corn and popcorn. Corn in this label refers to all four types: field corn, production seed corn, silage corn and popcorn.

TopNotch™ No-Till Herbicide is a micro-encapsulated combination of the herbicide acetochlor and the antidote or safener dichlormid. While the acetochlor provides weed control the dichlormid safens corn against herbicide injury. TopNotch may be applied to the surface or incorporated into the top 1-2 inch layer of soil. It is recommended for control alone, or in tank-mix combinations as indicated, for the weeds listed in the "TARGET WEEDS" section of these use directions. TopNotch controls weeds by interfering with normal germination and seedling development. TopNotch will not control established or germinated weeds present at application.

## USE RESTRICTIONS

- Do not apply to the following soils if groundwater depth is 30 feet or less: sand with less than 3% organic matter; loamy sand with less than 2% organic matter; or sandy loam with less than 1% organic matter.
- This product may not be mixed or loaded within 50 feet of any wells (including abandoned wells and drainage wells), sink holes, perennial or intermittent streams and rivers, and natural or impounded lakes and reservoirs. This setback does not apply to properly capped or plugged abandoned wells and does not apply to impervious pad or properly diked mixing/loading areas.
- Operations that involve mixing, loading, rinsing, or washing of this product into or from pesticide handling or application equipment or containers within 50 feet of any well are prohibited unless conducted on an impervious pad constructed to withstand the weight of the heaviest load that may be positioned on or moved across the pad. Such a pad shall be designed and maintained to contain any product spills or equipment leaks, container or equipment rinse or washwater, and rainwater that may fall on the pad. Surface water shall not be allowed to either flow over or from the pad, which means the pad must be self contained. The pad shall be sloped to facilitate material removal. An unroofed pad shall be of sufficient capacity to contain at a minimum 110% of the capacity of the largest pesticide container or application equipment on the pad. A pad that is covered by a roof of sufficient size to completely exclude precipitation from contact with the pad shall have a minimum containment capacity of 100% of the capacity of the largest pesticide container or application equipment on the pad. Containment capacities as described above shall be maintained at all times. The above specified minimum containment capacities do not apply to vehicles when delivering pesticide shipments to the mixing/loading site. States may have in effect additional requirements regarding wellhead setbacks and operational containment.
- Do not apply this product through any type of irrigation system.
- Do not use flood irrigation to apply or incorporate this product



- Product must be used in a manner which will prevent back siphoning in wells, spills or improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixtures or rinsates.
- Do not apply under conditions which favor runoff or wind erosion of soil containing this product to non-target areas. To prevent off-site movement due to runoff or wind erosion:
  - Avoid treating powdery dry or light sandy soils when conditions are favorable for wind erosion. Under these conditions, the soil surface must first be settled by rainfall or irrigation.
  - Do not apply to impervious substrates such as paved or highly compacted surfaces or frozen or snow covered soils.
  - Do not use tailwater from the first flood or furrow irrigation of treated fields to treat non-target crops unless at least ½ inch of rainfall has occurred between application and the first irrigation.
- Do not apply this product using aerial application equipment.
- Do not apply when wind conditions favor drift to non-target sites. To minimize spray drift to non-target areas:
  - Use low pressure application equipment capable of producing a large droplet spray.
  - Do not use nozzles that product a fine droplet spray.
  - Minimize drift by using sufficient spray volume to ensure adequate coverage with large droplet size sprays.
  - Keep ground-driven spray boom as low as possible above the target surface.
  - Make application when the wind velocity favors on-target product deposition (approximately 3 to 10 mph). Do not apply when wind velocity exceeds 15 mph. Avoid application when gusts approach 15 mph.
- Low humidity and high temperatures increase the likelihood of spray drift to sensitive areas. Avoid spraying during conditions of low humidity and/or high temperatures. Do not apply during inversion conditions.

### GENERAL USE PRECAUTIONS

Read all label directions before using.

- Do not use TopNotch on any crop other than corn.
- Do not allow TopNotch to contaminate feed or food.
- TopNotch should not be stored near seeds or fertilizers.
- All containers of TopNotch should be kept tightly closed when not in use.
- Do not overdose or use rates higher than specified on this label.
- If crop treated with TopNotch is lost, corn may be replanted immediately. Do not make a second application of TopNotch.
- ROTATIONAL CROPS: Corn, soybeans, sorghum or tobacco may be planted the spring following application. Wheat may be planted 4 months after application.
- Do not rotate to crops other than corn, soybeans, sorghum, tobacco, or wheat.

### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with this labelling.

Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

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### AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR part 170. This Standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements on this label about personal protective equipment (PPE) and restricted-entry interval. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard.

Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted entry interval (REI) of 12 hours.

**Exception:** If the product is soil-injected or soil-incorporated, the Worker Protection Standard, under certain circumstances, allows workers to enter the treated area if there will be no contact with anything that has been treated.

PPE required for early entry to treated areas that is permitted under the Worker Protection Standard and that involves contact with anything that has been treated, such as plants, soil, or water, is:

- Coveralls.
- Waterproof gloves.
- Shoes plus socks.

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### STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

**PROHIBITIONS:** Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal. Open dumping is prohibited. Do not reuse empty container.

**STORAGE:** Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Do not store near seeds, fertilizers, or food stuffs. Can be stored at temperatures as low as minus 30°F.

**PESTICIDE DISPOSAL:** Rinse spray equipment. Pesticide wastes are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste Representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

**CONTAINER DISPOSAL:** Triple rinse (or equivalent); then offer for recycling or reconditioning, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or, if allowed by State and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

#### **FOR BULK AND MINI-BULK CONTAINERS**

**Container Disposal:** Reseal container and offer for reconditioning, or triple rinse (or equivalent) and offer for recycling or reconditioning, or clean in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

**Container Precautions:** Before refilling, inspect thoroughly for damage such as cracks, punctures, bulges, dents, abrasions, and damaged or worn threads on closure devices.

**FOR MINI-BULK CONTAINERS:** REFILL ONLY WITH TopNotch herbicide. The contents of this container cannot be completely removed by cleaning. Refilling with materials other than TopNotch will result in contamination and may weaken container. After filling and before transporting, check for leaks. Do not refill or transport damaged or leaking container. Circulation before dispensing is required.

**CONTAINER IS NOT SAFE FOR FOOD, FEED, OR DRINKING WATER!**

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### **GENERAL APPLICATION DIRECTIONS**

#### **CARRIERS**

**Liquids:** Either water or liquid fertilizers such as solutions, slurries or suspensions may be used as liquid carriers. If fluid fertilizers are used, a physical compatibility with these must be done before combining in the spray tank. See Appendix I for details of the compatibility testing procedure. Even if TopNotch is physically compatible with a fluid fertilizer, constant agitation is necessary to maintain a uniform mixture during application.

**Dry Bulk Fertilizer:** TopNotch may be impregnated on dry bulk fertilizer and applied as the fertilizer is spread. See Appendix II for details including which fertilizers are compatible.

#### **ADDING TO SPRAY TANK**

The spray tank must be clean, thoroughly rinsed and decontaminated before adding either TopNotch alone or in tankmix combinations. If water is used as the carrier, use clean water.

**Used Alone:** If TopNotch is used alone, add the recommended amount to the spray tank after the tank is half filled with water. The addition of the remaining water or fluid fertilizer carrier can aid in the thorough agitation and mixing of the spray solution.

**Tankmixed:** If a tank mixture is used it is recommended that a small scale test of compatibility be done before actual tankmixing. See Appendix I for details on the procedure for such a test.

Once compatibility is confirmed for the tankmix, fill the tank half full of water. Start and continue agitation throughout mixing. All return lines to the spray tank must discharge below the liquid level. Add the tankmix components in the following order:

- If a wettable powder or dry flowable formulation is used, make a slurry with water and add it slowly through the screen into the tank. Agitate during the procedure.
- If a flowable formulation is used, add slowly through screen into the tank. Mixing and compatibility may be improved when the flowable is diluted with water before adding to the tank.
- Add TopNotch next.
- Then add other tankmix components such as AMBUSH, 2,4-D, NIS.
- Add GRAMOXONE® EXTRA and a nonionic surfactant or Roundup last, if needed.
- Complete filling the sprayer tank and continue agitation.
- Batches should be mixed and applied the same day.

## VOLUME

**Liquid:** Use a minimum of 10 gallons per acre in broadcast boom equipment for ground applications.

**Dry Bulk Fertilizer:** Use at least 200 pounds of dry bulk fertilizer per acre. See Appendix II for more details.

## PRESSURE

If liquid carriers are used, the pressure at the nozzle should be 15 to 40 psi to ensure good distribution of the spray pattern. Consult spray tip manufacturer's recommendation on appropriate pressure for the nozzles you are using.

## APPLICATION TIMING AND METHODS

In reduced or no-till systems, a burndown herbicide such as GRAMOXONE EXTRA or Roundup may be tankmixed with TopNotch if emerged weeds are present at the time of application.

**Early Preplant:** TopNotch and certain tank mixtures may be applied up to 40 days before planting.

**Preplant Incorporation:** TopNotch and certain tankmixes may be mechanically incorporated in the top 2 inches of the soil by mechanical means such as field cultivators, finishing discs, rotary hoes, spring tooth harrows, or power driven cultivation equipment. Do not apply and incorporate more than 10 days before planting. Improper incorporation, excessive crop residues, or poor soil tillage may result in erratic, streaked or otherwise unsatisfactory weed control. If two passes are used to incorporate TopNotch, the second pass must be shallower and at an angle to the first pass.

**Preemergence Surface:** TopNotch and certain tankmixes may be applied to the soil surface as a broadcast or banded (10-14" wide) application. Existing soil moisture, irrigation or rain is necessary to bring TopNotch into contact with germinating seeds. If rain or sprinkler irrigation does not occur within 7 days after application, weed control may be improved by using a rotary hoe, or similar device, to incorporate the herbicide. Care should be taken not to remove TopNotch from the weed control zone such as the band. The device used should be run at a shallow depth to prevent disturbing the corn seed.

**Postplant-Preemergence:** TopNotch and certain tankmixes may be applied immediately after planting but prior to corn emergence. TopNotch should not be applied to emerged corn. If rain or sprinkler irrigation does not occur within 7 days after application, weed control may be improved by using a rotary hoe, or similar device, to incorporate the herbicide. Care should be taken not to remove TopNotch from the weed control zone. The device used should be run at a shallow depth to prevent disturbing the germinating corn.

**Sprinkler Irrigation:** *Do not apply TopNotch by sprinkler irrigation.* Use a sprinkler system only to incorporate TopNotch after applying by ground equipment. After TopNotch has been applied, a sprinkler irrigation system set to deliver  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches of water per acre may be used to activate the product. Using more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches of water could result in reduced performance. On sandy soil low in organic matter, use no more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of water. Do not use flood irrigation to apply or activate TopNotch.

## PLANTING

Planting should be done as soon as possible following the application of TopNotch. This allows TopNotch to provide effective weed control during the time it is most critical in the production of corn. Applications of TopNotch can be made after planting but prior to emergence.

## CULTIVATION

Should weeds develop, a shallow cultivation or rotary hoeing will generally result in improved weed control. If TopNotch was incorporated, cultivate less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  the depth of incorporation.

If cultivation is necessary due to soil crusting, compaction, or escaped weeds adjust equipment to run shallow and minimize soil movement. This will decrease the possibility of diluting or moving the herbicide from the weed control zone.

## SOIL TEXTURE GROUPINGS

The soils are grouped into three classes, coarse, medium and fine. Once the soil type has been determined, the texture group can be found in the Table 1.

**TABLE 1**  
**Soil Texture Groupings for TopNotch Use Rate Selection.**

Coarse	Medium	Fine
Sand	Loam	Silty Clay Loam
Loamy Sand	Silt	Silty Clay
Sandy Loam	Silt Loam	Sandy Clay
	Sandy Clay Loam	Clay Loam
		Clay

The soil texture and interval between application and planting must be known prior to application to select the correct rate. The use rate of TopNotch is determined by a combination of these two factors.

#### **USE RATES**

Application can take place from up to 40 days prior to planting or after planting but before the corn emerges. The highest levels of control will be obtained when applications are made as close to planting as possible but before the weeds emerge. You may apply a residual herbicide like Atrazine, Bladex®, or Extrazine® with TopNotch in reduced or no-till systems. If weeds are present at application, a burndown herbicide like GRAMOXONE EXTRA, Roundup or 2,4-D may be added to the tank mixture.

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**TABLE 2**  
**TopNotch Use Rates. Rates are in Quarts per acre.**

SOIL TEXTURE	TIME FROM APPLICATION TO PLANTING		
	Less than 10 Days	10 to 30 Days	30 to 40 Days
Coarse	2 qts.	2 - 2½ qts.	2½ qts.
Medium	2 - 2½ qts.	2½ qts.	2½ - 3 qts.
Fine	2½ - 3 qts.	2½ - 3 qts.	3 - 3¾ qts.

- Use the lower rate when tank mixed with a residual herbicide like atrazine.
- Use the higher rate when applied alone.

**Weed Infestation:** If the weed infestation is light, use a rate at the lower end of the rate range for the soil texture and organic matter content. If the weed infestation is heavier, use the higher rates in the rate range for the soil texture and organic matter.

### BAND APPLICATIONS

For band applications, using row and band width measurements in inches, calculate the amount to be applied per acre as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Band width in inches}}{\text{Row width in inches}} \times \text{Rate per acre for a broadcast treatment} = \text{Amount needed for a band treatment}$$

### WEEDS CONTROLLED:

TopNotch applied as directed in this label will provide control or partial control (reduce competition) of the weeds listed in Table 3. Partially controlled weeds will be severely stunted, or experience reduced height, vigor, or population compared to untreated areas. Depending on the infestation level or density, a follow-up treatment may be needed to provide complete control.

Additional weeds may be controlled with certain tankmixes. See the "Tankmix Combinations" section for recommended tankmix combinations and the additional weeds controlled. Always consult the tankmix product labels for specific rates and use directions. Always follow the most restrictive label when tankmixing TopNotch with another product.

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**TABLE 3**  
**Weeds Controlled or Partially Controlled by TopNotch**  
**at Recommended Use Rates**

COMMON NAMES	WEED TYPE <sup>1</sup>	SCIENTIFIC NAME	C = CONTROL PC = PARTIAL CONTROL
Black nightshade	B	<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	C
Carpetweed	B	<i>Mollugo verticillata</i>	C
Common ragweed	B	<i>Ambrosia elatior</i>	C
Florida beggarweed	B	<i>Desmodium tortuosum</i>	PC
Florida pusley	B	<i>Richardia scabra</i>	C
Galinsoga	B	<i>Galinsoga parviflora</i>	C
Hairy nightshade	B	<i>Solanum sarachoides</i>	C
Kochia	B	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>	PC
Lambsquarters, common	B	<i>Chenopodium album</i>	C <sup>3</sup>
Pigweed	B	<i>Amaranthus</i> spp.	C
Prickly sida	B	<i>Sida spinosa</i>	PC
Purslane, common	B	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	C
Smartweed spp.	B	<i>Polygonum</i> spp	PC
Tall waterhemp	B	<i>Amaranthus tuberculatos</i>	C
Barnyardgrass	G	<i>Echinochloa crus-galli</i>	C
Bristly foxtail	G	<i>Setaria verticillata</i>	C
Broadleaf signalgrass	G	<i>Brachiaria platyphylla</i>	C <sup>4</sup>
Browntop panicum	G	<i>Panicum fasciculatum</i>	C
Crabgrass	G	<i>Digitaria</i> spp	C
Crowfootgrass	G	<i>Dactyloctenium aegyptium</i>	C
Fall panicum	G	<i>Panicum dichotomiflorum</i>	C
Field sandbur	G	<i>Cenchrus pauciflorus</i>	PC
Foxtail millet	G	<i>Setaria italica</i>	C



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COMMON NAMES	WEED TYPE <sup>1</sup>	SCIENTIFIC NAME	C = CONTROL PC = PARTIAL CONTROL
Giant foxtail	G	<i>Setaria faberi</i>	C
Goosegrass	G	<i>Eleusine indica</i>	C
Green foxtail	G	<i>Setaria viridis</i>	C
Prairie cupgrass	G	<i>Eriochloa contracta</i>	C
Red rice	G	<i>Oryza sativa</i>	C
Red sprangletop	G	<i>Leptochloa filiformis</i>	C
Robust foxtail (purple, white)	G	<i>Setaria</i> spp.	C
Seedling johnsongrass	G	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	PC
Shattercane	G	<i>Sorghum vulgare</i>	PC
Southern sandbur	G	<i>Cenchrus echinatus</i>	C
Southwestern cupgrass	G	<i>Eriochloa gracilis</i>	C
Texas panicum	G	<i>Panicum texanum</i>	C <sup>4</sup>
Wild proso millet	G	<i>Panicum miliaceum</i>	PC
Witchgrass	G	<i>Panicum capillare</i>	C
Woolly cupgrass	G	<i>Eriochloa villosa</i>	PC
Yellow foxtail	G	<i>Setaria lutescens</i>	C
Yellow nutsedge <sup>2</sup>	S	<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	C

<sup>1</sup> B=Broadleaf, G=Grass, S=Sedge

<sup>2</sup> Yellow nutsedge requires a minimum of 2½ quarts. Incorporation is required.

<sup>3</sup> Light to moderate infestations will be controlled. Heavy infestations may require a tank mixture or sequential herbicide.

<sup>4</sup> Best control is achieved when TopNotch is applied within 5 days of planting and rainfall occurs shortly after application or mechanical incorporation is used to activate the herbicide. If it does not rain within 7 days, shallow cultivation will enhance activity. Excessive rainfall after application may reduce control. Under adverse weather conditions and/or heavy infestations, a cultivation or follow-up herbicide may be needed.

## TANKMIX COMBINATIONS

Tankmix combinations may be used in all tillage systems and be applied by the same methods and at the same timings as TopNotch unless otherwise specified in the tankmix product label. Three way or multiple tank mixtures are allowed if not restricted by the respective product labels. Check all tankmix product labels for proper rates for 3 way or multiple tankmixes.

### **TopNotch & ATRAZINE, BLADEX OR BANVEL®:**

Check the atrazine label, county extension office, or state university for the recommended use rate in your area. TopNotch is more active on broadleaf weeds than many other preemergence grass herbicides and atrazine rates can be reduced while maintaining control of target broadleaf weeds. Do not apply less than 1 qt. Atrazine 4L or equivalent with TopNotch for broadleaf weeds listed.

Tank mixtures with atrazine will increase the spectrum of weeds controlled. Where AAtrex® formulations have been specified other brands of atrazine may be used. Read and follow all atrazine label directions and restrictions. Table 4 provides a list of the weeds controlled or partially controlled by atrazine or Bladex in combination with TopNotch.

Use Banvel tank mixture on flat-planted field corn (no furrows) in IL, IN, IA, MN, NE, OH, SD, and WI ONLY to control the weeds listed in Table 4. Read and follow all precautions and directions for use on the Banvel label.

Apply TopNotch + Banvel preemergence. Tankmix 0.5 - 1 pt./acre Banvel with the recommended rate of TopNotch for medium or fine textured soils. Do not apply this tankmix on coarse textured soils with less than 2% organic matter. Clarity or Marksman may also be used. Read and follow all precautions and directions for use on the Clarity or Marksman label.

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**TABLE 4**  
**Weeds Controlled (C) or Partially Controlled (PC) by atrazine or Bladex**

COMMON NAME	WEED TYPE*	ATRAZINE	BLADEX	BANVEL
Morningglory spp.	B	C	C	PC
Cocklebur	B	C	PC	PC
Groundcherry spp.	B	C	--	--
Jimsonweed	B	C	C	PC
Kochia	B	C	C	--
Mustards	B	C	C	C
Giant Ragweed	B	C	C	C
Sicklepod	B	C	C	PC
Velvetleaf	B	C	PC	PC

\* B=Broadleaf, G=Grass

**Caution:** Following many years of continuous use of atrazine and chemically related products, biotypes of some of the weeds listed above have been reported which cannot be effectively controlled by atrazine and related herbicides. Where this is known or suspected and weeds controlled by atrazine are expected to be present along with resistant biotypes, it is recommended that atrazine be used in combinations or in sequence with other registered herbicides which are not triazines. If only resistant biotypes are expected to be present, use a registered non-triazine herbicide.

In certain atrazine management areas, atrazine rates are further restricted due to potential groundwater or surface water contamination. If rates in this table exceed the rate of application allowed in your area - use the lower rate. Consult your county extension office or state university for further information.

**TopNotch ADDITIONAL TANKMIX COMBINATIONS**

TANK MIXES	RATE (MAX)	COMMENTS
Extrazine	3 qts/acre	- consult label
Prowl® 3.3-EC	3.6 pts/acre	- triazine resistant weeds - velvetleaf - preemergence only
Lorox® DF	¾ - 1 lb/acre	- enhanced lambsquarter and pigweed control

TANK MIXES	RATE (MAX)	COMMENTS
Princep® 4L	3 qt/acre	- improved crabgrass or fall panicum control
AMBUSH 2E	12.8 fl oz/acre	- cutworm control
Pursuit®	4 oz/acre	- tolerant com hybrids required
GRAMOXONE EXTRA	3 pts/acre	- controls emerged annuals, suppresses perennials
Roundup	4 qts/acre	- controls annuals and some perennials
Sencor DF	6 oz/acre	- broadleaf weeds in Atrazine sensitive areas
2,4-D	2 pts/acre	- consult label

### SEQUENTIAL APPLICATIONS

Sequential herbicide applications may be used to control weeds which escape control. The following herbicides may be used prior to or following a TopNotch application. Consult the product label for directions for use and precautions.

- Atrazine
- 2,4-D
- Clarity, Marksman®
- Buctril®, Buctril/Atrazine
- Laddock®, Basagran®
- Accent®, Beacon®
- Pursuit

### TopNotch & GRAMOXONE EXTRA, ROUNDUP, 2,4-D

In reduced or no-till corn, GRAMOXONE EXTRA, Roundup, and/or 2,4-D will burndown existing weeds. GRAMOXONE EXTRA should be applied to emerged weeds when they are small. Weeds 1 to 6 inches in height are the easiest to control. Large weeds may be more difficult to control. Tankmixes with atrazine and Bladex will often aid in control of difficult weeds. Consult the GRAMOXONE EXTRA, ROUNDUP, or 2,4-D product label for further information on weeds controlled.

GRAMOXONE EXTRA is a RESTRICTED USE pesticide. Refer to the GRAMOXONE EXTRA label for rates, directions, precautions, and limitations relative to its use.

### TopNotch PHYSICAL DATA

- Specific gravity 1.16 @ 20°C
- Flashpoint > 200°F

## APPENDIX I

### Procedure for Testing the Compatibility of TopNotch and Tankmixes with Fluid Fertilizers

Since fluid fertilizers vary, the following procedure is suggested for determining whether TopNotch may be combined with a specific fluid fertilizer for spray tank application.

#### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- TopNotch and any tankmix products.
- Fluid fertilizer to be used.
- Adjuvant for fertilizer tankmix: Use any adjuvant cleared for use on growing crops under 40 CFR 180.1001 to improve the compatibility of TopNotch with fluid fertilizers. The adjuvant which provides the best emulsification depends on the specific fertilizer under consideration.
- Two 1 quart, wide mouth glass jars with lid or stopper.
- Measuring spoons (a 25 mL pipette or graduated cylinder provides more accurate measurement).
- Measuring cup, 8 ounces (257 mL).

#### PROCEDURE:

1. Pour a pint (about 473 mL) of the fluid fertilizer into each of the quart jars.
2. Add ½ teaspoon (2 mL) adjuvant to one of the jars, label it as "with", and mix. The rate of ½ teaspoon per pint is equal to 3 pints of adjuvant per 100 gallons of fluid fertilizer.
3. Add TopNotch and any tankmix combination to the jars. The order of addition is wettable powders first with mixing, followed by flowables with mixing and the EC's last. The rate of wettable powders and dry flowables is 1½ teaspoon per pound of product per acre to be applied. EC's should be added at the rate of ½ teaspoon for each pint per acre to be applied. Premixing the wettable powders in 1 ounce of water before adding to the pint of fluid fertilizer will improve the compatibility of the final mixture.
4. Close both jars with lids or stoppers and mix the contents by turning the jars upside down ten times.
5. Inspect the surface and body of the mixtures-
  - (a) Immediately after completing the jar inversions.
  - (b) After allowing the jars to stand quietly for 30 minutes.
  - (c) And then again after turning the jars upside down 10 times after the 30 minute inspection.

#### EVALUATION:

If a uniform mix cannot be made, the mixture should not be used. If either mixture remains uniform for 30 minutes, the combination may be used. Should either mixture separate after 30 minutes, but readily remix uniformly with 10 jar inversions, the mixture can be used if adequate agitation is maintained in the tank. If the mixture with adjuvant is satisfactory but the one without adjuvant is not, be sure to use the adjuvant in the spray tank. Add the adjuvant first at a rate of 3 pints per 100 gallons of fluid fertilizer. Foaming may be minimized by using moderate agitation. If nondispersible oil, sludge, or clumps of solids form in the mixtures, the combination should not be used.

## APPENDIX II

### Dry Bulk Fertilizer Impregnation

All individual state regulations relating to dry bulk fertilizer blending, registration, labeling and application are the responsibility of the individual and/or company selling the TopNotch, TopNotch plus atrazine, or TopNotch plus Bladex fertilizer mixtures.

When applying TopNotch alone or in tankmixes with dry bulk fertilizers, follow all directions for use and precautions on the respective tankmix product labels regarding rates, soil texture, application methods and rotational restrictions.

**TABLE 12**  
**Approved Dry Fertilizer Ingredients for Use with TopNotch<sup>1</sup>.**

FERTILIZER	N	P	K
Ammonium Phosphate-Sulfate	16	20	0
Ammonium Sulfate	21	0	0
Diammonium Phosphate	18	46	0
Monoammonium Phosphate	11	56	0
Potassium Chloride	0	0	60
Potassium Sulfate	0	0	52
Single Superphosphate	0	20	0
Treble Superphosphate	0	46	0
Urea <sup>2</sup>	45	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Do not impregnate on fertilizers containing ammonium nitrate, potassium nitrate, or sodium nitrate.

<sup>2</sup> Some Ureas may be phytotoxic when high rates are applied to corn. Use only urea rates known to be safe for corn application.

For impregnating the pesticides on dry fertilizers, use suitable mixers equipped with suitable spraying equipment. The spray nozzles should be positioned inside the mixer to provide uniform spray coverage of the tumbling fertilizer. The TopNotch should be sprayed uniformly onto the fertilizer using a fine spray pattern. Tankmix components may be applied as separate ingredients with powders and dry flowables added first or they may be mixed in a slurry in the proper ratio and added jointly.

TopNotch may also be impregnated on dry bulk fertilizer in the field while the fertilizer is being spread using a pneumatic applicator equipped to impregnate herbicides.

If the herbicide/fertilizer mixture is too wet, use of a drying agent is required to provide a dry, free-flowing mixture. For mixtures to be used in spinning-disc applicators, Microcel E calcium silicate powder (Manville, Filtration & Minerals) is recommended for use as a drying agent. Mixtures to be used in pneumatic applicators should use Microcel E or Agsorb 16/30 RVM-MS granular clay (Oil-Dri Corporation). The drying agents should be added separately and uniformly to the prepared pesticide/fertilizer mixture, in a quantity that is sufficient to provide a suitable free-flowing mixture. Generally, less than 2% Microcel E or 5% Agsorb 16/30 RVM-MS by weight is required.

The following table provides a reference to determine the amount of TopNotch to be mixed per ton of dry bulk fertilizer for a range of herbicide rates.

FERTILIZER RATE (LB/ACRE)	ACRES COVERED (PER TON)	TopNotch QUARTS/ACRE		
		2	2.5	3
		Quarts Herbicide/Ton Fertilizer		
200	10.0	20.0	25.0	30.0
300	6.7	13.4	16.8	20.1
400	5.0	10.0	12.5	15.0
500	4.0	8.0	10.0	12.0
600	3.3	6.6	8.3	9.9
700	2.9	5.8	7.3	8.7

To determine the amount of TopNotch needed for other rates of fertilizer, use this formula:

$$\frac{\text{TopNotch (quarts)} \times 2000}{\text{pounds fertilizer/acre}} = \text{Quarts of TopNotch per ton fertilizer}$$

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**TopNotch™ No-Till Herbicide**

**For Use Only on Field Corn, Production Seed Corn, Silage Corn and Popcorn**

**ACTIVE INGREDIENT:**

Acetochlor	
2-chloro-2'-methyl-6'-ethyl-N-ethoxymethylacetanilide . . . . .	33.68%
INERT INGREDIENTS: . . . . .	66.32%
TOTAL . . . . .	100.00%

Contains 3.2 pounds active ingredient per gallon

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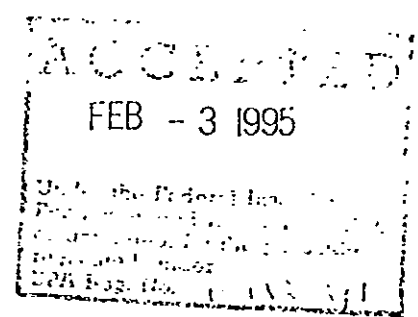
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### STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL TREATMENT

**FIRST AID:** Immediately start the procedures below. If further treatment is required, contact a Poison Control Center, a physician or the nearest hospital.

**IF ON SKIN:** Wash with plenty of soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

**IF IN EYES:** Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

**IF SWALLOWED:** Immediately give several glasses of water but do not induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, give fluids again. Have a physician determine if condition of patient will permit induction of vomiting or evacuation of stomach. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious or convulsing person.

**IF INHALED:** Remove victim to fresh air. Get medical attention if respiratory irritation occurs or if breathing becomes difficult.

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**FOR 24-HOUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, CALL 1-800-F-A-S-T-M-E-D (327-8633)**

**FOR CHEMICAL EMERGENCY: Spill, leak, fire, exposure, or accident call CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300.**

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### PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

#### HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

##### CAUTION

HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED, INHALED OR ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants.
- Waterproof gloves.
- Shoes plus socks.

Discard clothing and other absorbent materials that have been drenched or heavily contaminated with this product's concentrate. Do not reuse them. Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

When handlers use closed systems, enclosed cabs, or aircraft in a manner that meets the requirements listed in the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides [40 CFR 170.240(d)(4-6)], the handler PPE requirements may be reduced or modified as specified in the WPS.

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### **User Safety Recommendations**

Users should:

- Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.
  - Remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
  - Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.
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### **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS**

This product is toxic to fish. Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters.

This chemical demonstrates the properties and characteristics associated with chemicals detected in groundwater. The use of this chemical in areas where soils are permeable, particularly where the groundwater is shallow, may result in groundwater contamination.

Acetochlor has properties that may result in surface water contamination via dissolved runoff and runoff erosion. Practices should be followed to minimize the potential for dissolved runoff and/or runoff erosion.

### **PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS**

Do not use or store near heat or open flames.

**CONDITIONS OF SALE  
AND LIMITATION OF WARRANTY AND LIABILITY**

**NOTICE:** Read the entire Directions for Use and Conditions of Sale and Limitation of Warranty and Liability before buying or using this product. If the terms are not acceptable, return the product at once, unopened, and the purchase price will be refunded.

The Directions for Use of this product should be followed carefully. It is impossible to eliminate all risks inherently associated with the use of this product. Crop injury, ineffectiveness or other unintended consequences may result because of such factors as manner of use or application, weather or crop conditions, presence of other materials or other influencing factors in the use of the product, which are beyond the control of ZENECA or Seller. All such risks shall be assumed by Buyer and User, and Buyer and User agree to hold ZENECA and Seller harmless for any claims relating to such factors.

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## **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with this labelling. Refer to label booklet attached to container for Complete Directions for Use.

Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

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## **AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS**

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR part 170. Refer to supplemental labeling (i.e., attached booklet) under "**AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS**" in the **DIRECTIONS FOR USE** section for information about this standard.

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## **STORAGE AND DISPOSAL**

**PROHIBITIONS:** Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal. Open dumping is prohibited. Do not reuse empty container.

**STORAGE:** Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Do not store near seeds, fertilizers, or food stuffs. Can be stored at temperatures as low as minus 30°F.

**PESTICIDE DISPOSAL:** Rinse spray equipment. Pesticide wastes are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste Representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

**CONTAINER DISPOSAL:** Triple rinse (or equivalent); then offer for recycling or reconditioning, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or, if allowed by State and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

## **FOR BULK AND MINI-BULK CONTAINERS**

**Container Disposal:** Reseal container and offer for reconditioning, or triple rinse (or equivalent) and offer for recycling or reconditioning, or clean in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

**Container Precautions:** Before refilling, inspect thoroughly for damage such as cracks, punctures, bulges, dents, abrasions, and damaged or worn threads on closure devices.

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TOPNOTCH Container  
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**FOR MINI-BULK CONTAINERS:** REFILL ONLY WITH TopNotch herbicide. The contents of this container cannot be completely removed by cleaning. Refilling with materials other than TopNotch will result in contamination and may weaken container.

After filling and before transporting, check for leaks. Do not refill or transport damaged or leaking container. Circulation before dispensing is required.

**CONTAINER IS NOT SAFE FOR FOOD, FEED, OR DRINKING WATER!**

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