

# Plague locusts: Nufarm Q&A

**Useful tools:** [www.nufarm.com.au/locusts](http://www.nufarm.com.au/locusts)

## How are Nufarm positioned to supply customer needs?

- Planning has been underway at Nufarm for over six months, since it became clear in March and April that there would be a plague threat this spring.
- We have been working closely with federal (Australian Plague Locust Commission) and state bodies to coordinate efforts and determine needs for each state.
- Close coordination has also been undertaken with distribution partners to place orders early and facilitate deliveries when and where needed, and to help with preparation advice and tools.

## Who has responsibility for treating the locusts?

- Landholders are required to treat their own land, with the government responsible for public land areas.

## Where do farmers get product from?

- It depends on how their state government are organising their product management. Farmers are urged to check with their relevant department for full details.
- In summary:
  - NSW farmers are required to get their locust treatment products from the Livestock Health & Pest Authorities (LHPA)
  - Farmers from all other states need to purchase product via normal distribution channels and will be reimbursed for the product used for locust treatment provided certain criteria are met. Refer to your state's information for further details (links are at [www.nufarm.com.au/locusts](http://www.nufarm.com.au/locusts)).

## When will the locusts hatch and when can farmers spray?

- The best source of the latest information about hatchings is on the APLC website (see link via [www.nufarm.com.au/locusts](http://www.nufarm.com.au/locusts)) with a regularly updated 'current situation' area.
- They also have detailed information about the life cycle and best treatment times for treating locusts.

## Does Nufarm have an insecticide supply shortage?

- No. Based on the product estimates we are working on, Nufarm will have all product supplied by mid to late October.
- Supplies may be tight, particularly if the plague threat is at the high end of estimations, which is why planning has been and continues to be critical.

## Are Nufarm going to run out of products for plague locusts?

- Maybe. We have prepared as well as we can, but given the indeterminate size of the threat it has been a matter of balancing risk between not having enough or being left with large quantities of product after the season.
- We have been proactive in our preparation and assessed requirements with industry partners to take a position that we think will ensure we have enough product for the market.



### **Will Nufarm be able to supply customer's needs?**

- Yes. We will have enough product to supply customers we have orders for, in time for their application requirements.

### **When can Nufarm deliver the product that is on order?**

- Yes. More than 50% of orders have already been delivered, with the critical areas (those where the hatching is occurring earliest) receiving their products first.
- All products currently on order will be delivered by mid to late October.

### **What products can be used?**

- Refer to *Nufarm Product Registrations for Australian Plague Locust, Migratory Locust, Spur-throated Locust, Wingless Grasshopper, May 2010* chart (see [www.nufarm.com.au/locusts](http://www.nufarm.com.au/locusts))

### **Is there any Astound Duo available?**

- Not currently. Significant orders have been filled, with no short term availability due to the product's long production cycle/lead time.
- Limited stocks may be available later in the year, however, this is to be confirmed.

### **What can Nufarm do about Green Guard (*Metarhizium*) shortages?**

- Nufarm does not manufacture this product. Please refer to the supplier, Becker Underwood Australasia, for further information.

