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Weed Control in Beets¹

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Beets can be found as red beets, table beets or garden beets. Both the tops (greens) and the bottoms (swollen hypocotyle) may be eaten. Always check the label on beet greens because residue establishment varies.

Clopyralid (Stinger) has just received labeling for use postemergence, over-the-top of beets. At the present time however, Stinger may not be sold in Florida. This may change in the future, so check labeling in Florida. See Table 1.

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Table 1. Chemical weed controls: Beets.

Herbicide	Labeled crops	Time of application to crop	Rate (lbs. AI./Acre)	
			Mineral	Muck
Cycloate (Ro-Neet)	Beet	Preplant Incorporate	3-4 lb	----
Remarks: Apply to mineral soils only. Use on trial basis.				
Pyrazon (Pyramin)	Beet	Preemergence Early Postemergence	3-3.5	-----
Remarks: Apply preemergence or early postemergence to beet and weeds for control of many broadleaf weeds. Do not use on muck soils.				
Phenmedipham (Spin-aid)	Red beet	Post-directed	0.5 - 1.0	0.5 - 1.0
Remarks: Apply after red beets reach the 4-6 leaf stage at 3-6 pints product/A. For best control, weeds should be small and actively growing.				
Sethoxydim (Poast)	Beet, garden	Post	0.47	0.47
Remarks: Apply for control of emerged grass weeds. Two applications of up to 2.5 pts each may be made per season. Do not apply within 60 days of harvest. Use a crop oil concentrate in the mix.				
Glyphosate (Several)	Red beet	Prior to emergence	0.375 - 1.5	0.375-1.5
Remarks: For control of emerged weeds prior to planting or crop emergence. Has no residual soil activity. Check the label for weeds and rate for control.				
Clethodim (Select)	Garden beet	Post	0.09 - 0.125	0.09 - 0.125
Remarks: Apply for the control of emerged grass weeds. Apply at 6-8 fl oz per application. Use a crop oil concentrate at 1% v/v in the spray mix. Do not apply within 30 days of harvest.				