

Response to 2,4-D Revised Risk Assessments and Preliminary Risk Reduction Options: Hawaii

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Hawaii's weather is characterized by year-round sunshine and subtropical temperatures and rainfall. These conditions allow for year-round production and year-round weed growth.

2,4-D is used in **landscapes, golf courses, sugarcane production, pasture and rangeland and seed corn production.**

The regulatory situation for 2,4-D is different in Hawaii compared to other states because 2,4-D products in container volumes larger than 1 quart are Restricted Use Products. This may be a limiting factor to the use of 2,4-D in Hawaii.

Cost considerations are important when 2,4-D is selected. The alternatives tend to be very expensive.

Turf

2,4-D pre-mixes (2,4-D mixed with other phenoxyes and dicamba) are used in turf settings--**landscapes and Bermuda golf courses.** 2,4-D is most frequently used for spot treatments. Where broadcast applications are necessary, the limit of 2 applications per season could present problems.

Golf course applications of 2,4-D tend to be spot treatments. Other herbicides are available and are used on golf courses. However, golf course operations would be negatively impacted if 2,4-D would not be available as part of the tools available to golf course superintendents.

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