

Smiles all round with Filan registration

The start of winter has seen a bright light for growers of major horticultural crops with the registration of Filan®.

“The registration of Filan has been in the pipeline for a while, so we are really pleased to finally see the new label come through,” said Guy Perriman, Nufarm Australian horticulture manager. “The difference this product will make for our potato, vegetable and grape growers will be significant.”

First registered in Australia during 2004 for botrytis control in wine and table grapes, Filan is a Group 7 fungicide containing 500g/kg of boscalid as the active constituent.

The new registrations are for early blight control in potatoes, tomatoes, capsicums, eggplant and peppers when tank mixed with Polyram® DF. These vegetable crop registrations are new uses for Filan, which has been used under permit in other crops for the control of sclerotinia and Botrytis.

“With Filan’s registration, growers now have access to a product from an alternate Fungicide Resistance Group to those they have traditionally used,” Guy explained. “It can mean a whole new approach to fungicide programs and will enhance their resistance management strategies.”

“Grape growers now have even more reasons to consider the use of Filan in their fungicide programs. The new registration provides a choice of rates for Botrytis control along with the addition of a claim for powdery mildew control.

“Filan remains the only Group 7 fungicide available in grapes for the control of botrytis and powdery mildew. By tank mixing Filan with Cabrio® for application at the start of flowering, downy mildew is added to the control spectrum. This chemical combination will be marketed by Nufarm this year with the launch of the 321 Program.”

Filan can be used up to four weeks prior to harvest for table grapes and domestic wine production. For grapes grown for export wine markets the AWRI recommends that Filan is used at early flowering.

Nufarm continues to undertake significant research and development projects with Filan.

“Work is ongoing to achieve registration in the crops where Filan is currently only used under permit. We are committed to bringing these permits to registration,” said Guy.

The new Filan label has also allowed Nufarm’s Power Yield® Program to now move forward.

“The Power Yield program links a number of key crop protection products, including Filan, in a systems approach to deliver a simple disease control program designed to optimise the use of new chemistry options for potato, tomato and capsicum growers. Protecting against disease resistance and preserving chemistry performance is very important for long term sustainable disease control.

“The program has been thoroughly investigated and tested in potatoes for a number of years now, with the combination of products used and application timing shown to be key success drivers.

“This approach to crop protection provides tangible benefits to the growers’ bottom line through yield enhancement and effective disease control. It’s a new solution to meet the needs of industry that is easy to follow and practical.”

Up to date information about Filan and other Nufarm products, including labels and permit details, can be downloaded at www.nufarm.com.au/LabelsMSDS. Alternatively, contact your local Nufarm Sales Manager to have a chat about your needs.

