



New Products

► Introducing products, services for cattlemen

New low-moisture supplement

Ridley Block Operations has introduced Crystalyx® Distillers OptimizerT, a nutrient-dense, free-choice, low-moisture mineral block to assist in the balance of minerals and vitamins for cattle fed corn byproducts. The new supplement features a blend of Zinpro's® chelated/organic minerals from Availa-4® to help increase bioavailability. According to the release, this blend is important to combat the antagonistic effects of high sulfur (S) levels found in corn byproducts that can tie up trace minerals required for optimal animal performance.

In order to balance the phosphorus (P) levels found in corn byproducts, such as distillers' grains, the new low-moisture block contains an increased amount of readily available calcium (Ca), which the company claims will balance key nutrient levels critical for growing calves, stockers, replacement heifers and beef cows during gestation, calving and lactation.

For more information, contact Dan Dhuyvetter at 507-388-9488 or dan.dhuyvetter@ridleyinc.com.

New insecticide approved

Elanco Animal Health has announced U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval of StandGuard™ pour-on for control of horn flies and lice in beef cattle of all ages.

The active ingredient in the new product, gamma-cyhalothrin, is in the pyrethroid class of insecticides. The company recommends incorporating the new insecticide into an integrated pest-management system that includes rotation of insecticide classes.

The product is available in ready-to-use bottles, and is backed by a satisfaction guarantee. It can be purchased from local veterinary clinics, animal health distributors and feed stores supplied by Durvet Inc., an animal health products distributor based in Blue Springs, Mo. For more details, visit www.durvet.com.



New spray fly control

Bayer Animal Health has introduced QuickBayt® Spot Spray to provide fly control where conventional granular baits can't reach. The product can be sprayed directly onto surfaces where flies tend to rest, both indoors and outdoors, with the formula killing flies in less than 60 seconds, according to the company.

The new spray contains the same active ingredient as Quickbayt Fly Bait (imidacloprid), and can be used as a complement to that product to control flies on window sills, ceilings, walls, barn beams, etc., for up to six weeks with an indoor application.

For more information, call Bayer account services at 1-800-633-3796, contact your local animal health supplier or visit www.quickbayt.com.

Fungicide receives new registration

Valent U.S.A. Corp. has announced that Domark® fungicide has received a Section 3 registration from the EPA. Soybean farmers can now use the product to achieve Maximum Harvest Value™ to protect their soybeans from yield-robbing diseases such as frogeye, purple seed stain, brown spot, Asian soybean rust and many more.

The company claims the fungicide can be used as a preventative and curative treatment for soybean diseases, protecting existing and new growth due to its systemic activity, which allows the product to be quickly absorbed by the soybean leaf and evenly distributed throughout the treated leaf.

For more information, call 1-800-682-5368 or visit www.valent.com.



Herbicide news

Dow AgroSciences has announced that it has received federal registration for SureStart™ herbicide, a new soil-applied foundation herbicide specifically designed for use in Roundup Ready® corn. The new herbicide can be applied from preplant up to 11-inch (in.) of plant growth, providing broad-spectrum control of early emerging grasses and both small- and large-seeded broadleaf weeds such as lamb's-quarter, water hemp, pigweed, common and giant ragweed, nightshade, velvetleaf, foxtail, crabgrass, barnyard grass and more for up to six weeks.

Product technology specialists recommend applying 1.5-2 pints (pt.) of the product as a pre-emergence application, using it as a first step in a two-pass program, following with a single post glyphosate application at a labeled rate to manage later-emerging weeds.

To learn more about the new herbicide, visit www.surestart.com.

Syngenta has announced that Prefix™ herbicide is now registered as a premix formulation with the EPA and will be available for the 2008 growing season.

The company recommends the use of pre-emergence, residual herbicides on glyphosate-tolerant soybean acres following 2-1-2 as a resistance management guideline for corn and soybean growers, meaning no more than two applications of glyphosate on one field in a two-year period.

For more information, visit <http://prefix-herbicide.com> or <http://resistancefighter.com>.

New approval for insecticide

FMC Corp. has announced that Mustang Max insecticide has received approval from the EPA for use on pasture and range grasses to control a variety of insect pests, making it the first pyrethroid federally registered for insect control in pasture and rangeland, according to the release.

The insecticide has a zero-day postharvest interval (PHI), allowing producers to manage herds more easily through rotational grazing. It is labeled for control of both true and fall armyworms and

grasshoppers in mixed and solid grass pastures, as well as alfalfa, wheat, corn, cotton, grain sorghum, pecans and soybeans.

The insecticide is approved for foliar application and should be applied by ground or air at rates ranging from 1.28 ounce (oz.) to 4.0 oz. per acre, depending on the pest spectrum and intensity of infestation. It can also be tank-mixed with postemergence herbicides, plant nutrients and fungicides, according to the company release.

For more information, visit www.cropsolutions.fmc.com.

New clippers

Oster Professional Products has introduced the PowerPro™ Ultra with Opti-Block, a cordless clipper designed to make blocking and trimming show cattle more comfortable and convenient.

The new clipper has a DC rotary motor that provides 3,300 strokes per minute, is 15% lighter than previous models and features an ergonomic design with a nonslip grip. It also comes equipped with the company's Opti-Block Cryongenx blade, with an AgION antimicrobial coating that protects against a broad range of bacteria.

The portable clipper also features a redesigned battery that is slimmer and longer-lasting, offering 60 minutes of continuous run time. It is sold with two batteries and a charging stand.

For more information, visit www.osterpro.com or call 1-800-830-3678.

Andis Co. has introduced Ruby,™ a new petite, bright red clipper-trimmer. Weighing 6 oz., the new grooming tool can be operated with or without a cord. Key to the tool's superior performance, according to the company, is the nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH) battery, which is charged fully with every charge, assuring the longest possible use.

Made in the USA, the tool can run cordless for an hour, and comes with the battery, a stand, a cord charger, clipper oil, a blade brush and a one-year warranty.

To find a local distributor, call the company at 1-800-558-9441 or visit www.andis.com.

