

NAMES, CLASSIFICATION, AND TOXICITY OF INSECTICIDES

The following chart will help you identify specific pesticides and give you an indication of their toxicities.

Names — Each generally used name of each pesticide is listed alphabetically in the left-hand column of the chart. Synonyms in general usage are listed in the next column opposite each entry. Trade names are indicated by the superscript “*”; they should be capitalized. Other names are usually not capitalized.

Classes — Most insecticides are classified chemically as:

- OP = organic phosphates
- OX = oxidiazines
- CH = chlorinated hydrocarbons
- Car. = carbamate
- Pyr. = natural pyrethrins
- B = bacterial origin
- SyP. = synthetic pyrethroid
- Misc. = chemistry unclear
- IGR = insect growth regulator
- F = fungal origin
- NEO = neonicotinoids

Toxicity Categories and LD₅₀ Values — When registering pesticides, the Environmental Protection Agency uses acute LD₅₀ values to determine the toxicity category and words or symbols that must be placed on the label. For this purpose, the test animals are usually rats, mice, or rabbits, but other mammals are sometimes used.

Toxicity Category	Signal Words Required On Label by EPA	ORAL LD ₅₀ (mg/kg)	DERMAL LD ₅₀ (mg/kg) 24-Hr. Exposure	Probable Lethal Oral Dose For Adult Humans
I. Highly Toxic	DANGER, POISON, Plus Skull & Crossbones Symbol	0 to 50	0 to 200	A few drops to 1 t
II. Moderately Toxic	WARNING	50 to 500	50 to 2,000	1 t to 2 T
III. Slightly Toxic	CAUTION	500 to 5,000	2,000 to 20,000	1 oz to 1 pt (1 lb)
IV. Low Toxicity	CAUTION	5,000	20,000	1 pt (1 lb) or more

The LD₅₀ is the dosage of the chemical at which one-half of the test animals are killed. It is based on the bodyweight of the animal and is expressed in milligrams of the chemical per kilogram of animal (mg/kg). A mg/kg is equivalent to 1 ppm. The lower the LD₅₀ value, the higher the toxicity. Although most reported LD₅₀ values are for technical material or actual toxicant, they are based on formulated products in some instances. All of these in the charts are for the technical material unless otherwise indicated. The toxicity categories given in the following charts are based on available data and are not necessarily the toxicity categories that would be assigned by EPA for the specific pesticides. Formulated pesticides usually have a higher LD₅₀ than the technical material and may not fall in the same toxicity category as the technical material.

The usual ways of administering chemicals are oral (by mouth), dermal (applied to the skin), and inhalation. Inhalation toxicity is expressed as LC₅₀ (lethal concentration). It is not as generally used as the other two.

Toxicity may be either acute or chronic. Acute refers to rather quick action from a single exposure, while chronic refers to the toxic effect of many exposures over a period of time.

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				ORAL (mg/kg)	DERMAL (mg/kg)
Abate*	Biothion*, temephos	OP**	III	8600-13000	>4000
acephate	Orthene*	OP	III	866-945	>10,250 (rabbit)
acetamiprid	Intruder*	NEO	III	1064	>2000
Actellic*	pirimiphos-methyl, Actellifog*	OP	III	>2000	>4592
Admire	imidacloprid, Provado, Merit, Gaucho, Trimax	NEO	III	4350	>5050 (rabbit)
Advantage	imidacloprid	NEO	III	1732-1943	>2000
Agritol*	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>	B	IV	Non-toxic to mammals	
aldicarb	Temik*	Car.	I	0.93	>5.0 (rabbit)
allethrin	Pynamin*	SyP	III	680-1000	>11,200
Altosid*	methoprene	IGR	III	>34,600	>3000 (rabbit)
Ambush*	permethrin	SyP	II	430-4000	>4000
Amdro*	hydramethylnon	OP	III	1131-1300	>5000 (rabbit)
Ammo*	cypermethrin	SyP	I	247	>2000
arprocarb	Baygon*, propoxur	Car.	II	128	800-1000
Asana XL	esfenvalerate, Asana*	SyP	II	458	>2000 (rabbit)
Atroban*	permethrin	SyP	II	>4000	>4000
Aluminum Phosphide	Phostoxin*	Misc.	I	20	
azinphos-methyl	Guthion*	OP	I	5-20	220
Aztec	cyfluthrin + tebufipirimfos	SyP + OP	I	1.3	
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>	Biotrol*, Dipel*, Thuricide*, Agritol*, Sok-BT*, Javelin*, Bactur*	B	IV	Non-toxic to mammals	
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> var. <i>israelensis</i>	Design, Agree, Xentari				
Baygon*	Bti, Bactomos*, Teknar*, Vectobac*	B	IV	Non-toxic to mammals	
Baytex*	propoxur, arprocarb	Car.	II	128	800-1000
Baythroid*	fenthion, Entex*, Spotton*	OP	II	215-245	330
Bidrin*	cyfluthrin	SyP	I	600	>5000
bifenthrin	dicrotophos*	OP	I	17-22	224 (rabbit)
Biothion*	Capture*, Talstar*, Brigade*	SyP	II	375	>2000 (rabbit)
Biotrol*	Abate*, temephos	OP	III	8600-13,000	>4000
Bolstar*	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>	B	IV	Non-toxic to mammals	
Capture*	sulprofos	OP	II	107	820 (rabbit)
carbaryl	bifenthrin, Talstar*, Brigade*	SyP	II	357	>2000 (rabbit)
carbofuran	Sevin*	Car.	III	246-283	4000
carzal	Furadan*	Car.	I	11	10,200 (rabbit)
Centric	Formetanate hydrochloride	Misc.	I	21	10,200
chlorpyrifos	thiamethoxam	NEO	III	>5000	>2000
chlorpyrifos-methyl	Dursban*, Lorsban*	OP	II	97-276	2000 (rabbit)
Comite*	Reldan*	OP	II	1000-3700	>2000
Condor	propargite, Omite*	Misc.	I	2200	
Confirm	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>	B	IV	Non-toxic to mammals	
	Tebufenozide	IGR	IV	5000	>5000

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				ORAL (mg/kg)	DERMAL (mg/kg)
Co-Ral*	coumaphos	OP	I	15.5-41	860
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Counter*	terbufos	OP	I	4.5-9.0	1.1 (rabbit)
Curacron*	profenofos	OP	I	622	472 (rabbit)
Cruiser	thiamethoxam, Centric*	NEO	III	>5000	>2000
cyfluthrin	Baythroid*	SyP	I	600	>5000
Cymbush	cypermethrin, Ammo*	SyP	I	247	>2000
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Cythion*	malathion	OP	III	1000-1375	>4444
DDVP	dichlorvos, dichlorphos, Vapona*	OP	I	56-80	75-107
Decis	deltamethrin	SyP	I	135	
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Demon*	cypermethrin	SyP	I	247	>2000
Denim	emamectin benzoate	Misc.	I	2950	>2000 (rabbit)
Design	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>	B	IV	Non-toxic to mammals	
Diamond	novaluron	IGR	III	3914	8,000 (rabbit)
Diazinon*	Spectracide*, Dryzon	OP	II, III	300-400	3600 (rabbit)
Dibrom*	naled	OP	I	430	1100 (rabbit)
dichlorphos	dichlorvos, Vapona*, DDVP	OP	I	50	250
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dicofol	Kelthane*	CH	II, III	820-960	1000-1230
dicrotophos	Bidrin*	OP	I	17-22	224 (rabbit)
diflubenzuron	Dimilin*	IGR	III	4540	
dimethoate	Dimate, Dimethoate	OP	II	215	400-610
Dimilin*	diflubenzuron	IGR	III	>4640	
Dipel ESNT	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>	B	IV	Non-toxic to mammals	
Dipterex*	Dylox*, trichlorfon, Neguvon*, Anthon*, Proxol*, GX-130*	OP	III	560-630	2000
disulfoton	Di-Syston*	OP	I	2-10	6-20
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Dragnet*	permethrin	SyP	I-III	430-4000	>4000
Dursban*	chlorpyrifos, Lorsban*	OP	II	97-276	2000 (rabbit)
Dyfonate*	fonofos	OP	I	8-17.5	25 (rabbit)
Dylox*	trichlorfon, Dipterex*, Neguvon*, Proxol*	OP	III	560-630	>2000
Ectiban*	permethrin	SyP	II	4000	>4000
endosulfan	Thiodan*, Phaser	CH	I	30-110	359 (rabbit)
Entex*	fenthion, Baytex*	OP	II	250	2000
esfenvalerate	Asana XL*	SyP	II	458	72,000 (rabbit)
Expar*	permethrin	SyP	II	>4000	>4000
famphur	Warbex*	OP	I	35-62	1460-5093 (rabbit)
fenpyroximate	FujiMite	Misc.	III	810	>5,000
fenthion	Baytex*, Entex*	OP	II	250	2000
fenvalerate	Ectrin	SyB	III	451	5000
Ficam	bendiocarb	Car	I	40	566

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fonophos	Dyfonate*	OP	I	8-17.5	25 (rabbit)
Fumitoxin*	Aluminum Phosphide, Phostoxin*	Misc.	I	20	
Furadan*	carbofuran	Car.	I	11	10,200 (rabbit)
Gaucho	imidacloprid	NEO	III	609	>2000
Guthion*	azinphos-methyl	OP	I	11-13	220
Halofenozide	Mach II	IGR	IV	2850	>2850
imidacloprid	Admire, Provado, Gaucho, Merit, Trimax	NEO	III	4350	>5050 (rabbit)
Imidan*	phosmet	OP	II	147-316	>4640 (rabbit)
indoxacarb	Steward	OX	III	268	>5000
Intrepid	methoxyfenozide	IGR	IV		
Intruder	acetamiprid	NEO	III	1064	>2000
Ivermectin*	Ivomec*	Misc.			
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Javelin	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>	B	IV	Non-toxic to mammals	
Karate*	cyhalothrin	SyP	I	56	
Kelthane*	dicofol	CH	II, III	820-960	1000-1230
Knox Out 2FM*	encapsulated diazinon	OP	III	>21,000	>10,000 (rabbit)
Lannate*	methomyl	Car.	I	17-24	>5880 (rabbit)
Larvadex*	cyromazine	IGR	IV	3387	>3100
Larvin*	thiodicarb	Car.	II	66-120	>2000 (rabbit)
lindane	gamma isomer of BHC	CH	II	88-125	1000
Lorsban*	chlorpyrifos, Dursban*	OP	II	97-276	2000 (rabbit)
Mach II	Tebufenozide	IGR	IV	2850	>2850
malathion	Cythion*	OP	III	1000-1375	4100 (rabbit)
MesuroI*	methiocarb, Slug-Geta*, Bug-Geta*	Car.	II	10-130	5000 (rabbit)
Metaldehyde*		Misc.	II, III	630	
methamidophos	Monitor*	OP	I	15-18	150
methidathion	Supracide*	OP	I	44	200 (rabbit)
methiocarb	MesuroI*	Car.	II	10	5000 (rabbit)
methomyl	Lannate*	Car.	I	17-24	5880 (rabbit)
methoxyfenozide	Intrepid	IGR	IV		
Methyl Bromide		Misc.	I	214 (Highly toxic)	
methyl parathion		OP	I	5	50
methoprene	Altosid*	IGR	III	>34,600	>3000 (rabbit)
Monitor*	methamidophos	OP	I	15-18	150
Mustang Max	zeta-cypermethrin	SyP	I	106	
MVP II	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>	B	IV	Non-toxic to mammals	
naled	Dibrom*	OP	II	430	1100 (rabbit)
Neguvon*	trichlorfon, Dipterex*	OP	III	560-630	>2000
	Dylox*, GX-130*, Proxol*				
Oberon	spiromesifen	Misc.	III	>2000	>4000
Oftanol*	isofenphos	OP	II	20-30	
Omite*	propargite, Comite*	Misc.	III	2200	
Orthene*	acephate	OP	III	866-945	>2000 (rabbit)

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Overtime*	permethrin	SyP	II	4000	4000
oxamyl	Vydate*	Car.	I	5.4	37
paradichlorobenzene	PDB*	CH	III	500-5000	2000 (rabbit)
pentachlorophenol					
PDB*	paradichlorobenzene	CH	II	500	
Pennacap-M*	microencapsulated methyl parathion	OP	II	>600	>5400
Permethrin II*	permethrin	SyP	II	430-4000	>4000
permethrin	Ambush*, Atroban*, Overtime*, Permethrin II*, Ectiban*, Pounce	SyP	I-III	430-4000	>4000
Phaser*	endosulfan	CH	I	30-110	359 (rabbit)
phorate	Thimet*	OP	I	2-4	20-30 (guinea pig)
phosmet	Imidan*	OP	II	147-316	>4640 (rabbit)
phostoxin	Aluminum Phosphide	Misc.	I	20	
piperonyl butoxide	Butacide*, Incite*	Misc.	III	>7500	
Pounce*	permethrin	SyP	I	439-4000	>4000
Premise	imidacloprid	NEO	III	4143-4870	>2000
profenofos	Curacron*	OP	I	622	472 (rabbit)
propargite	Omite*, Comite*	Misc.	III	2200	
propoxur	Baygon*, arprocarb	Car.	II	128	800-1000
Provado	imidacloprid, Admire, Gaucho, Merit, Trimax	NEO	III	4350	>5050 (rabbit)
Proxol*	trichlorfon, Dylox*	OP	III	560-630	>2000
pyrethrins	pyrethrum	Pyr.	III	1500	>1800
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Rabon*	tetrachlorvinphos, Ravap*	OP	III	4000-5000	>2500 (rabbit)
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Reldan*	chlorpyrifos-methyl	OP	II	2000-3000	>2000 (rabbit)
resmethrin	Chryson*, Synthrin*	Pyr.	III	4240	2500 (rabbit)
Sevin*	carbaryl	Car.	III	246-283	4000
Spectracide*	diazinon	OP	II, III	300-400	3600 (rabbit)
spinosad	Tracer, Spintor	F	IV	5000	
spiromesifen	Oberon*	Misc.	III	>2000	>4000
Spotton*	fenthion	OP	II	250	2000
Steward	indoxacarb	OX	III	268	>5000
Supracide*	methidathion	OP	I	44	200 (rabbit)
Tactic*	amitraz	Misc.	II	400	>1600
Talstar*	bifenthrin	SyP	II	375	>2000 (rabbit)
Tame*	Danitol*, fenpropathrin	SyP	I	68	
Tebufenozide	Confirm, Mach II	IGR	IV	5000	>5000
Temik*	aldicarb	Car.	I	0.93	3.15
temephos	Abate*, Biothion*	OP	III	8600-13,000	>4000
terbufos	Counter*	OP	I	4.5-9.0	1.1 (rabbit)
tetrachlorvinphos	Rabon*	OP	III	4000-5000	>2500 (rabbit)
Thimet*	phorate	OP	I	204	20-30 (guinea pig)

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thiodicarb	Larvin*	Car.	II	66-120	>2000 (rabbit)
Thiodan*	endosulfan	CH	I	30-110	359 (rabbit)
Tiguvon*	fenthion	OP	II	250	2000
Torpedo*	permethrin	SyP	II	430-4000	>4000
Tracer	spinosad, Spintor	F	IV	5000	
Tribute	fenvalerate, Pydrin, Ectrin	SyP	I	451	
trichlorfon	Dylox*, Dipterex*, Neguvon*	OP	III	560-630	>2000
Trimax	imidacloprid, Admire, Provado, Gaucho, Merit	NEO	III	4350	>5050 (rabbit)
Triumph	isazophos	OP	I	40-60	118
Vapona*	dichlorphos, DDVP, dichlorvos	OP	I	80	107
Vendex*	fenbutatin-Oxide	Misc.	I	2631	>2000
Vydate*	oxamyl	Car.	I	5.4	37
Warbex*	famphur	OP	I	35-62	1460-5093 (rabbit)
Zeal	etoxazole	Misc.	III	>5,000	>5,000
Zephyr	abamectin	F	II	300	>1800
zeta-cypermethrin	Mustang Max	SyP	II	106	

Ecological Characteristics of Some Agricultural Insecticides Commonly Used in Arkansas

Insecticide (common name)	Relative Toxicity ^a		
	fish	birds	bees
acephate (orthene)	VL	H	M
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> (Dipel)	NT	NT	NT
carbaryl (Sevin)	M	VH	L
carbofuran (furadan)	H	H	VH
chlorpyrifos (Lorsban-Dursban)	VH	H	H
diazinon	VH	H	H
dimethoate (Cygon)	M	H	M
esfenvalerate (Asana)	VH	H	L
fonofos (Dyfonate)	H	M	M
malathion	M	H	H
methomyl (Lannate)	M	H	H
methyl parathion (encapsulated)	VL	H	H
permethrin (Ambush, Pounce, etc.)	VH	H	L
phorate (Thimet)	VH	M	VH
phosmet (Imidan)	VH	VH	VL
tefluthrin	VH	H	L
terbufos (Counter)	VH	M	H
thiodicarb (Larvin)	M	M	L
trimethacarb	H	M	L

^aVL=very low; L=low; M=moderate; H=high; VH=very high; NT=no evidence of acute or chronic toxicity.