

## Re-registered Dithane has label recommendations for both early and late blight in potatoes

Alternaria has become much more of a problem in the UK, but it is always alongside late blight (*Phytophthora infestans*) and is rarely found in isolation. Growers will therefore need fungicides with dual activity on both these diseases.

### Summary

Dithane NT and Dithane 945 are both re-registered. Both products have label recommendations for early blight (Alternaria) as well as late blight (Phytophthora). Dithane NT has some new crops on the label.

### Dithane now has a label recommendation for early blight in potatoes.

The recent decline in use of mancozeb as the mainstay active in blight programmes is reported to have had some impact on the increased risk of Alternaria, as many other blight fungicides have little or no activity on this disease.

### Dithane NT and 945 are re-registered

Both products have both been re-registered onto Annex III by UK's CRD and have new MAPP numbers and re-freshed labels, supported by modern up-to-date field data for crops and diseases listed. **Re-registration means that Dithane has had to prove that it is effective against both early and late potato blight.**

Dithane can be mixed into programmes with other late blight products to increase the mancozeb concentration and assist in keeping both early and late blight under control.

- **Dose Rates**

Following re-registration the dose rates for both products against potato blight will stay the same at 2kg/ha.

These two products are the only mancozeb products with a 2kgs/ha dose rate, which delivers 1500 gms a.i./ha, necessary for Alternaria activity.

- **Spray intervals** also remain unchanged at 7 days, with longer intervals in lower disease risk situations.
- **Harvest interval** remains unchanged at 7 days.
- **The only change** is the maximum number of applications of 8 per crop, which still gives plenty of opportunity to use Dithane throughout a full programme. At 2 kgs/ha and up to 8 possible applications per season this gives Dithane the highest mancozeb loading of any product per season.
- **Crops**

Both Dithane NT and 945 retain wheat on their labels and Dithane NT has some new crops on its label –

- bulb onions and shallots (onion rust); carrots and parsnips (Alternaria).

For further information please ring Interfarm on 01354 741414  
or email [technical@interfarm.co.uk](mailto:technical@interfarm.co.uk)  
or visit [www.interfarm.co.uk](http://www.interfarm.co.uk)

**Read the label before use. Use Pesticides safely**

The use of trademarks in which proprietary rights may exist is recognised