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CONTROLS FOR VEGETABLE INSECTS FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS

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| Crop | Insect | Insecticide | Pounds Per Acre (Ground) | Pounds Per Acre (Air) | Remarks and Limitations |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| Asparagus | Cutworms | 10% Toxaphene dust 5% DDT dust Apple-peel bait | 15 15 10 | 20 20 10 | Apply when cutworms are injuring the stems if stems are cut, be careful not to dust those ready for harvest |
| Beans & Blackeyed Peas (Green or Snap) | Mexican Bean Beetles or Other Bean Beetles | 50% Cryolite 5% Malathion dust 57% Malathion EC 5 lbs per gallon 5% Methoxychlor dust 50% Thiodan wettable powder 7.5% (Sevin dust) | 18 15-18 1.5-2 pts 18 1 lb 18 | 25-30 25-30 25-30 1 lb 25-30 | When beetles first appear injuring several plants Do not apply Cryolite after pods form Do not use Malathion within 3 days of harvest Methoxychlor 7 days before harvest Do not apply Thiodan after pods form Be sure to cover under sides of leaves where insects feed Sevin can be used up to harvest |
| Thrips | | 325 mesh conditioned sulfur dust 10% DDT dust | 15 15 | 20-25 20-25 | When leaves show a silvering Do not use DDT within 7 days of harvest |
| Flea Beetles | | 10% DDT dust 5% Malathion dust 57% Malathion EC 5 lbs per gallon | 15 15 1.5-2 pts | 20-25 20-25 | When injury appears harmful Do not apply DDT within 7 days of harvest Do not apply Malathion within 1 day of harvest |

| Crop | Insect | Insecticide | Pounds Per Acre (Ground) (Air) | Remarks and Limitations |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| Beans & Blackeyed Peas (Green or Snap) (cont'd) | Lesser Cornstalk Borer | 3% Aldrin Granular Aldrin EC 2 lbs. per gal. 2.5% Heptachlor Granular Heptachlor EC 2 lbs. per gal. 2% Dieldrin Granular Dieldrin EC 1.5 lbs. per gal. | 15-35 1-2 qts. 20 to 40 1-2 qts. 25-30 $\frac{1}{3}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ gal. | Apply in furrow at time of planting —for all materials |
| | Corn Earworms | 10% DDT dust | 15-20 | When eggs or small worms first appear. Do not use DDT within 7 days of harvest. |
| | Seed Corn Maggots | 75% Lindane WP 75% Dieldrin WP 25% Ethion WP | 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. per 100 lbs. of seed $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ oz. per 100 lbs. of seed 4 oz. per 100 lbs of seed | Apply as a slurry to seed for best results. Usually fungicide applied at the same time |
| Spider Mites | Sulfur dust 2% Parathion dust 2% TEPP dust | 25 25 50 | Use only fresh dust 3 days before harvest | |
| Flea Beetles | 10% DDT dust | 12-15 | 20-25 | Start controls when the flea injury appears in injurious proportions. |

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| Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower and Radish, Turnips, Mustard | Cabbage Looper and other Cabbage worms | Toxaphene 15% plus 5% DDT dust Toxaphene EC 4 lbs. plus DDT 2 lbs. per gal. 15% Toxaphene plus 5% DDT plus Parathion 2% Phosdrin EC 2 lbs. per gal. 2% Parathion dust Parathion EC 2 lbs. per gal. Dibrom EC 8 lbs. per gal. | 15-20 3/4 gal. 15-20 1 pt. 20 2-3 qts. 1-2 pts. | 25-30 3/4 gal. 25-30 1 pt. 30 2-3 qts. 1-2 pts. | When eggs first appear on seedling May be used up to 14 days before harvest if wrapper leaves removed. Not after head starts to form if wrapper leaves not removed. Ground equipment on seedlings give best re- sults. Parathion and Dibrom. Do not apply after edible parts start to form |
| | Crickets | 10% Chlordane dust Apple peel baits 20% Toxaphene dust 2% Dieldrin dust | 15-18 10-12 No 15-18 | 20-30 10-12 20-30 20-30 | When crickets start appearing in new- ly planted fields of fall vegetables |
| | Cutworms | 20% Toxaphene dust 10% DDT 2% Dieldrin dust Apple bait | 15-20 15-20 15-20 10 | No No No 10 | When injuring plants in seedling stage |
| | Cabbage Aphid and False Turnip Aphid | 5% Malathion dust 57% Malathion EC 5 lbs. per gallon Demeton (Systox) EC 2 lbs. per gallon 2% Parathion dust Parathion EC 2 lbs. per gal. Dibrom EC 8 lbs. per gal. Phosdrin EC 2 lbs. per gal. 3% Diazinon plus 60% sulfur Nicotine-sulfate 40% 50% Thiodan wettable powder | 20 1 qt. 1 qt 15-25 3-4 pts. 1 pt 1 pt 15 1 1/2- pts. 1-1.5 lbs. | 25 1 qt. 1 qt. 25-30 3-4 pts. 1 pt. 1 pt 15 1 1/2- pts. 1-1.5 lbs. | Malathion 3 days before harvest. Demeton 21 days before harvest. Parathion 21 days before harvest. Dibrom 4 days before harvest Phosdrin 4 days before harvest Diazinon 7 days before harvest Nicotine 7 days before harvest Do not apply after edible parts form |

| Crop | Insect | Insecticide | Pounds Per Acre (Ground) | Pounds Per Acre (Air) | Remarks and Limitations |
|--|------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|---|
| Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower and Radish, Turnips, Mustard | Spider Mites | Dusting sulfur Systox (Demeton) EC 2 lbs. per gallon | 25-30 1.5 pts. | 25-30 1.5 pts. | Begin treatments when mites start to cause injury. Do not use Systox with- in 21 days before harvest. |
| | Harlequin Cabbage Bugs | 20% Sabadilla dust 1% Lindane 1% Rotenone | 18 18 18 | 20-30 30 30 | When insects are injuring plants. |
| | Flea Beetles | 10% DDT | 12-15 | 20-25 | Start controls when flea beetles in- jury appears in injurious proportions. |
| Carrots | Tulip Aphid | Parathion EC 2 lbs. per gal. Methyl Parathion EC 5 lbs. per gallon | 2 qts in 50 gals. water 1.5 pts. in 50 gals. water | No | Do not use within 21 days before harvest. Apply along row with noz- zles just above crowns |
| | Vegetable Weevils | 57% Malathion EC 5 lbs. per gallon 5% Malathion dust | 1-1.5 pts in 50 gals. water 20-30 | No No | Same application method as for Aphid Do not use within 7 days before har- vest. |
| Egg Plants | Flea Beetles | 10% DDT dust | 12-15 | 30-40 | Start controls when the flea beetle injury appears serious. |
| | Lace Bugs | 1% Rotenone dust 5% Malathion dust | 12-15 15-20 | 20-25 20-25 | Start when the insects appear in harmful numbers. |

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| Melons, Cantaloups, Watermelons, Honeydews, Etc. | Aphids | 5% Malathion dust 57% Malathion EC 5 lbs. per gallon 2% Parathion dust 40% Nicotine sulfate sprays Demeton (Systox) EC 2 lbs. per gallon 2% Phosdrin dust 3% Thiodan dust Thiodan EC 2 lbs. per gal. | 15 1-1.5 pts. 20-25 1.5 pts. 1.5 pts. 15 25 1 qt. | 25 1-1.5 pts. 30 1.5 pts. 1.5 pts. 25 30 | Malathion 1 day before harvest Parathion 15 days before harvest. Demeton 21 days before harvest Phosdrin 14 days before harvest Thiodan 14 days before harvest |
| | Thrips | 5% Malathion dust 57% Malathion EC 5 lbs. per gallon 2% Parathion dust Parathion EC 2 lbs. per gal | 15-18 1 1/2 pt. in 6-8 gal. water 15-18 1 qt. in 6-8 gal. water | 20-30 20-30 | Start controls when leaves start showing a silvery appearance. Parathion 7 days before harvest |
| | Darkling Ground Beetles and Crickets | 10% Chlordane dust 10% DDT dust 2% Dieldrin dust Dieldrin 1.5 lbs. EC per gal. Apple-peel bait | 20 20 10-20 1 qt. 10 | No No 1 qt. No | When injury noticed on seedling plants or to melons. Chlordane, do not apply after edible parts begin to form. DDT use early, 5 days before harvest. Dieldrin do not apply after blossoming starts |
| | Serpentine Leaf Miners | 2% Parathion dust 4% Ethion dust Ethion EC 4 lbs. per gal. | 20 20 30-40 | 25 30 30-40 | Parathion 7 days before harvest Ethion 7 days before harvest |
| | Omniverous Leaf Roller | 2% Parathion dust | 20-30 | 20-30 | 7 days before harvest |

| Crop | Insect | Insecticide | Pounds Per Acre (Ground) | Pounds Per Acre (Air) | Remarks and Limitations |
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| Melons, Cantaloups, Watermelons, Honeydews, Etc. (cont'd) | Cucumber Beetles | 50% Cryolite dust 5% Malathion dust 2% Parathion dust 5% Methoxychlor dust | 12-15 15-20 15-18 12-15 | 20-25 20-25 20-30 20-25 | NEVER use sulfur or toxaphene dust on melons. Start controls when the beetles are causing injury to the plants. There may be spotted, striped, or belted beetles that cause injury. Malathion—1 day before harvest. Parathion—7 days Methoxychlor—1 day |
| | Red Spiders or Spider Mites | 4% Ethion dust Ethion EC 4 lbs per gal 2% Parathion dust Demeton (Systox) EC 2 lbs per gallon 3% Kelthane dust | 30-40 1 qt 20-30 1.5 pts | 30-40 1 qt 20-30 1.5 p's | Ethion 7 days before harvest Parathion 7 days before harvest Demeton 21 days before harvest |
| | Flea Beetles | 5% Malathion dust | 20-25 | 30 | Kelthane dust 2 days before harvest. 1 day before harvest. |
| | Grasshoppers | Apple-peel baits 10% Chlordane dust | 10 12 15 | | Control when hoppers start feeding on the rinds. Do not dust fru |
| | Leafhoppers | 2% Parathion dust | 20-25 | 20-25 | When present 7 days before harvest. |
| Squash Vine Borer | 1% Rotenone dust | 18 | 25 | When injury first shows up. Locate where attack appears by yellowish excrement on vine. Remove borer with knife. Pull soil over cut area to prevent drying and encourage resprouting. | |

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| Squash Bug | 20% Sabadilla dust 1% Rotenone dust 1% Lindane dust | 18-20 18-20 18-20 | 25-30 25-30 18-20 | Start controls when adults and eggs first appear in numbers. Never use DDT on squash. |
| Aphids or Plant Lice | 5% Malathion dust 57% Malathion EC 5 lbs. per gallon Demeton (Systox) EC 2 lbs. per gallon 2% Parathion dust Parathion EC 2 lbs. per gal. | 18-20 1 to 1½ pts 1 pt. 18-20 ½ to 1 lb. technical | 25-30 25-30 1 pt. 25-30 25-30 | Start controls when the aphid infestations appear at several points in the field. Demeton 21 days to harvest Parathion 15 days before harvest. |
| Beet Leafhoppers | 2% Parathion dust | 20-25 | 20-25 | When present 15 days before harvest. |
| Squash Capsids | 1% Rotenone dust | 15-18 | 20-25 | When they appear in injurious numbers start control. |
| Cucumber Beetles | 50% Cryolite dust 2% Parathion dust | 18 18 | 30 20 | Wash or brush residue from fruit. Parathion 15 days before harvest. |
| Sweet Corn Flea Beetles | 10% DDT dust 5% Malathion dust | 12-15 12-15 | 20-25 20-25 | Start controls when the beetle injury starts to appear on the small plants. |
| Corn Earworms | 7.5% Sevin dust | 20 | 30 | Apply with hand duster to each ear or by airplane. Apply at 2-3 day intervals, when silks first begin to appear. You may use hand treatment and use less dust per acre. No restrictions for ears for humans. For dairy or other animals 7 days before harvest. |

Sweet Corn

| Crop | Insect | Insecticide | Pounds Per Acre (Ground) | Pounds Per Acre (Air) | Remarks and Limitations |
|------|------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|---|
| | Corn Earworms | 10% DDT dust | 30 | No | Do not feed fodder to livestock Apply to each ear with dauber type brush and start when silks first appear 3 to 4 applications at 3 day intervals |
| | Seed Corn Maggots | 75% Lindane wettable powder 75% Dieldrin wettable powder 75% Heptachlor wettable powder | 1/2 oz to 100 lbs of seed 1/2 to 2/3 oz per 100 lbs of seed 1/2 to 2/3 oz per 100 lbs of seed | | Apply materials as a slurry to seed before planting Endeavor to plant corn in well drained soil Avoid planting too early |
| | Spider Mites | 325-mesh conditioned dusting sulfur 5% Malathion dust | 20-25 25 | 30 30-35 | Start controls when the spider mites start to fire the plants |
| | Lesser Cornstalk Borer | 3% Aldrin Granular Aldrin EC 2 lbs per gal 2.5% Heptachlor Granular Heptachlor EC 2 lbs per gallon 2% Endrin Granules Endrin EC 1.6 lbs per gal 2% Dieldrin Granules Dieldrin EC 1.5 lbs per gal | 15-35 1-2 qts 20-40 1-2 qts | No | Apply all materials in furrow along with seed at planting time only |

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| Sweet Corn (cont'd) | Southwestern Corn Borers | No chemical control | | Fall plow in order to turn the base of the stalks out on top of the soil as the worm spends the winter in the top of the roots. |
| | Fall Armyworms | 15% Toxaphene plus 5% DDT dust | 15-20 25-30 | On late summer or fall planted sweet corn this insect can destroy the crop if dustings are not applied when the worm first appears. Do not feed re- fuse to dairy animals or animals for slaughter. |
| White Potatoes | Leafhopper | 5% DDT plus 60% sulfur dust | 30 35 | |
| | | Demeton (Systox) EC 2 lbs. per gallon | 1.5 pts. 1.5 pts. | Demeton 21 days before harvest. |
| | | 5% Malathion dust | 15 30 | Malathion 1 day before harvest. |
| | | 3% Thiodan dust plus 25% sulfur-bentonite mixture | 30 35 | Thiodan 14 days before harvest. |
| | | Thiodan EC 2 lbs. per gal. | 1-2 qts. | |
| | Flea Beetles | 3% Thiodan dust plus 25% sulfur-bentonite mixture | 15 30 | Thiodan 14 days before harvest. |
| | | 10% DDT dust plus sulfur | 20 30 | 1 day before harvest. |
| | | 5% Malathion dust | 20 30 | 1 day before harvest. |
| | Aphids | 2% Parathion dust | 20 30 | 5 days before harvest. |
| | | 5% Malathion dust | 20 30 | 1 day before harvest. |
| | | Demeton (Systox) EC 2 lbs. per gallon | 1 pt. 1 pt. | 21 days before harvest. |
| | | Phorate (Thimet) Granules 10% | 20 No | Plants—pre-emergence application only. |
| | | 40% Nicotine Sulfate | 1-2 pts. in 50 gal. of water—ground only | |
| | | 3% Thiodan dust | 30 35 | 14 days before harvest. |

| Crop | Insect | Insecticide | Pounds Per Acre (Ground) | Pounds Per Acre (Air) | Remarks and Limitations |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| White Potatoes | Psyllids | 10% DDT plus 60% sulfur Phorate (Thimet) 10% Granules Thiodan EC 2 lbs. per gal. 325-mesh dusting sulfur Wettable sulfur | 15 20 | 30 No | When nymphs show up on the lower leaves. Plants—Pre-emergence appli- cation only. Apply in band on one or both sides of seed row at planting Thiodan 14 days before harvest. |
| | Blister Beetles | 50% Cryolite dust 2% Dieldrin dust | 15 20 | 30 30 | When beetles show up 21 days before harvest. |
| | Potato Stalk Borers | Do not plant potatoes in late Spring or in poor soil. | | | |
| | Potato Ruber Moth | 3% Thiodan dust | 18 | 30 | 1 day before harvest. Do not plant in soil where moth is present. |
| Sweet Potatoes | Salt Marsh Caterpillars | | | | It is best to put a barrier of aluminum foil around the fields to prevent mi- gration into sweet potato fields. |
| Peas | Aphids or Plant Lice | 10% DDT dust 5% Malathion dust Demeton (Systox) EC 2 lbs. per gallon | 12-15 12-15 1 pt. | 20-30 20-30 1 pt. | Start controls when a few infestations appear in the field. Sometimes the aphids are controlled by parasites and predators. Do not apply DDT to edible pod varieties. Malathion 3 days be- fore harvest. Do not feed foliage to livestock. |

Peas (contd)

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| Flea Beetles | 10% DDT dust | 15 | 20-25 | When holes and beetles start appearing, start controls. Do not apply DDT to edible pods. |
| Spider Mites | 2% Parathion dust | 12-15 | 25-30 | When leaves start losing color and mites are numerous you should start controls. |
| Leaf Miner | 2% Parathion dust | 18 | 30 | 10 days before harvest |
| Thrips | 2% Parathion dust 10% DDT dust | 15-20 15-20 | 25 25 | Parathion 10 days before harvest. Do not apply DDT to edible pod varieties. |
| Hornworms | 20% Toxaphene dust 10% DDT dust 30-50% Cryolite dust | 15 15 18 | 30 30 30 | When worms first appear. Toxaphene 5 days before harvest. DDT—5 days before harvest. Do not apply within 30 days of harvest. Wash fruit treated with Cryolite. |
| Cutworms | 20% Toxaphene dust 10% DDT dust | 15 15 | 25 25 | Use on seedling plants only. |
| Thrips | 2% Dieldrin dust Dieldrin EC 1.5 lbs. per gal. 20% Toxaphene dust Toxaphene EC 6 lbs. per gal. Parathion EC 2 lbs. per gal. 2% Parathion dust | 15-20 1/3-2/3 gal 20 1/3 gal. per acre 1 qt. 25 | 25-30 25-30 1 qt. 30 | Dieldrin—Seed and dry onions only 14 days before harvest. Do not use Toxaphene on green onions. Parathion—Do not apply to green or dry or seed onions within 20 days of harvest. |

Peppers

Onions

| Crop | Insect | Insecticide | Pounds Per Acre (Ground) (Air) | Remarks and Limitations |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Onions (conf'd) | Seed Corn Maggots | 75% Lindane wettable powder | 1 1/2 oz. per 100 lb. seed | Use as a slurry treatment on seed shortly before planting. |
| | | 75% Dieltrin wettable powder | 2/3 oz. per 100 lb. seed | |
| | | 75% Heptachlor wettable powder | 2/3 oz. per 100 lb. seed | |
| | | 8% Ethion Granular | 10 lbs. | Apply at planting time to 36 inch rows. |
| Tomato | Hornworms and Fruitworms | 10% DDT plus 50% sulfur | 20 | 5 days before harvest. |
| | | 5% TDE or DDT dust | 25 | 1 day before harvest. |
| | | 50% Cryolite dust | 15 | Remove excess residue by washing or brushing. |
| | | Dibrom EC 8 lbs. per gal. 20% Toxaphene dust | 1 pt. 15 | 4 days before harvest. 5 days before harvest. |
| Russet Mites | | 10% DDT plus 50% sulfur | 18 | Do not use sulfur DDT on small plants. The past history of mites start when plants were established. |
| | | 325-mesh conditioned sulfur dust | 18 | |
| Red Spider or Spider Mites | | 325-mesh conditioned dusting sulfur. | 18 | 30 |

| Tomato (cont'd) | Psyllids | Wettable sulfur 10% DDT plus 50% sulfur Thiodan EC 2 lbs. per gal. | 6-8 20 1-2 qts. | No 30 | Apply when Psyllids first appear. DDT—7 days before harvest. 14 days before harvest. |
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| | Flea Beetle | 10% DDT plus 50% sulfur | 20 | 30 | 5 days before harvest. |
| | False Chinch Bugs | 1% Lindane dust 5% Malathion dust 4% Ethion dust | 30 30 25 | 25 | Lindane—do not apply after fruit starts to form. Malathion—1 day before harvest. Ethion—7 days before harvest. |
| | Stink Bugs | Thiodan EC 2 lbs. per gal. 3% Thiodan dust | 1 qt. 20 | 20 | 7 days before harvest. |
| | Leaf Miners | 2% Parathion dust | 18 | 25 | |
| | Blister Beetles | 50% Cryolite dust 2% Dieldrin dust | 15-18 20 | 20-25 20 | Start controls when they appear in injurious numbers. |
| | Aphids | | | | Generally aphids do very little damage to tomatoes. Best controls with 5% Malathion dust. |
| Okra | Cutworms | 20% Toxaphene 10% DDT | 15-18 15-18 | 20-25 20-25 | Start controls when the injury appears. |
| | Bollworms | 10% DDT and sulfur | 15-18 | 20-25 | Start controls when worms are injuring the pods. |

| Crop | Insect | Insecticide | Pounds Per Acre (Ground) (Air) | Remarks and Limitations |
|--------------|----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Strawberries | Red Spider or Spider Mites | 18.5% Kelthane wettable powder 2 lbs. tech- nical per acre | 2 lbs. per acre in 100 gals. of water 25 30 | 2 days before harvest |
| | | 4% Ethion dust | 18 25 | Do not apply within 14 days of har- vest on Ethion. 3 days before harvest. |
| | | 325-mesh conditioned sulfur dust Demeton (Systox) EC 2 lbs. per gallon Thiodan EC 2 lbs. per gal. | $\frac{1}{2}$ pt. per 100 gals. water 1 qt. | 8 days before harvest. |

TYPES OF FORMULATIONS

Dusts

Most insecticide dusts contain an inert carrier, such as pyrophyllite, certain type clays, etc. Each minute particle is coated with a chemical that is toxic to insects. Dusts may be applied by many types of dusters from simple dust guns to large, power dusters.

Dusts usually are less likely to injure plants than sprays. They are not generally absorbed through the skin but may be dangerous when inhaled through the respiratory passages.

Wettable Powders

Wettable powders contain a toxic ingredient (like DDT) blended with an inert dust. A wetting agent is added to enable the powder to better mix with water. This forms a suspension rather than a solution, as the fine particles are suspended in the water and not dissolved.

Suspended materials will settle to the bottom of the container or sprayer if some means of agitation is not used. Some wettable powders settle out more rapidly than others.

Wettable powders are less likely to injure plants than emulsions, but are more likely to clog up spray equipment.

Emulsifiable Concentrates

An emulsifiable concentrate can be made by dissolving a technical grade insecticide like chlordane in a solvent and adding an emulsifier. Concentrates usually contain from 20% to 75% actual insecticides. They are mixed and diluted with

water to form finished emulsion sprays.

Emulsion sprays do not settle out as rapidly as wettable powders. Consequently, they are preferred for use in sprayers with no agitators. Emulsions are more likely to injure plants than wettable powder sprays due to the solvents, emulsifiers, etc.

Granular Insecticides

Granules are larger particles than dusts of various carriers treated with a toxic chemical (like chlordane, aldrin, toxaphene, etc.). Granules are usually made to pass a 30-60 mesh screen. They are used primarily at present to control soil insects. Granules roll off vegetation and do not stick like dusts and sprays.

Aerosols

Aerosols are composed of a number of fine liquid particles suspended in air. They may be produced by liquefied-gas formulations released through capillary or expansion-chamber nozzles; by steam or air-atomization of liquid; by spinning discs and rotors; by forcing liquid under high pressure through atomizing nozzles; by heat vaporization; or by a combination of these methods.

Smokes

Smokes are clouds of insecticidal particles produced by heat. Particle size is less than one-tenth micron. Smokes are similar to aerosols in their uses and properties.

COMPATIBILITY OF PESTICIDES

It is preferable to apply insecticides and fungicides separately. Because of differences in solvents, emulsifiers and wetting agents, various formulations may be incompatible even though the basic materials are compatible.

In general, (a) mix liquid with liquids, (b) mix wettable powders with wettable powders, and (c) use materials of the same brand if possible.

A mixture of spray chemicals may be considered to be compatible if the different materials work to-

gether satisfactorily from the chemical, physical and biological standpoints.

If a mixture is compatible, (a) the effectiveness of each material in the mixture will not be reduced in any way, (b) the combination must not be harmful to the plants by producing chemical burns, reducing growth or yields, or causing other injury, and (c) the materials must mix readily and give no difficulty in operation and maintenance of the sprayer.

PHYTOTOXICITY

A pesticide or mixture of pesticides may cause injury to certain plants. The condition under which the injury occurs may vary considerably depending upon temperature, humidity, and other environmental factors.

Many of the newer pesticides and some of the older ones have not been adequately tested on numerous plants, particularly ornamental shrubs and flowers. If a material that appears promising against a particular pest or group of pests has not been thoroughly tested

from the standpoint of effectiveness and possible plant injury and a grower wishes to try it, the material should be applied first to only a few plants. See if it controls the pest and does not injure the plant. Be sure to satisfy yourself as to the tolerance of the particular plants to be treated.

Accuracy of dosage with modern chemicals is essential. Correct amounts of the insecticides are necessary to minimize the danger of plant injury and to insure effective control.

CAUTIONS IN USE OF PESTICIDES

Insecticides are nearly always poisonous to humans, and various ones may be released before their hazards are completely understood.

Handle the materials with great care, especially the concentrated forms.

ALWAYS READ INSECTICIDE LABELS CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY. IT IS FOR YOUR BENEFIT AND PROTECTION. Labels on packages of pesticides should

show the kinds and amounts of active ingredients. They should indicate whether the materials are poisonous and state clearly what precautions must be taken to handle and use them safely. And the label should give the antidote. It should also give the proper antidote to use in case of accidental poisoning.

INSECTICIDES USED

Aldrin

Uses: Soil insects including white grubs, cutworms, mole - crickets, wireworms, etc.; cotton insects; grasshoppers. Kills by contact and stomach poison; some vapor action.

Formulations: 25% wettable powder, 2½% and 5% dusts, 5 and 10% granules, emulsifiable concentrate containing two pounds active ingredient per gallon (about 23%).

Chlordane

Uses: Grasshoppers, plant bugs, soil insects including: ants, white grubs, cutworms, wireworms, sowbugs, pillbugs, etc.; used in snail baits extensively in household pest control; lice, ticks, hornflies and mange mites of livestock, chiggers and termites. Kills by contact, stomach poison and some vapor action.

Formulations: 2 to 3% kerosene solutions for household pests; emulsifiable concentrates ranging from about 44% to 78% by weight; 40% and 50% wettable powders; 5% and 10% dusts; 5% and 25% granules.

DDD (TDE)

Uses: Similar to DDT except not as wide and not as effective against certain insects. Widely used for control of hornworms and fruitworms on tomatoes, and budworms on tobacco. Not widely used on ornamentals. Not as toxic to operators as DDT. Kills by contact and stomach poison.

Formulations: 50% wettable powders; 25% emulsifiable concentrate (2 lbs. actual per gallon); 5 and 10% dusts.

DDT

Uses: One of most widely used insecticides on vegetables, forage and cover crops, cotton, peanuts, tobacco, and ornamentals, livestock. It is also used for lawn and turf insects control including chinch bugs, sod webworms, armyworms, leafhoppers. Kills by contact and stomach poison; no vapor action.

Formulations: 5, 10 and 15% dusts; 25% emulsifiable concentrate (2 lbs. actual per gallon); 50% and

75% wettable powders; aerosols, smokes; 5% kerosene solutions for household use.

Demeton (Systox)

Uses: Systemic pesticide for aphids and spider mites. Also has proven effective against whiteflies, certain armored and soft scales. Absorbed through roots and young foliage and carried in sap stream. Also kills by contact and fumigant action when used as foliage spray. Has been used successfully on many vegetables, roses, mums, azaleas, gardenias, hibiscus, Easter lilies, camellias, and several other plants.

Formulations: Emulsifiable concentrate containing 2 lbs. actual per gallon is most common.

It is very poisonous and extreme caution should be followed.

Dieldrin

Uses: Cotton insects, grasshoppers, excellent for thrips control on ornamental plants like mums and gladiolus; thrips on subtropical fruits; soil inhabiting insects like ants and cutworms. Used in mosquito control and for household pests and termites. Kills by contact and stomach poison.

Formulations: 25 and 50% wettable powders; emulsifiable concentrate containing 1.5 lbs. per gallon (about 18.5%); 25% dust concentrate; 1.5% and 2.0% dusts; 2% and 5% granules.

Diazinon

Uses: Phosphate insecticide used for resistant houseflies. Shows

promise against some pests on agricultural crops. also for lawn and flower insects.

Formulations. 25% wettable powder; 25% emulsifiable concentrate (contains 2 lbs. per gallon), also a 12.5% emulsifiable concentrate for home use.

Endrin

Uses: Endrin is a stereoisomer of dieldrin. Used against cotton insects; and cutworms.

Formulations: 2% dust; 2% granules; emulsifiable concentrate containing 1.6 lbs. per gallon (about 19%); 25% wettable powder.

Lead Arsenate (Standard)

Uses: Chewing insects on wide variety of crops. Kills as stomach poison. Largely replaced by newer organic insecticides.

Formulations: Wettable powders and pastes.

Malathion

Malathion is a phosphate insecticide related to parathion, but less toxic to humans.

Uses: Aphids, thrips, scales, whiteflies, mealybugs, house flies, fleas, Mexican bean beetles. Widely used on ornamentals. Kills mites but not their eggs. Kills by contact, stomach poison, and some vapor action.

Formulations: 4%, 5%, and 10% dusts; 25% wettable powders; 57% emulsifiable concentrate (5 lbs. actual per gallon).

Metaldehyde

Uses: Control of slugs and snails; combined with chlordane as 10% metaldehyde and 5% chlordane or used alone as 15% dust; used in baits as attractant with calcium arsenate.

Formulations: 15% dusts; in baits with other toxicants.

Methoxychlor

Methoxychlor is related to DDT, but is much safer to use.

Uses: Effective against a wide range of insects including hornflies, animal lice, fleas, Mexican bean beetles, cucumber beetles, household pests.

Formulations: 50% wettable powder; 25% emulsifiable concentrate (2 lbs. actual per gallon); 5% and 10% dusts; aerosols.

Nicotine

Uses: Control of aphids and other soft bodied insects. Except for small growers it has been largely replaced by newer materials.

Formulations: Nicotine sulfate (40%); crude alkaloid (95%); dusts, smokes.

Ovex

Ovotran, Orthotran, Niagaratran are some trade names.

Uses: Primarily to control mite eggs and newly hatched mites, of little value as an insecticide or even as a control of adult mites. Has long residual. Used on cotton, citrus (purple and six-spotted mites), ornamentals and some sub-tropical fruit trees.

Formulations: 50% wettable powders most common; 25% emulsifiable concentrate; dusts; aerosols.

Parathion

Parathion is a phosphate insecticide that should be handled with extreme care. One of our most versatile pesticides.

Uses: Aphids, thrips, scales, mealybugs, many caterpillars, plant bugs, peach insects. Widely used on ornamentals, tobacco, citrus, vegetables, sub-tropical fruits. Kills mites but not their eggs. Used in combination with DDT on numerous crops against a very wide range of insects. Kills by contact, vapor and stomach poison.

Formulations: 15% and 25% wettable powders; 1% and 2% dusts; 25% emulsifiable concentrate (2 lbs. actual per gallon) and 42% emulsifiable (4 lbs. actual per gallon); granules.

Pyrethrum

Made by the grinding or extraction of the dried flowers of *CHRYSANTHEMUM CINERARIAEFOLIUM*. Extracts have largely replaced the ground flowers. Gives quick knock-down, breaks down rapidly.

Uses: Primarily in stored grain sprays and dusts, household sprays and aerosols, and for livestock pests. Often mixed with other insecticides to give quick knock-down. Used to some extent in ornamental and vegetable garden dusts and sprays. Also an ingredient in many flea and lice powders. Pyre-

thum is of very low toxicity to humans.

Formulations: 4% and 5% wettable powders; 0.75% and 1.5% dusts.

Sulfur

Sulfur is a well known fungicide and miticide with a low order of toxicity to humans but irritating to the eyes.

Uses: Control of citrus rust mite on citrus. Also effective against a few other mites and insects. Largely being replaced for mite control on ornamentals and other crops by newer organic materials.

Toxaphene

Toxaphene is a chlorinated camphene.

Uses: Widely used on cotton insects, grasshoppers, armyworms, sod webworms, cutworms, stink bugs. Also used on many vegetables. It is generally good for lepidopterous larvae (caterpillars). Kills by contact, vapor, and stomach poison.

Formulations: 25% and 40% wettable powders—40% most common; 5%, 10% and 20% dusts, emulsifiable concentrates containing 2, 4, 6 or 8 lbs. toxaphene per gallon. Probably most common is emulsifiable concentrate containing 6 lbs. toxaphene per gallon (about 60%); 2 to 2½% baits, 10% and 20% granules.

Lindane

(Pureform of Benzene Hexachloride)

Uses: Soil insects attacking seeds by treating seeds prior to planting with lindane and fungicide. It is also approved for control of several vegetable insects. It is also effective on livestock and household insects

Formulations: 25% to 75% wettable powder, emulsion concentrate 1.6 pounds per gallon and 1% and 3% dusts.

Ethion

Is a rather new insecticide formerly known as Niagara 1240. It is principally aecicide of the phosphate group. It is classified as moderately to highly toxic. It is sold in 25% wettable powder, 50% wettable powder for seed treatment, emulsion concentrate containing four pounds per gallon, a 4% dust, 5% and 8% granules and an ethion emulsifiable oil containing 2% ethion and 95% superior type oil for pre-bloom sprays for tree fruits.

Thiodan

This is a rather new chlorinated fused ring insecticide that has looked good for control of potato, tomato, crucifer and bean insects. It has also looked good on some fruit insects and mites. It is sold in a 25% to 50% wettable powders, emulsion concentrate containing 2 pounds per gallon, dusts of 3% and 4% and a 4% granular. It is considered poisonous and user should wear rubber gloves and a mask. Wash hands thoroughly when through using.

**QUANTITY OF COMMERCIAL FORMULATION NEEDED TO PROVIDE EXACT AMOUNTS
OF TECHNICAL INSECTICIDES PER ACRE**

| Insecticide Formula- tion. (% by weight of actual chemical) | 1/2 pound technical | 3/4 pound technical | 1 pound technical | 1 1/2 pounds technical | 2 pounds technical | 3 pounds technical | 5 pounds technical |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 15-20% Emulsifiable concentrate (1 1/2 lbs. per gal.) | 1 1/2 quarts | 2 quarts | 2 3/4 quarts | 1 gallon | 5 1/3 quarts | 2 gallons | 3 3/4 gallons |
| 23-25% Emulsion concentrate, 2 lbs. per gallon | 1 quart | 1 1/2 quarts | 2 quarts | 3 quarts | 1 gallon | 1 1/2 gallons | 2 1/2 gallons |
| 42-50%, 4 pounds per gallon | 1 pint | 1 1/2 pints | 1 quart | 1 1/2 quarts | 2 quarts | 3 quarts | 5 quarts |
| 60-65%, 6 pounds per gallon | 3/4 pint | 1 pint | 1 1/2 pints | 2 pints | 2 3/4 pints | 2 quarts | 3 1/4 quarts |
| 72-80%, 8 pounds per gallon | 1/2 pint | 3/4 pint | 1 pint | 1 1/2 pints | 1 quart | 1 1/2 quarts | 2 1/2 quarts |
| 15% Wettable powder | 3 1/2 lbs. | 5 pounds | 6 1/2 pounds | 10 pounds | 13 1/2 lbs. | 20 pounds | 33 1/3 lbs. |
| 25% Wettable powder | 2 pounds | 3 pounds | 4 pounds | 6 pounds | 8 pounds | 12 pounds | 20 pounds |
| 40% Wettable powder | 1 1/4 lbs. | 1 7/8 pounds | 2 1/2 pounds | 3 3/4 pounds | 5 pounds | 7 1/2 pounds | 12 1/2 lbs. |
| 50% Wettable powder | 1 pound | 1 1/2 pounds | 2 pounds | 3 pounds | 4 pounds | 6 pounds | 10 pounds |



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