

Use of desiccants on malting barley

The use of glyphosate or glufosinate-ammonium is accepted for application to malting barley pre-harvest as a desiccant – both are included in the current list of acceptable agrochemicals published by the British Beer and Pub Association, available on the MAGB website at:

<https://fullphattest.co.uk/maltsters/resource/latest-bbpa-cbri-agrochemical-list-mar-2020/>

Trade names for glyphosate include Roundup, Touchdown, Quattro, and Barclay Gallup 360. Trade names for glufosinate-ammonium include Harvest.

Manufacturers instructions must be followed, and records of applications must be kept as Good Agricultural Practice and for assurance scheme compliance.

The maximum residue limit on barley for glyphosate is 20mg/kg.

If you are growing malting barley that may be used as malt for distilling, please speak to your maltster about the use of desiccant.

No liability is accepted by the MAGB for any effect on the quality of malting barley by using a desiccant. As a grower considering the use of a desiccant, you should consider the moisture content of the growing crop, and the interval from application until harvest. If you need further information, please speak to your agronomist, your grain merchant or your maltster.

Note: the use of diquat (trade names include Reglone) is NOT permitted on malting barley or any crop for human consumption or processing into food for human consumption.