



Parra Trooper

Nigrospora oryzae spores

Biological control for Giant Parramatta grass

Nigrospora oryzae is a naturally occurring fungi, it is non-toxic, and there is no withholding period following treatment.

Bio-scientist, Jeremy Bradley, has found a way to add the *Nigrospora oryzae* spores to a mulch, called Parra Trooper. It is not a herbicide, but it helps to cause crown rot in Giant Parramatta grass (*Sporobolus fertilis*), and has been shown to aid in the reduction of vigour and persistence in Giant rat's tail grass (*Sporobolus pyramidalis*) too.

Properties south of Lismore that have applied Parra Trooper have shown positive results in just three weeks. A \$50 bag of mulch is enough to treat 1ha. The disease does spread readily once established, so you only need enough to get it started, not to cover your whole property. Starting at the top of a slope will allow it to wash down to the rest of your property, or cattle will walk it along tracks. A \$500 bag is also available to treat a large area.

Parra Trooper is available from Wauchope via mail. Full details can be found by following these links, or by contacting Jeremy Bradley:

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