



Reading a Pesticide Label

A pesticide label is an extremely important tool to help a producer properly apply a pesticide product and minimize risk to their crop, themselves and the environment. It is important to know where to find a label as well as find the important information on it. A label includes all important application instructions and precautions for that product. Because of this, a label must be read carefully and revisited each year, as revisions can be made by the company or the PMRA from time to time.

It is critical that every applicator has access to a product label when they are applying any product. Product labels come attached to the individual product containers. However, these may get torn off, lost or misplaced. As well, producers may have a product for several years and the label on the product can become outdated. New labels can be obtained by contacting your pesticide supplier. The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has a searchable on-line database of every pesticide registered in Canada (<http://pr-rp.hc-sc.gc.ca/ls-re/index-eng.php>).

This allows anyone to read or print off a copy of any product label at any time. Another source for current pesticide labels are the websites for the Canadian manufacturers and/or distributors (ie. E.I. DuPont Canada, Monsanto Canada Inc., Bayer Crop Science Inc., etc.). When searching for these companies on the web, it is critical that you access the Canadian websites for these companies.

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