

Fungicide and Nematicide rate and dosage calculations

Fungicides for use in sprays are generally available as wettable or soluble powders and as liquid concentrates. These must be diluted, usually with water, before use. Other diluents, such as deodorized kerosene, may be used for special applications. Dusts and granules are applied without dilution.

The amount of active ingredient in liquid concentrates is expressed in pounds per gallon. In granules, dusts, wettable or soluble powders, and other solids it is nearly always expressed as percent by weight. Application rates are usually expressed as amount of pesticide product but sometimes they may be expressed as pounds of active ingredient or actual toxicant. Actual toxicant and active ingredient are practically synonymous.

Conversion:

1 hectare = 107,639.10 Square Feet/ $\sim 107,640 \text{ ft}^2 = 10,000 \text{ Square meter} = 2.47 \text{ acre} = 7.47$

bigha

1 acre = $43560 \text{ ft}^2 = 4046.86 \text{ m}^2 / \sim 4047 \text{ m}^2 = 0.405 \text{ ha} = 100 \text{ decimal} = 3.025 \text{ bigha}$

1 bigha = $33.33 \text{ decimal} = 1338 \text{ m}^2 = 0.333 \text{ acre}$

1 decimal = $436 \text{ sq. feet} = 40.5 \text{ sq. meter}$

1 bigha = 0.33 acre (33 decimal)

1 Kilogram = 1000 gram = 2.205 pound

1 ounce = 28.35 g (say 29 g)

1 Liter = 1000 ml

1 gallon = 4.5 lit = 8.36 pound

1 ppm = 1 ug/mL = 1 mg/L

1 kilometer (km) = 0.62 mile

1 kg/L = 1000000 mg/L

1 sq. meter = 10.76 sq. feet

1% = 1/100

10 lakh = 1 million

1ppm = 1/1000000

1 lakh = 0.1 million

1ppm = 0.0001%

1 core = 10 million

1% = 10000ppm

1 ppm = 1 part per one million

1 g/100ml = 1%

1 ppt = 1 part per one thousand

Parts per million (ppm): This is a way of expressing very dilute concentrations of substances. Just as per cent means out of a hundred, so parts per million or ppm means out of a million. Usually describes the concentration of something in water or soil. One ppm is equivalent to 1 milligram of something per liter of water (mg/l) or 1 milligram of something per kilogram soil (mg/kg).

Formula:

1. Total Spray Volume = Area x Rate of Application
2. Correction Factor = $100/a_i$ (Active Ingredient)
3. $V_1S_1 = V_2S_2$ (V = volume, S = Concentration)
4. Amount of fungicide (Kg) = {Conc. (ppm)x Total Spray Volume (L) x Correction Factor }/1000000
OR, Amount of fungicide (Kg) = (% a. i Desired conc. x Desired volume)/% a. i in formulated fungicide
5. Dust/Granule required (Kg/ha) = (Recommended rate a. i x Area x 100)/ % a. i in formulation
6. Area of spray per minute (m^2/min) = spray swath x walking speed
7. Application rate per hectare = (Nozzle discharge x Area)/ Area sprayed per minute
8. Number of spray load/hectare = Application rate per hectare/ Tank capacity

1. A farmer sprayed 3 times of his 10 ha crop field with 20 ppm Bavistin 50 WP solution @ 250 gallon/ha. Calculate the amount of fungicide.

Solution:

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total Spray Volume} &= \text{Area} \times \text{Rate of Application} \\ &= 10 \times 250 = 2500 \text{ gallons} = 11250 \text{ L} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Correction Factor} &= 100/a_i \text{ (Active Ingredient)} \\ &= 100/50 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

We know,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amount of fungicide (Kg)} &= \{\text{Concentration (ppm)} \times \text{Total Spray Volume (L)} \times \text{Correction Factor}\} / 1000000 \\ &= 20 \times 11250 \times 2 / 1000000 \\ &= 0.45 \text{ Kg} = 450 \text{ g} \end{aligned}$$

For, one time needed 450 g fungicide

So that, for 3 times needed = $450 \times 3 = 1350 \text{ g} = 1.35 \text{ kg}$ (Ans.)

2. How much ROVRAL® 50 % WP will be required to prepare 0.05% conc. for 3 L solution?

Solution:

Here,

% a. i desired conc. = 0.05

Desired volume = 3L

% a. i in formulated fungicide = 50

We know,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amount of ROVRAL® 50 \% WP (Kg)} &= (\% \text{ a. i desired conc.} \times \text{desired volume}) / \% \text{ a. i in formulated fungicide} \\ &= 0.05 \times 3 / 50 \\ &= 0.003 \text{ Kg} \\ &= 3 \text{ g (Ans.)} \end{aligned}$$

OR,

Here,

Correction Factor (C.F) = 100/a. i (Active Ingredient)

$$= 100/50 = 2$$

Concentration 0.05% = 500 ppm

Total Spray Volume = 3 L

We know,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amount of ROVRAL® 50 \% WP (Kg)} &= \{ \text{Concentration (ppm)} \times \text{Total Spray Volume (L)} \times \text{Correction Factor} \} / 1000000 \\ &= 500 \times 3 \times 2 / 1000000 = 0.003 \text{ Kg} = 3 \text{ g (Ans.)} \end{aligned}$$

3. How much amount of water will be required to prepare 4% conc. for 5 L solution from 40% conc. formaldehyde?

Solution:

Here,

$$V_1 = 5 \text{ L}, \quad S_1 = 4$$

$$V_2 = ? \quad S_2 = 40$$

We know, $V_1 S_1 = V_2 S_2$

$$\begin{aligned} V_2 &= V_1 S_1 / S_2 \\ &= 5 \times 4 / 40 = 0.5 \text{ L} \end{aligned}$$

Required amount of water = 5 - 0.5 = 4.5 L. (Ans.)

4. How will you prepare 250 ppm conc. for 2 L solution from Rovral 50 WP?

Solution:

Here,

Total Spray Volume = 2 L

Correction Factor = $100/50 = 2$

We know,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amount of Rovral (Kg)} &= \{\text{Conc. (ppm)} \times \text{Total Spray Volume (L)} \times \text{Correction Factor}\} / 1000000 \\ &= 250 \times 2 \times 2 / 1000000 \\ &= 0.001 \text{ Kg} = 1 \text{ g(Ans.)} \end{aligned}$$

5. Convert 3% Radomil to ppm concentration

Solution:

We know, 1% = 10000 ppm

$$3\% \text{ Radomil} = 30000 \text{ ppm (Ans.)}$$

OR,

$$1 \text{ g}/100\text{ml} = 1\%$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3\% \text{ Radomil} &= 3 \text{ g}/100\text{ml} \\ &= 30 \text{ g}/1000\text{ml} \\ &= 30000 \text{ mg}/1000\text{ml} \\ &= 30000 \text{ ppm (1 ppm} = 1 \text{ mg/L) (Ans.)} \end{aligned}$$

6. Convert 30 ppm Rovral to % concentration

Solution:

We know, 1 ppm = 0.0001%

$$30 \text{ ppm} = 0.003 \%(\text{Ans.})$$

OR,

$$\begin{aligned} 30 \text{ ppm} &= 30 \text{ mg}/1000\text{ml} \\ &= 3 \text{ mg}/100\text{ml} \\ &= 0.003 \text{ g}/100\text{ml} (1 \text{ g}/100\text{ml} = 1\%) \\ &= 0.003 \% (\text{Ans.}) \end{aligned}$$

7. Control of Nematode calls for the application of 1.0 kg a. i/ha. If carbofuran3G is to be applied, how much needed for 0.75 ha?

Here,

Recommended rate a.i area = 1.0 kg a.i/ha

Area to be treated = 0.75 ha

% a.i in formulation = 3

We know,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Granule required (Kg/ha)} &= (\text{Recommended rate a. I} \times \text{Area} \times 100) / \% \text{ a. i in formulation} \\ &= 1 \times 0.75 \times 100 / 3 \\ &= 25 \text{ Kg(Ans.)} \end{aligned}$$

8. To walk in the paddy field and operate the sprayer with a spray swath of 1 m, a farmer covered 25 m/min., suppose the nozzle discharge was 0.5 L/min and tank capacity was 20 L. What is the application rate and number of spray load/ha?

Solution:

Here,

Spray swath = 1m and Walking speed = 25 m/min.

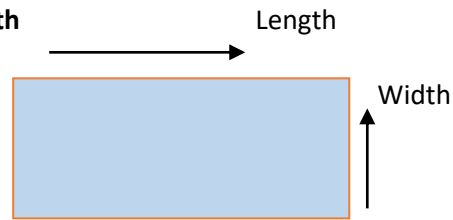
Nozzle discharge = 0.5L and Area = 1 ha = 10,000 m²

We know,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of spay per minute (m}^2\text{/min)} &= \text{spray swath} \times \text{walking speed} \\ &= 1 \text{ m} \times 25 \text{ m/min} = 25 \text{ m}^2\text{/min} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Application rate per ha} &= (\text{Nozzle discharge} \times \text{Area}) / \text{Area sprayed per minute} \\ &= 0.5 \times 10000 / 25 \\ &= 200 \text{ L(Ans.)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Number of spray load/ha} &= \text{Application rate per ha} / \text{Tank capacity} \\ &= 200 / 20 \\ &= 10 \text{ times (Ans.)} \end{aligned}$$

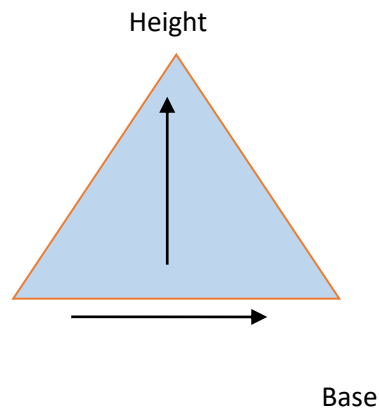
Calculating Area:**Rectangle Area: Area =Length x Width**

Example:

Length = 1320 ft.

Width = 120 ft.

We know, Rectangle Area =Length x Width = 1320 x 120 = 158 400 sq. ft. = 3.64 acre.

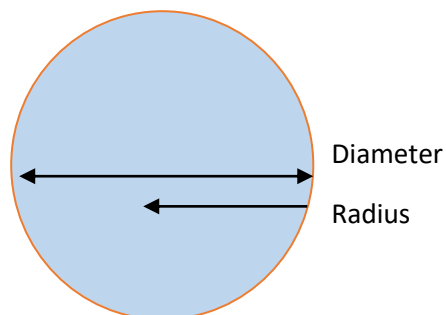
Triangle Area: Base x Height /2

Example:

Base = 325 ft.

Height = 150 ft.

We know, Triangle Area: Base x Height /2 = 325 x 150/2 = 24375 sq. ft. = 0.56 acre.

Circle Area: πr^2 

Example:

Diameter = 90 ft.

Radius = 45 ft.

We know, Circle Area: $\pi r^2 = 3.14 \times 45^2 = 6358.5$ sq. ft. = 0.15 acre.