How does the Worker Protection Standard apply to my farm?

You must comply with WPS if all three of the following apply:

- You own or manage an agricultural establishment (i.e., farms, orchards, nurseries, greenhouses, etc.)
- Your work is directly related to producing agricultural plants
- WPS-labeled pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, miticides, etc.) have been applied on your establishment within the last 30 days, or a restricted entry interval (REI) has been in effect within the last 30 days, following a pesticide application
  - WPS-labeled pesticides may be restricted-use pesticides or general-use pesticides
Example of WPS-labeled pesticide product statement

**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, 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 (REI).

**For enclosed environments:**

There is a Restricted-Entry Interval of one (1) hour for this product when applied via spraying to surfaces, equipment, structures, and non-porous surfaces in enclosed greenhouses and greenhouses. PPE required for entry to treated areas that is permitted under the Worker Protection Standard that involves contact with anything that has been treated, such as plants, soil or water. It covers all over long-sleeved shirt and pants, waterproof gloves and shoes with socks.

There is a Restricted-Entry Interval of zero (0) hours for pre-plant clip, seed treatment, soil drench, mop, sponge, dip, soak, rinse or other non-spraying application methods when used in enclosed environments such as greenhouses or greenhouses.

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Why is the training important?

If you do not comply with the Worker Protection Standard requirements, you will be in violation of federal law.

Employers are responsible for making sure that workers and handlers receive the protections required by the pesticide labeling and the WPS.