THE APPLICATION OF HARVADE 25F TO SUNFLOWER CROPS IN HUNGARY DR. A. KADAR, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, KOSSUTH L. TERR11, BUDAPEST

In Hungary there are 300,000 to 400,000 hectares of sunflowers cultivated depending on the season. Desiccants have been used for 15 years as an aid to harvesting. Recently a new active ingredient dimethipin (Harvade 25F) has been registered at 625g ai/ha. Trials were conducted between 1982 and 1985 measuring moisture levels in seed, head, leaf and stalk on 6 occasions between application and harvest. Dimethipin was not as effective as diquat in desiccating the weeds present. (Chenopodium spp, Echinochloa spp, Setaria spp)