

Press Release



Priaxor D fungicide receives federal registration for use against strobilurin-resistant frogeye leaf spot

Soybean fungicide from BASF is a much-needed option for disease resistance management

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., January 27, 2015 – **Priaxor® D** fungicide from BASF has received federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registration. A combination fungicide containing three modes of action, **Priaxor D** fungicide helps manage strobilurin-resistant frogeye leaf spot in soybeans while providing Advanced Plant Health benefits, including increased growth efficiency and stress tolerance.

Priaxor D fungicide will be a much-needed option for growers in states experiencing high levels of strobilurin-resistant frogeye leaf spot, including Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

“Strobilurin-resistant frogeye leaf spot is a major concern for growers, specifically in the Mid-South,” said Megan Andriankaja, Ph.D., Technical Market Specialist with BASF. “We are excited to introduce **Priaxor D** fungicide, the first three mode of action fungicide for soybean growers. **Priaxor D** fungicide will control a wide array of diseases, including strobilurin-resistant frogeye leaf spot, and will provide Advanced Plant Health benefits to help maximize overall yield potential.”

Priaxor D fungicide is a combination of **F500®** and **Xemium®** fungicide, the same active ingredients as in **Priaxor** fungicide, combined with tetraconazole. The combination of these active ingredients can further increase the control of strobilurin-resistant frogeye leaf spot in soybeans.

In Mid-South field trials, soybean acres treated with **Priaxor D** fungicide had a 1.8 severity of strobilurin-resistant frogeye leaf spot on a 10-point scale. Acres treated with **Priaxor** fungicide alone experienced a 3.5 disease severity. The untreated check experienced 7.0 disease severity, demonstrating the need to use an effective triazole to control strobilurin-resistant frogeye leaf spot.

“The first step to managing strobilurin-resistant frogeye leaf spot is to plant a soybean variety that is resistant to the disease,” said Andriankaja. “When resistant soybean varieties are planted in low-risk areas of resistance, BASF recommends a proactive application of **Priaxor** fungicide. In addition to controlling frogeye leaf spot, **Priaxor** fungicide controls other diseases, including Septoria brown spot, anthracnose and aerial web blight.”

When a susceptible soybean variety is planted and strobilurin-resistant frogeye leaf spot is suspected or confirmed in the region, BASF recommends an application of **Priaxor D** fungicide. An application of **Priaxor D** fungicide provides excellent control of disease, including strobilurin-resistant frogeye leaf spot, while providing Advanced Plant Health benefits.

State registrations for **Priaxor D** fungicide are expected in time for the 2015 growing season. Contact your local authorized BASF retailer or BASF representative for more information on **Priaxor D** fungicide.

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