

BCPC Weeds review Application Technology-The past, the present and the future





The past



History Of Spraying







Farm Sprayer 1978

E Starter Star

- 200 l/ha
- 6 km/h
- 03 FanJet
- Med/fine spray









- Spray Drops 1-1000μm (.001 1mm)
- Drops leave nozzle at 50 m.p.h.
- Smallest drops stop within 10 cm
- Largest drops slow to 25 m.p.h. after 1m









Ai Nozzle









The present



Over time - the goalposts have shifted...







The influence of nozzles on drift reduction



No drift reduction 90% drift red	uction



Farm Sprayer 2023

- £20,000 £450,000
- 2000I 6000I tank
- Boom width 24m +
- Output: 100-250 ha/day
- Spray Volume 70 200 l/ha
- Automatic boom height
- Self steering
- 10km/hr+
- PWM?





Syngenta Angled Nozzles range

The Next step in 3D Technology













WHAT IS



- 90% drift reducing/4* LERAP up to 5 bar
- 55° nozzle optimises deposition on back of targets
- Field trials confirm maintain efficacy vs 3D and exceed other 90% DRT
- Sizes: 05, 06, 08 (03, 035, 04 to follow shortly)
- Pre-em herbicides
- Potato fungicides
- Spring post-em herbicides, T0 and T3 cereals,
- Pre-orifice nozzle
- PWM Compatible
- Integrated Snaplock cap



Even with various products we get benefits





Barton, Cambridgeshire – assessed on Blackgrass control

What does it look like at application?







3D ninety 05

Flat Fan 05











What is Spray Assist?



5 day weather with hourly spray timing guidance and alerts if conditions change



Plan your sprays and get recommendations on nozzles and parameters

Equipment Management Register the equipment and nozzles you use to receive optimised recommendations



Create and connect your Farm for enhanced localisation





The future



What is Precision Application (PA)?



= sprayed area



Technical approaches for a banded application





Prescription Application









Advanced application technologies Pulse Width Modulation





- Enabled by a valve in the nozzle body that rapidly opens and closes
- Nozzles can be controlled individually: a key enabler for more precise and variable rate applications
- Regulation currently out of step with technology evolution: nozzles lose their LERAP rating if used with PWM systems





Classification: PUBLIC

Flow chart for prescription map creation



Prescription Application building from drone imagery



Grower benefits

- Higher ROI on CP use
- Reduced use of CP
- Higher sustainability



Green-on-Brown and Green-on-Green detection



GoB



GoG







A new generation of application & product technologies *Plant-by-Plant Optical Spot Spraying*









Bringing plant potential to life

