How to reduce the impact of pesticides

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REDUCE PESTICIDES



BETTER USE OF SPRAYERS













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Operator training is essential to use the Sprayer optimally and **distribute the chemical only where it is needed**, avoiding dispersions and consequently costs and pollution ...



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Sprayers are a key to gain more sustainability as set by the global climate strategies







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Loss of chemical in atmosphere or on the soil (**drift**).





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Loss of money !







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In the EU we have regular "Inspections of Pesticide Application Equipment" (*some examples*)

Safety aspects Power transmission

The power take-off driveshaft guard and the guard of the power input connection shall be fitted and in good condition and the protective devices and any moving or rotating power transmission parts shall not be affected in their function so as to ensure protection of the operator.



Correct protection of the cardan shaft and presence of safety

chain



Lack of the safety chain



Lack of protection





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Inspection of Pesticide Application Equipment (*some examples*)

Pump

The pump capacity shall be suited to the needs of the equipment and the pump must function properly in order to ensure a stable and reliable application rate. There shall be no leakages from the pump.





Visual observation of presence of pulses due to the bad pump's work



Visual observation of leakages from the pump





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Inspection of Pesticide Application Equipment (*some examples*)

Agitation

Agitation devices must ensure a proper recirculation in order to achieve an even concentration of the whole volume of the liquid spray mixture in the tank. A clearly visible recirculation of the liquid inside the tank shall be obtained with the active distribution at nominal PTO rotation speed and with the tank filled to half its nominal capacity









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Inspection of Pesticide Application Equipment (*some examples*)

Spray liquid tank

Spray tanks including indicator of tank content, filling devices, strainers and filters, emptying and rinsing systems, and mixing devices shall operate in such a way as to minimise accidental spillage, uneven concentration distribution, operator exposure and residual content. At least one level indicator clearly readable and visible shall be present both from the driver's seat and from the filling station



Visual check





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Adjustment of Pesticide Application Equipment



The effect of a not adequate adjustment





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Result of a good adjustment of the sprayer: the direction of the air produced by the fan







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Adjustment of Pesticide Application Equipment

Use of a specific test bench to verify the correct adjustment of an air-assisted sprayer







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Effect of the wind on the distribution: the importance of the distance of the boom from the crop or the ground





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Sprayer with vegetation sensors





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Weed control - Targeted spraying with optical sensors









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PPP dose reduction up to 40%





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Sprayers with other sensors

Automatic distribution interruption at the end of the field with a multi row sprayer





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VarioWindSelect system developed at INSAD (PL)

Automatic activation of the type of nozzle according to the wind speed









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Optima Smart Sprayer







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Self-propelled autonomous sprayers











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A new technology: the UV germicide radiation for plant protection



Why this new approach:

- replacing chemistry-based control methods of plant diseases with physics-based control methods;
- retrofit interventions on existing machines;
- new information management solutions able to favour, forms of automated monitoring, with assisted remote management of all processes and information storage.









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