

# **AGRONOMY NOTES**

## **Understanding Pesticide Labels**

- Pesticide labels are legal documents containing directions for use, handling, storage, and disposal of a pesticide product.
- With so many sections on a label, it can be difficult to discern what you need to know.
- This document can help with understanding how a label is designed and what information is provided within each section.

Pesticide labels are legal documents that are required to provide directions on how to properly mix, apply, store, and dispose of a pesticide product. These directions are designed to help ensure the safe and effective use of pesticides. Failure to comply with label directions can potentially harm humans and the environment, as well as lead to possible legal liability. The label must be read and understood prior to use.

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The number on the text below matches the number in the box for each section of the label in the left column.

### 1 - Commercial Product Name

- The product name usually does not identify all of the active ingredients in a pesticide product.
- There may be several trade names for one common name due to different formulations or manufacturers.

#### 2 - Active Ingredient

- Every label must list all of the active ingredients in a product by weight and/or pounds per gallon for each active ingredient.
- The common and chemical names are unique identifiers of each pesticide active ingredient.

### 3 - Signal Words

- Helps users assess the toxicity of each product. The signal word is based on the toxicity of all of the contents of a formulated product.
  - » Danger Poison with skull and crossbones product is highly toxic by any route of entry

into the body.

- » Danger product is corrosive and can cause irreversible skin or eye irritation.
- » Warning product is moderately toxic if exposure is by mouth, skin, or inhalation.
- » Caution product is slightly toxic if exposure is by mouth, skin, or inhalation; or a slight skin or eye irritation.

### 4 - EPA Registration Number and Establishment Number

- Indicates that the pesticide product has been registered and its label was approved for sale by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and identifies the facility that produced the product.
- 5 Statement of Practical Treatment (first aid):
- Tells users and medical professionals the type of emergency first aid needed in case of an accident.

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### 6 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Specific information outlining the minimum protective clothing and gear that must be worn during handling, mixing, and application of the product.

#### 7 - Environmental Hazards

Directions for users to protect their safety and the safety of the environment.

#### 8 - Directions for Use

- Proper mixing, handling, and application • procedures.
- Pests controlled
- Crops approved for use .
- Application use rates •
- Application methods and timing .
- Application equipment and calibration •
- Product mixing with other pesticides and • adjuvants in water, fertilizer, or irrigation water.
- Drift management, resistance management, and other pesticide-specific information.

#### 9 - Storage and Disposal

Guidelines for proper storage, disposal, and handling spills.

#### Attention

This specimen label is provided for general information only.

- This pesticide product may not be available or • approved for sale or use in your area.
- It is your responsibility to follow all Federal, state, • and local laws and regulations regarding the use of pesticides.
- Before using any pesticide, be sure the intended • use is approved in your state or locality.
- Your state or locality may require additional • precautions and instructions for use of this product that are not included here.
- Bayer does not guarantee the completeness or • accuracy of this specimen label. The information found in this label may differ from the information found on other product labels. You must have the EPA approved labeling with you at the time of use and must read and follow all label directions.
- You should not base any use of a similar product on the precautions, instructions for use, or other information you find here.



This product is identified as Roundup PowerMAX 3 Herbicide, EPA Registration No. 524-659.

DOMESTIC ANIMALS: This product is considered to be relatively nontoxic Domesting Antimets: mis phode is conserved in the readway instance to dogs and other domestic animalism however, ingestion of this product or large amounts of freshly sprayed vegetation could result in temporary gastrointestinal irritation (vomiting, diarrhea, colic, etc.). If such symptoms are observed, provide the animal with plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration. Call a veterinarian if symptoms persist for more than 24 hours. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Applicators and other handlers must wear: long-sleeved shirt and long pants, socks and shoes.

. Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE (Persona Protective Equipment). If there are no instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry. When handlers use closed systems, enclosed cabs, or aircraft in a manner that meets the requirements listed in the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides [40 CFR 170.240 (d) (4-6)], the handler PPE requirements may be reduced or modified as specified in the WPS.

IMPORTANT: When reduced PPE is worn because a closed system is being used, handlers must be provided all PPE specified above for "applicators and other handlers" and have such PPE immediately available for use in an emergency, such as a spill or equipment breakdown

#### User Safety Red isers should

Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, o using the toilet. Remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then was thoroughly and put on clean clothing. 3.2 Environmental Hazards

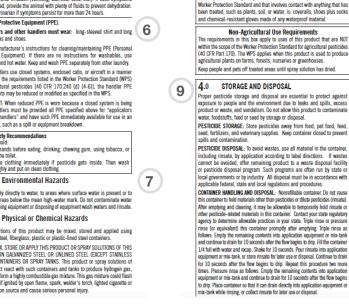
Do not apply directly to water, to areas where surface water is pro-

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3.3 Physical or Chemical Hazards

Spray solutions of this product may be mixed, stored and applied using stainless steal fiberalese places of states the DO NOT MIX, STORE OR APPLY THIS PRODUCT OR SPRAY SOLUTIONS OF THIS PRODUCT IN GALVANIZED STEEL OR UNLINED STEEL (EXCEPT STAINLESS STEEL) CONTAINERS OR SPRAY TANKS. This product or spray solutions of

this product react with such containers and tanks to produce hydrogen gas, which can form a highly combustible gas mixture. This gas mixture could flash or explode if ignited by open flame, spark, welder's torch, lighted cigarette or other ignition source and cause serious personal injury.



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DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in any manner inconsistent with its labeling. This product may only be used in accordance with the Directions for Use on this label or on separately published supplemental labeling. without the second seco

Supplemental labeling for this product can be obtained from your Authorized Bayer CropScience LP Retailer or Bayer CropScience LP Representative.

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Agricultural Use Requirements Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR Part 170. This Standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries,

and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining

to the statements on this label about personal protective equipment (PPE) and restricted-entry interval. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard.

Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted entry interval (REI) of 4 hours.

PPE required for early entry to treated areas that is permitted under th

Always follow the precautions and instructions for • use on the label of the pesticide you are using.

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#### Legal Statements

ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW PESTICIDE LABEL DIRECTIONS. Performance may vary, from location to location and from year to year, as local growing, soil and weather conditions may vary. Growers should evaluate data from multiple locations and years whenever possible and should consider the impacts of these conditions on the arower's fields.

Not all products are registered in all states and may be subject to use restrictions. The distribution, sale, or use of an unregistered pesticide is a violation of federal and/or state law and is strictly prohibited. Check with your local dealer or representative for the product registration status in your state. Tank mixtures: The applicable labeling for each product must be in the possession of the user at the time of application. Follow applicable use instructions, including application rates, precautions and restrictions of each product used in the tank mixture. Not all tank mix product formulations have been tested for compatibility or performance other than specifically listed by brand name. Always predetermine the compatibility of tank mixtures by mixing small proportional quantities in advance. Bayer, Bayer Cross and Roundup PowerMAX® are registered trademarks of Bayer Group. For additional product information call toll-free 1-866-99-BAYER (1-866-992-2937) or visit our website at www.BayerCropScience us. Bayer CropScience LP, 800 North Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63167. ©2021 Bayer Group. All rights reserved, 1034 S1