



Special Needs Label for Dual Magnum

Maine vegetable growers now are able to use Dual Magnum on an expanded range of vegetable crops including: asparagus, bell pepper, cabbage, carrots, garden beets, dry bulb onions, green onions, spinach, Swiss chard, pumpkin. The target weeds for this registration and use are galinsoga and yellow nutsedge.

Growers need to go to Syngenta's web site www.farmassist.com and agree to a waiver of liability and print off the 24C label. All label instructions will be supplied after the application for use is completed. Once on the farm assist web site, click "products" at top left, then "indemnified labels". Create a user name and password, select Dual Magnum, and the crop. This is ONLY for the product Dual Magnum, EPA #100-816. It is not for Dual II Magnum or the generic Dual/metolochlor products. Rates are about ½ of the normal rate of Dual on many of these crops, so growers will need to pay attention to that.

Twilight Meeting at Fairwinds Farm

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension and the Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Association will hold a twilight meeting at Fairwinds Farm in Bowdoinham on Wednesday, June 11 at 5:30 p.m. Pete and Cathy Karonis grow 10 acres of strawberries and approximately 40 acres of mixed vegetables in fields along the Kennebec River and have a farmstand and greenhouses in Topsham. They will host a tour of their strawberry, raspberry and vegetable plantings, and describe their growing and marketing practices. In addition, we discuss the upcoming season and pest management issues facing vegetable and berry growers this year. One pesticide applicator re-certification will be awarded for the meeting. Hold the date!

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MVSFGA is an association of vegetable and small fruit growers dedicated to the promotion and advocacy of the vegetable and small fruit industry in Maine.

MVSFGA supports research education, and promotion and political advocacy. The association has provided important testimony at legislative hearings on such issues as pesticide regulation, labor, IPM, farmland preservation and technology transfer.

MVSFGA members receive the annual New England Vegetable Production Guide, and the New England Small Fruit Production Guide. Members also receive the association newsletter. To become a member of the MVSFGA please write to; William Jordan Jr. Treasurer, 21 Wells Road, Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107,
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Letters, comments, articles, calendars of events listings, and advertisements related to vegetable and small fruit production are welcome. Please send comments and information for the newsletter to: Walter Goss, 311 Elm Street, Mechanic Falls, Maine 04256, *email:* gossfarm@roadrunner.com.

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