

“Bee” Responsible

TIPS FOR PROTECTING BEES



Always read the pesticide label

- Follow label instructions
- Alert authorities of counterfeit pesticides

If the label indicates the product may be toxic to bees:

- Coordinate with nearby beekeepers over plans to spray and take appropriate protective measures
- Avoid spraying when plants are in bloom
- Consider that application in the early morning or evening when bees are less likely to be foraging can further reduce the potential exposure of pollinators
- Be mindful that bees may still be present from nearby forage even if the crop you are spraying is not attractive to bees

Only treat the target area

- Shut off sprayers when turning at field ends or near environmentally sensitive areas
- Shut off nozzles if there are gaps in the crops

Minimize drift and contamination

- Use low drift nozzles if possible and calibrate spray equipment regularly
- Avoid spraying in windy conditions
- Minimize dust from treated seed by carefully pouring it out of bags and using planting machinery that eliminates the production of dust

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