Pesticide Use and Delivery
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- Concepts of toxicity, hazard
- The label and the law (restricted vs general use)
- Reading the label for personal safety protection
- Choosing pesticides of least toxicity to human
  - Minnesota book lists, Ohio lists
- Reading the label to find our how much to use
- Web resources (Purdue pesticide label program)
  - Minnesota guide, Ohio, Cornell Recommends..
Which of the following is a poison:

- Table salt
- Aspirin
- Malathion
- Sevin

“The dose makes the poison” (Paracelsus)
How to compare hazards of pesticides?

What properties of a pesticide makes it hazardous?

- **Acute Toxicity** - innate property of material
  - Rat Oral LD 50 – Lethal oral dose to 50% of population of rats (mg pesticide/kg body weight)
  - Dermal LD 50 – Lethal dermal dose as above
  - Respiratory LD 50 – Lethal inhaled dose as above

- **Exposure** – extent to which subject is exposed to pesticide.

Hazard = toxicity * exposure
Kinds of exposure

- Acute – single exposure
- Chronic – long term repeated exposure
The Pesticide Label - a legal document

- Use Restriction
- Brand (Trade Name)
- Formulation
- Concentration of material
- Common name of active ingredient
- Chemical name of active ingredient
- Signal word

http://www.btny.purdue.edu/Pubs/PPP/PPP20.html#label
## Signal words and toxicity

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The Pesticide Label

- Re-entry information
- Identifies target pests
- Tells how and where it can be used
- Mixing instructions

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Formulations

- Dusts (D)
- Liquid concentrates (E or EC)
- Wettable (W or WP)
- Flowables (F)
- Granules (G)
- Oil emulsions
- Aerosol sprays
- Baits
- Fumigants

http://ohioline.osu.edu/b504/b504_9.html
Concentration of pesticides

- **Dry formulations** are usually % active ingredient (ai) by weight
  - 20 WSP = 20% ai; eg 20 gm ai in 100 gm
  - 10 G = 10% ai; eg 1 lb ai in 10 lb product

- **Wet formulations** are usually in lbs ai per gallon
  - 4 EC = 4 lbs ai in 1 gallon

- **RTU** = Ready to use
Kinds of Rates

- Spray a given concentration of active to run-off.
- Deliver a liquid at a rate of ai per acre or per 1000 sq ft
- Deliver a granule at a rate per acre or per 1000 sq ft
Toxicity of common insecticides

National Pesticide Information Retrieval System (Label and MSDS Source)

http://state.ceris.purdue.edu/

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http://www.entomology.umn.edu/cues/IPM-Pesticides/IPM-pesticides.html

http://ohioline.osu.edu/b504/b504_9.html
Pesticides and personal safety

Personal protective equipment (REI)
http://www.btny.purdue.edu/Pubs/PPP/PPP38.html

Common safety tips
http://www.btny.purdue.edu/Pubs/PPP/PPP20.html#safety
Injectables

- Somewhat controversial, but can be effective
- Into tree injections: Mauget and others
  - [http://ohioline.osu.edu/b504/b504_5.pdf](http://ohioline.osu.edu/b504/b504_5.pdf)
- Into soil injection: low volume (Kioritz), high volume (standard soil injection)
Example 1: Apply as liquid at a given concentration to runoff.

1. Read the label to determine rate of application
   Eg  0.1 lb ai/100 gal
2. Determine concentration of material in the purchased bag of product. 10WP = 10% by weight
3. Determine amount product needed in to get 0.1 lb.
   \[ X \times 0.1 \text{ ai/lb product} = 0.1\text{lb product} \]
   \[ X = 1\text{LB needed} \]
Example 1: Apply as liquid at a given concentration to runoff.

Determine amount product needed to put into 10 gal when rate is given per 100 gal

Set up and solve for $X$

\[
\frac{1 \text{ lb product}}{100 \text{ gal}} = \frac{X \text{ lb product}}{10 \text{ gal}}
\]

Cross multiply to solve for $x$

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10 = 100X
\]

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0.1 = X = \text{pounds product needed in 10 gal}
\]
Example 2. Applying rate of pesticide to per unit area

Rate is 0.1 lb ai/acre and you have 10 WP

● See this link
http://www.btny.purdue.edu/Pubs/PPP/PPP-47.pdf

Principles pp 6-8
Details pp 24-27
Applying on a per area basis
0.1 lb ai/acre

- Determine amount of product you need to treat an area 66’ x 66’.
- How big is your area? 4,356 sq ft
- How does that relate to label rate?

Solve for X

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0.1 \text{ lb ai} = \frac{X \text{ lb ai needed}}{43560 \text{ sq ft}}
\]

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0.01 \text{ lb ai} = \frac{X}{4356 \text{ sq ft}}
\]
Applying on a per area basis
0.1 lb ai/acre

2. How long does it take to cover your area with application equipment when walking or riding at constant speed while delivering a given rate of product per minute.

3. Put enough ai in tank to match this time.