

# Price Paid for Premix Privilege

Registered mixes of products like Jaguar® and Tigrex® are convenient to use but their convenience comes at a cost compared to a farmer mixing up their own similar mixes.

For example a generic version of Jaguar® (Bromoxynil 250g/l and Diflufenican 25g/l) costs approximately \$13.50/l. Whereas buying the two chemicals from 4Farmers and mixing up an equivalent strength product can cost \$10.70 or less buying in larger volumes.

The efficacy in the premix is better but not by the amount reflected in the price. 4Farmers research has suggested the farmer's own mix of the above products is about 90% of the premix.

Therefore adding say 10% to the cost of the farmer mixing and allowing for the higher rates of product or an adjuvant to compensate, the adjusted



*Consider mixing 4Farmers Bromoxynil 200 and Diflufenican 500 instead of using more expensive premixes of the same chemicals suggests 4Farmers General Manager Neil Mortimore.*

price of the farmer mix is approximately \$11.80/l and approximately \$1.70/l less than the premix.

The situation is similar for other products like Tigrex®. 4Farmers produces a generic version for around \$10/l compared to mixing LVE MCPA and Diflufenican at equivalent rates for less than \$6/l plus an amount to compensate for loss in efficacy.

For some farmers any saving might be negated by the convenience of a premixed product, however it could be worth checking the alternatives.

Figure 1: Seed herbicide resistance results from Plant Science Consulting showing % radish surviving.

Sample	Logran (B)	Atrazine (C1)	Bromoxynil (C3)	Brodal (F)	2,4-D (I)
A 842	75	0	0	0	100
A 808	45	0	0	15	70
A 840	40	0	0	0	0
A 847	0	0	0	25	0
A 813	20	0	0	0	95
A 811	45	0	0	0	0
A 810	0	0	0	35	15
A 809	55	0	0		

*Resistance status of wild radish in some problem paddocks from a survey done by Synergy Consulting. Source: Pfeiffer, CPC Newsletter, June 2011*

## Bromoxynil Finding New Favour

Very competitive pricing of 4Farmers Bromoxynil 200 has made it an economical post emergent broadleaf alternative.

More farmers are turning to Bromoxynil because of the increasing resistance problem, particularly with wild radish resistance to phenoxyes.

Bromoxynil in combination products like Diflufenican not only are a good rotation away from phenoxy or group B products, it also has the advantage of being able to be applied early from the two leaf stage onwards.

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