



## 2022 Pre-harvest Tips & Tools Webinar Q&A Report

### **Q: What do you recommend for pre-harvest weed control on yellow peas?**

A: Pre-harvest glyphosate is a valuable tool for many farmers when used for weed control. Unfortunately, there can be limitations on how it's used due to the restrictions from export markets. If glyphosate is unavailable, desiccants, such as diquat (e.g. Reglone) and saflufenacil (e.g. Heat), may be used but their efficacy on perennial or large weeds may be limited.

### **Q: What do you do if a product doesn't appear on the product advisory?**

A: In many cases, this means there aren't any MRL (Maximum Residue Limit) concerns for major export markets. For example, saflufenacil (e.g. Heat) does not appear on the [Product Advisory](#) for pulse crops and is acceptable to use from a market export standpoint. If you have any questions about products or MRLs, please contact your national value chain organization (Canola Council of Canada, Cereals Canada or Pulse Canada).

### **Q: Is it necessary to check the whole canola field to see if it's ready for glyphosate?**

A: It doesn't have to be exhaustive, but it is important to check distinct areas of your field, and ensure you are always checking the least mature/greenest areas of your field. It's important to make sure that the least mature areas of the field are at [50-60% seed colour change in canola](#). If ever in doubt, check more spots in the field.

### **Q: Can cereal crops sprayed with pre-harvest product be used in the feed market?**

A: If it's not a product that has an advisory on it, then the answer is generally yes. If it has a "Be Informed" advisory, like pre-harvest glyphosate, talk to your grain buyer and review your feed contract beforehand.

### **Q: Are there plans to include the flax advisory as part of the Keep it Clean initiative?**

A: There's always the opportunity to include more crops in the Keep it Clean initiative and we are open to discussions with the Flax Council of Canada about participation in the program.

### **Q: How are risks present if MRLs are established in a market?**

A: When regulatory MRLs are established in major export markets, there may still be commercial risk if an end use customer requests a different specification than the regulatory MRL to meet a market demand. In many cases, this would be reflected in a production contract if a grain buyer would like to fulfil this market demand. Since the MRL landscape is everchanging, it is important to continually refer to [Keep it Clean's tools](#) to ensure you are referencing the most up-to-date information. Staying aware of market limitations is the best way to avoid this risk.

### **Q: Can farmers use glyphosate to desiccate their cereals crop?**

A: Glyphosate is not to be used as a desiccant. Where allowed, glyphosate is registered for pre-harvest weed control only. Unregistered or improper use of glyphosate (e.g., applying before physiological maturity or too close to harvest) can result in unacceptable product residues and put the marketability of your crop in jeopardy. To avoid unacceptable product residues, always follow the crop protection product's label for application rate, timing and pre-harvest interval (PHI). For tips to help manage the pre-harvest application of glyphosate for your cereal crops please visit: <https://keepitclean.ca/tools-resources/pre-harvest-glyphosate-staging-guide/cereals/>