

Advice to strawberry runner producers on the correct use of Flute® 50 EW Fungicide for powdery mildew control.

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In 2015 a permit was granted for Flute to be used in strawberry runner crops in Australia as part of a powdery mildew control program. Recently the APVMA approved the AgNova registration to allow use of Flute in strawberry crops.

In order to minimise the likelihood of resistance development to this unique U6 chemical group, AgNova has developed use guidelines that incorporate both runner and fruiting strawberry production.

Specifically, we ask that strawberry runner growers use Flute according to the following conditions;

1. Limit the number of Flute applications to **two (2) per crop and non-consecutive**
2. Apply **at least two sprays with an alternative mode of action** fungicide between Flute applications.
3. Apply **at least two sprays with an alternative fungicide before digging/harvest.**
4. Flute is used as a **preventative spray only**, with no application to visible mildew infections.

Similar guidelines have been developed for fruiting strawberry growers to ensure that Flute is used correctly for powdery mildew control programs.

AgNova has prioritised the development of additional new mode of action fungicides for strawberries with the understanding that there is a genuine and pressing need in this valuable segment. However, incorrect and over-use in berries will lead to resistance development, hence it is important to maintain the registered control options by following the above guidelines.

We thank you in anticipation of your support for these guidelines, and reinforce the need for them to be followed at all times. Further information on the use of Flute in strawberries can be found on our website at agnova.com.au or by calling our Head Office on 03 9899 8100.