

Herbicide phytotoxicity testing on a range of container-grown ornamental plant species – second event

Darby Nursery Stock Ltd, Fen Farm, Severalls Road, Methwold Hythe, Thetford IP26 4QU

Wednesday 30th September 2026

Since the establishment of HCP Ltd, following the wind-down of AHDB Horticulture, several new herbicide EAMUs have been obtained, but crucial phytotoxicity testing on container-grown ornamentals has not been implemented to ensure such products can be used safely and effectively.

The R&D funding made available via HCP Ltd now allows for such testing. Within the project, both current herbicides with EAMUs, along with potential herbicides, where EAMUs will be sought, are being examined. This event provides a great opportunity to see early trial results and to get a valuable insight into upcoming herbicides, as well as a useful opportunity to network with other growers.



The objective of the trial is to assess the safety of six new and existing herbicide products with pre- and post-emergence activity, for use over container-grown ornamentals, to add to the limited range of products currently available and used commercially. As part of the [project](#), the herbicide products have been applied to 26 container-grown plant species at two distinct timings, early spring and late summer, to provide an indication about their relative safety. This event will demonstrate the outcomes from the late summer application, when crops are hardening off and preparing to go into dormancy. This is the final project event and last opportunity to see the trial results; the previous spring treatment results will also be summarised.

Agenda

09:00 Arrival, breakfast roll and refreshments

09:45 An introduction to HCP Ltd – Jo McTigue, HCP Ltd

10:00 Setting the scene – challenges of weed control and herbicide selection in container-grown HNS production – Wayne Brough and Selchuk Kurtev, HTA and Zest Sustainable ICM

10:10 Introduction to the herbicide trial objectives and review of the outcome from spring treatment timing – Selchuk Kurtev, Zest Sustainable ICM

10:45 View the herbicide trial plots, early observations and discussion – All delegates

12:00 Questions and answers – All delegates

12:30 Depart

To book a place for the event click the link below:

HCP Herbicide Phytotoxicity Trial [Events | Zest ICM](#)

Please note, this is a grower ONLY event with a maximum of two persons per business.

BASIS and NRoSO points have been applied for.

Local directions to Darby Nursery Stock and trial site – Fen site, IP26 4QU

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