

BEST PRACTICE FOR CONTROLLING YELLOW BRISTLE **GRASS (YBG) IN PASTURE**

Yellow Bristle Grass (YBG) may sound like pasture but in fact it's a weed; lowering the quality of the pasture as stock avoid it due to its low palatability. Due to grazing avoidance, YBG can persist in pastures until it eventually takes over, as it's a very aggressive annual weed. If eaten, the seed can be spread via dung, soil movement, and other contaminants like imported feed.

Selective post emergence grass weed herbicide

Based on fenoxaprop-P ethyl (HRAC group 1) Fully formulated, Adjuvant ready, Low odour Made from 35% plant derived ingredients Safe on clover



IDENTIFYING YELLOW BRISTLE GRASS (YBG) IN PASTURE

Germinating from mid-October, its establishment can continue through until November, as ambient and ground temperatures increase. YBG is the most prominent in pasture gaps, gate ways, and fence lines. Places where pasture competition is low.

YBG is an upright annual-seeding plant, growing 25-45cm high. First leaves are typically parallel to the ground and usually red or purple at the base. The leaves tend to be flat, hairless, soft and twisted.



image © Trevor James Often mistakenly identified as Barnyard Grass, YBG can be identified by the hairy ligule.



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GETTING THE BEST OUT OF YOUR YELLOW BRISTLE GRASS (YBG) **CONTROL WITH JIVE**

Aim to control YBG from mid-November through to mid-December, while the plant is still vegetative. There can be multiple germinations, so a well-structured programme with repeat applications may be required.

- Once YBG has been identified, graze the paddock thoroughly to expose the base of the weed. Then allow the paddock to freshen for up to 5 days
- Once the paddock has been allowed to freshen up, apply Jive at 750mL in 250-300L of water per hectare to achieve good coverage.
- Wait out the 28-day withholding period, then graze again. One grazed, re-assess YBG burden. Let the paddock freshen up once again and re-apply Jive at the rates above, for additional YBG control.

The two-spray approach is the most effective method for success. Best control is achieved by targeting the optimal timing in YBG growth stage and getting good coverage with Jive down into the base of the pasture to target the YBG. The more pasture cover at the time of application, the less effective Jive will be. By allowing the paddock to regrow for 3-5 days post grazing, fresh growth of the YBG will establish, which will enhance interception of the herbicide - improving weed control.

For more information on Jive, contact your local Arxada territory manager





