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NOTICE OF PESTICIDE:

<u>x</u> Registration Reregistration

(under FIFRA, as amended)

EPA Reg. Number

Date of Issuance:

1381-235

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Term of Issuance:

Unconditional

Name of Pesticide Product:

Metsulfuron Methyl 60% Herbicide

Name and Address of Registrant (include ZIP Code):

Nufarm Americas, Inc. 150 Harvester Drive Suite 200 Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Note: Changes in labeling differing in substance from that accepted in connection with this registration must be submitted to and accepted by the Registration Division prior to use of the label in commerce. In any correspondence on this product always refer to the above EPA registration number.

On the basis of information furnished by the registrant, the above named pesticide is hereby registered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act.

Registration is in no way to be construed as an endorsement or recommendation of this product by the Agency. In order to protect health and the environment, the Administrator, on his motion, may at any time suspend or cancel the registration of a pesticide in accordance with the Act. The acceptance of any name in connection with the registration of a product under this Act is not to be construed as giving the registrant a right to exclusive use of the name or to its use if it has been covered by others.

This product is conditionally registered in accordance with FIFRA sec. 3(c)(5) provided that you:

- 1. Submit and/or cite all data required for registration of your product under FIFRA sec. 3(c)(5) when the Agency requires all registrants of similar products to submit such data; and submit acceptable responses required for reregistration of your product.
- 2. Make the labeling changes listed below before you release the product for shipment.

Add the phrase "EPA Registration No. 1381-235".

Signature of Approving Official:

Date

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EPA Form 8570-6

### Metsulfuron Methyl 60% Herbicide

## Dry Flowable For use on Wheat, Barley, Triticale and Fallow

Active Ingredients		By Weight
Metsulfuron Methyl		<del></del>
Methyl 2-[[[(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2yl)amir	no]	
carbonyl]amino]sulfonyl]benzoate	-	60%
Inert Ingredients		<u>40%</u>
	Total	100%

# KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION

Si usted no entiende la eqiqueta, busque a alguien para que se la explique a usted an detalle. (If you do not understand this label, find someone to explain it to you in detail.)

#### **FIRST AID**

**IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING:** Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

**IF IN EYES:** Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.

Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. You may also contact 1-800-441-3637 for emergency medical treatment information.

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Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, for the pesticide registered under 1381-235

EPA Reg. No. 1381-

Manufactured for: Winfield Solutions P.O. Box 64589 St. Paul, MN 55164-0589 Net Contents:

#### PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

#### HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

**Caution!** Causes eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid breathing dust or spray mist.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

WPS USES: Applicators and other handlers who handle this pesticide for any use covered by the Worker Protection Standard [(40 CFR Part 170)] must wear: Long-sleeved shirt and long pants, shoes plus socks.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

#### **USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**

USERS SHOULD: Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS**

Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **PESTICIDE HANDLING**

- Calibrate sprayers only with clean water away from the well site.
- Make scheduled checks of spray equipment.
- Assure accurate measurement of pesticides by all operation employees.
- Mix only enough product for the job at hand.
- Avoid overfilling of spray tank.
- Do not discharge excess material on the soil at a single spot in the field or mixing/loading station.
- Dilute and agitate excess solution and apply at labeled rates/uses.
- Avoid storage of pesticides near well sites.
- When triple rinsing the pesticide container, be sure to add the rinsate to the spray imix.

#### **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

It is a violation of federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

#### 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 the Worker Protection Standard and that involves contact with anything that has been treated, such as plants, soil, or water, is: Coveralls, shoes plus socks.

#### NON-AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

The requirements in this box apply to uses of this product that are NOT within the scope of the Worker Protection Standard for agricultural pesticides (40 CFR Part 170). The WPS applies when this product is used to produce agricultural plants on farms, forests, nurseries, or greenhouses. Keep unprotected persons out of treated areas until sprays have dried.

METSULFURON METHYL 60% should be used only in accordance with recommendations on this label or in separate published Winfield Solutions recommendations.

Winfield Solutions will not be responsible for losses or damages resulting from the use of this product in any manner not specifically recommended by Winfield Solutions.

Do not apply this product through any type of irrigation system.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

METSULFURON METHYL 60% herbicide is recommended for use on land primarily dedicated to the production of wheat, barley, Triticale and fallow.

METSULFURON METHYL 60% is recommended for use on wheat, barley, Triticale and fallow in most states. Check with your state extension or Department of Agriculture before use, to be certain METSULFURON METHYL 60% is registered in your state. METSULFURON METHYL 60% is not registered for use in Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, RioGrande, and Saquache counties of Colorado.

METSULFURON METHYL 60% is a dry-flowable granule that controls weeds in wheat (including durum), barley, Triticale and fallow. METSULFURON METHYL 60% is mixed in water or can be preslurried in water and added to liquid nitrogen carrier solutions and applied as a uniform broadcast spray. A surfactant should be used in the spray mix unless otherwise specified on this label. METSULFURON METHYL 60% is noncorrosive, nonflammable, nonvolatile, and does not freeze.

METSULFURON METHYL 60% controls weeds by postemergence activity. For best results, apply METSULFURON METHYL 60% to young, actively growing weeds. The use rate depends upon the weed spectrum and size of weeds at application. The degree and duration of control may depend on the following factors:

- weed spectrum and infestation intensity
- weed size at application
- · environmental condition at and following treatment

#### **Environmental Conditions and Biological Activity**

METSULFURON METHYL 60% is absorbed through the foliage of broadleaf weeds, rapidly inhibiting their growth. Leaves of susceptible plants appear chlorotic from 1 to 3 weeks after application and the growing point subsequently dies.

Application of METSULFURON METHYL 60% provides the best control in vigorously growing crops that shade competitive weeds. Weed control in areas of thin crop stand or seeding skips may not be as satisfactory. However, a crop canopy that is too dense at application can intercept spray and reduce weed control.

METSULFURON METHYL 60% may injure crops that are stressed from adverse environmental conditions (such as extreme temperatures or moisture), abnormal soil conditions, or cultural practices. In

addition, different varieties of the crop may be sensitive to treatment with METSULFURON METHYL 60% under otherwise normal conditions. Treatment of such varieties may injure crops.

In warm, moist conditions, the expression of herbicide symptoms is accelerated in weeds; in cold, dry conditions, expression of herbicide symptoms is delayed. In addition, weeds hardened-off by drought stress are less susceptible to METSULFURON METHYL 60%.

Weed control may be reduced if rainfall or snowfall occurs soon after application.

#### APPLICATION INFORMATION

#### **FALLOW**

Use Rates - Apply METSULFURON METHYL 60% at 1/10 ounce per acre.

Application Timing - METSULFURON METHYL 60% may be used as a fallow treatment, in the spring or fall when the majority of weeds have emerged and are actively growing.

Tank Mixtures in Fallow - METSULFURON METHYL 60% may be used as a fallow treatment, and may be tank mixed with other herbicides that are registered for use in fallow. If those recommendations conflict with this label, do not tank mix that product with METSULFURON METHYL 60%. Read and follow all label instructions on timing, precautions, and warnings for any companion products before using these tank mixtures. Follow the most restrictive labeling.

#### WHEAT, BARLEY and TRITICALE

Use Rates - Wheat (including durum), Barley and Triticale: Apply 1/10 ounce METSULFURON METHYL 60% per acre to wheat, barley or triticale once per use season.

Application Timing - Dryland Wheat, Barley and Triticale (except Durum or Wampum Variety): Make applications after the crop is in the 2-leaf stage but before boot once per use season.

Durum and Wampum Variety Spring Wheat: Make applications after the crop is tillering but before boot once per use season.

Applications to durum and wampum varieties should be made in combination with 2,4-D.

Irrigated Wheat and Barley: Make applications after the crop begins tillering but before boot. First posttreatment irrigation should be delayed for at least 3 days after treatment and should not exceed 1 inch of water.

Do not apply during boot and early heading, as crop injury may result.

#### **WEEDS CONTROLLED**

Unless otherwise directed, treat when weeds are less than 4" tall or in diameter and are actively growing.

Effectiveness may be reduced if rainfall occurs within 4 hours after application.

#### Cereals and Fallow

1/10 ounce per acre
Blue/purple mustard*
Bur buttercup (testiculate)
Coast fiddleneck (tarweed)
Common chickweed
Common purslane
Conical catchfly
Cowcockle
False chamomile
Field pennycress (fanweed)
Filaree

Flixweed\* Groundsel (common) Miners lettuce

Pigweed (redroot, smooth, tumble)

Plains coreopsis Prickly lettuce\* Russian thistle\* Shepherd's purse Smallseed falseflax

Smartweed (green, ladysthumb, pale)

Snow speedwell Tansymustard\*

Treacle mustard (Bushy Wallflower)

Tumble/Jim Hill mustard

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Henbit Kochia\*

Lambsquarters (common, slimleaf)

Mayweed chamomile

Volunteer sunflower Waterpod Wild mustard

Weeds Suppressed<sup>‡\*</sup>
Cereals and fallow
1/10 ounce per acre

Canada thistle\*
Common sunflower\*
Corn gromwell\*

Knotweed (prostrate)\*
Sowthistle (annual)\*
Wild buckwheat\*

\* See the Specific Weed Problems section.

Weed suppression is a reduction in weed competition (reduced population and/or vigor) as visually compared to an untreated area. The degree of suppression varies with the rate used, the size of the weeds, and the environmental conditions following treatment.

#### **Specific Weed Problems**

Note: Thorough spray coverage of all weed species listed below is very important.

**Blue Mustard, Flixweed, and Tansymustard:** For best results, apply METSULFURON METHYL 60% tank mixtures with 2,4-D or MCPA postemergence to mustards, but before bloom.

Canada Thistle and Sowthistle: Apply either METSULFURON METHYL 60% plus surfactant or METSULFURON METHYL 60% plus 2,4-D or MCPA in the spring after the majority of thistles have emerged and are small (rosette stage to 6" elongating stems) and actively growing. The application will inhibit the ability of emerged thistles to compete with the crop.

**Corn Gromwell and Prostrate Knotweed:** Apply METSULFURON METHYL 60% plus surfactant when weeds are actively growing, are no larger than 2" tall, and when crop canopy will allow thorough coverage. Tank mixing 2,4-D or MCPA with METSULFURON METHYL 60% can improve results.

Kochia, Russian thistle, Prickly lettuce: Naturally occurring resistant biotypes of these weeds are known to occur. For best results, use METSULFURON METHYL 60% in a tank mix with Dicamba and 2,4-D, or bromoxynil and 2,4-D (such as ¾ - 1 pint "Buctril" + ¼ - 3/8 pound active 2,4-D ester). METSULFURON METHYL 60% should be applied in the spring when kochia, Russian thistle, and prickly lettuce are less than 2" tall or 2" across and are actively growing (refer to the Tank Mixtures section of this label for additional details).

**Sunflower (common/volunteer):** Apply either METSULFURON METHYL 60% plus surfactant or METSULFURON METHYL 60% plus 2,4-D or MCPA after the majority of sunflowers have emerged, are 2" to 4" tall, and are actively growing. Use spray volumes of at least 3 gallons by air or 5 gallons by ground.

**Wild Buckwheat:** For best results, apply METSULFURON METHYL 60% plus 2,4-D or MCPA when plants have no more than 3 true leaves (not counting the cotyledons). If plants are not actively growing, delay treatment until environmental conditions favor active weed growth.

#### TANK MIXTURES IN CEREALS (WHEAT, BARLEY AND TRITICALE)

Read and follow all manufacturers' label recommendations for any companion herbicides, fungicides and/or insecticides. If those recommendations conflict with this label, do not tank mix that product with METSULFURON METHYL 60%. Read and follow all label instructions on timing, precautions, and warnings for any companion products before using these tank mixtures. Follow the most restrictive labeling.

METSULFURON METHYL 60% may be tank mixed with other suitable registered herbicides to control weeds listed under **Weeds Suppressed**, weeds resistant to METSULFURON METHYL 60%, or weeds not listed under **Weeds Controlled**.

With 2,4-D (amine or ester) or MCPA (amine or ester): METSULFULLON METHYL 60% can be used as a tank-mix treatment with 2,4-D or MCPA (ester formulations provide best results) herbicides after weeds have emerged. For best results use 1/10 ounce of METSULFURON METHYL 60% per acre; add 2,4-D or MCPA herbicides to the tank at ¼ to ½ pound active ingredient. Surfactant may be added to the mixture at ½ to 1 quarter per 100 gallons of spray solution; however, adding surfactant may increase the potential for crop injury.

Apply METSULFURON METHYL 60% plus MCPA after the 3 to 5-leaf stage but before boot (with Durum and Wampum varieties do not apply before tillering). Apply METSULFURON METHYL 60% plus 2,4-D after tillering (refer to appropriate 2,4-D manufacturer's label), but before boot.

With Dicamba: For best results, apply METSULFURON METHYL 60% at 1/10 ounce per acre; add 1/16 to 1/8 pound active ingredient dicamba. Surfactant may be added to the mixture at ½ to 1 quart per 100 gallons of spray solution; however, adding surfactant may increase the potential for crop injury. Also refer to dicamba labels for application timing and restrictions.

**With 2,4-D (amine or ester) and Dicamba:** METSULFURON METHYL 60% may be applied in a 3-way tank mix with formulations of dicamba and 2,4-D. Observe all applicable directions, restrictions and precautions on labels of all products used.

Make applications at 1/10 ounce of METSULFURON METHYL 60% + 1/16 - 1/12 pound active ingredient dicamba + 4 - 6 ounces active 2,4-D Ester or Amine per acre. Use higher rates when weed infestation is heavy. Add 1-2 pints of surfactant to the 3-way mixture, where necessary, as deemed by local recommendations. Use of additional surfactant may not be needed with the higher phenoxy rates and ester phenoxy formulations. Consult the specific 2,4-D or dicamba label, or local recommendations for more information.

Apply this 3-way combination to winter wheat after the crop is tillering and prior to jointing (first node). In Spring Wheat (including Durum wheat) apply after the crop is tillering and before it exceeds the 5-leaf stage.

Do not apply this 3-way mixture at high rates more than once a year or more than twice per year at the low rates.

**With bromoxynil (such as "Buctril", "Bronate")**: METSULFURON METHYL 60% may be tank mixed with bromoxynil containing herbicides registered for use on wheat, barley or fallow. For best results, add bromoxynil containing herbicides to the tank at 3 to 6 ounces active ingredient per acre (such as "Bronate" or "Buctril" at ¾ - 1½ pints per acre).

*With "Starane":* For improved control of Kochia (2-4" tall), Russian thistle, mustard species, and wild buckwheat, METSULFURON METHYL 60% may be tank mixed with 1/3 to 1 1/3 pints per acre of "Starane."

With "Starane" + "Salvo": For improved control of Kochia (2-4" tall), Russian thistle, mustard species and wild buckwheat, METSULFURON METHYL 60% may be tank mixed with 2/3 to 2 2/3 pints per acre of "Starane" + Salvo."

With "Starane" + "Sword": For improved control of Kochia (2-4" tall), Russian thistle, mustard species and wild buckwheat, METSULFURON METHYL 60% may be tank mixed with ¾ to 2¾ pints per acre of "Starane" + "Sword."

With "Maverick": METSULFURON METHYL 60% can be tank mixed with "Maverick" herbicide for improved control of weeds in wheat.

With "Aim": METSULFURON METHYL 60% can be tank mixed with "Aim" herbicide for improved control of weeds in wheat and barley.

With "Stinger", "Curtail", or "Curtail M" or "Widematch": METSULFURON METHYL 60% can be tank mixed with "Stinger", "Curtail", or "Curtail M" herbicides for improved control of weeds in wheat and barley.

With Dupont™ EXPRESS®: METSULFURON METHYL 60% may be tank mixed with EXPRESS® based on local recommendations.

With Dupont™ HARMONY® EXTRA: METSULFURON METHYL 60% may be tank mixed with HARMONY® EXTRA based on local recommendations.

With grass control products: Tank mixtures of METSULFURON METHYL 60% and grass control products may result in poor grass control. Winfield Solutions recommends that you first consult your state experiment station, university, or extension agent, Agricultural dealer, or Winfield Solutions representative as to the potential for antagonism before using the mixture. If no information is available, limit the initial use of METSULFURON METHYL 60% and the grass product to a small area.

Do not tank mix METSULFURON METHYL 60% with "Hoelon" 3EC, as grass control may be reduced.

With "Assert" herbicide or "Avenge" herbicide: METSULFURON METHYL 60% can be tank mixed with "Avenge" or "Assert". When tank mixing METSULFURON METHYL 60% with "Assert", always include another broadleaf weed herbicide with a different mode of action (for example: 2,4-D ester, MCPA ester, "Buctril," or "Bronate"). Tankmixed applications of EXPRESS® plus "Assert" may cause temporary crop discoloration, stunting, or injury when heavy rainfall occurs shortly after application.

With "Puma": METSULFURON METHYL 60% can be tank mixed with "Puma" herbicide for improved control of weeds in wheat and barley.

With "Discover NG": METSULFURON METHYL 60% can be tank mixed with "Discover NG" herbicide for improved control of weeds in spring wheat.

With "Everest": METSULFURON METHYL 60% can be tank mixed with "Everest" herbicide for improved control of weeds in spring wheat.

With Insecticides and Fungicides: METSULFURON METHYL 60% may be tank mixed or used sequentially with insecticides and fungicides registered for use on cereal grains.

However, under certain conditions (drought stress, cold weather, or if the crop is in the 2-4 leaf stage), tank mixes or sequential applications of METSULFURON METHYL 60% with organophosphate insecticides (such as parathion, "Di-Syston") may produce temporary crop yellowing or, in severe cases, crop injury.

The potential for crop injury is greatest when wide fluctuations in day/night temperatures occur just prior to or soon after application.

Test these mixtures in a small area before treating large areas.

Do not apply METSULFURON METHYL 60% within 60 days of crop emergence where an organophosphate insecticide (such as "Di-Syston") has been applied as an in-furrow treatment, as crop injury may result.

Do not use METSULFURON METHYL 60% plus Malathion, as crop injury will result.

With Liquid Nitrogen Solution Fertilizer: Liquid nitrogen fertilizer solutions may be used as a carrier in place of water. Run a tank mix compatibility test before mixing METSULFURON METHYL 60% in fertilizer solution.

METSULFURON METHYL 60% must first be slurried with water and then added to liquid nitrogen solutions (e.g., 28-0-0, 32-0-0). Ensure that the agitator is running while the METSULFURON METHYL 60% is added. Use of this mixture may result in temporary crop yellowing and stunting.

If using low rates of liquid nitrogen fertilizer in the spray solution (less than 50% of the spray solution volume), the addition of surfactant is necessary. Add surfactant at  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. – 1 qt. per 100 gals. of spray solution (0.06-0.25% v/v) based on local recommendations.

When using high rates of liquid nitrogen fertilizer in the spray solution, auding surfactant increases the risk of crop injury. Consult your agricultural dealer, consultant, fieldman, or Winfield Solutions representative for a specific recommendation before adding an adjuvant to these tank mixtures.

If 2,4-D or MCPA is included with METSULFURON METHYL 60% and fertilizer mixture, ester formulations tend to be more compatible (see manufacturer's label). Do not add surfactant when using METSULFURON METHYL 60% in tank mix with 2,4-D ester or MCPA ester and liquid nitrogen fertilizer solutions.

**Note:** In certain areas east of the Mississippi river, unacceptable crop response may occur with use of straight or dilute nitrogen fertilizer carrier solutions where cold temperatures or widely fluctuating day/night temperatures exist. In these areas consult your agricultural dealer, consultant, field advisor, or Winfield Solutions representative for a specific recommendation before using nitrogen fertilizer carrier solutions.

Liquid nitrogen fertilizer solutions that contain sulfur can increase crop response.

Do not use low rates of liquid fertilizer as a substitute for a surfactant.

Do not use with liquid fertilizer solutions with a pH less than 3.0.

METSULFURON METHYL 60% WITH MCPA, 2,4-D AND/OR DICAMBA FOR SUPPRESSION OF WINTER ANNUAL BROADLEAF WEEDS IN WINTER WHEAT TO BE GRAZED OUT IN THE STATES OF TEXAS, OKLAHOMA, NEW MEXICO AND KANSAS

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

METSULFURON METHYL 60% herbicide can be tank mixed with MCPA, 2,4-D and/or dicamba for suppression of winter annual broadleaf weeds in winter wheat to be grazed out and not harvested for grain, in the states of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Kansas.

#### **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

For the suppression of winter annual broadleaf weeds (such as henbit and mustards) in winter wheat in the states of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Kansas, METSULFURON METHYL 60% at 0.05 (1/20) ounces per acre should be tank mixed with MCPA, 2,4-D and/or dicamba at label rates. Winter annual broadleaf weeds should be less than 1" tall or in the rosette stage for suppression. Add a Winfield Solutions recommended nonionic surfactant having at least 80% active ingredient at 1 to 2 quarts per 100 gallons of spray solution (0.25 to 0.5% v/v).

Rotation Intervals For Crops in Non-Irrigated Land Following Use of METSULFURON METHYL 60% at 0.05 (1/20) Ounces Per Acre on Wheat That Will be Grazed Out

Crop	Soil pH	Minimum Cumulative Precipitation (inches)	Minimum Rotation Interval (months)
Sorghum, Grain	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	4
Cotton	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	10
Alfalfa	6.8 or lower	No restrictions	10
	6.9 to 7.9	No restrictions	22
Beans, Dry	6.8 or lower	No restrictions	10
-	6.9 to 7.9	No restrictions	22

Rotation Intervals for crops not covered above following the use of METSULFURON METHYL 60% at 0.05 (1/20) ounces per acre on wheat that will be grazed out.

The minimum rotation interval is 22 months with at least 18" of cumulative precipitation during the period:

- to any crop not listed in the Rotation Intervals table above
- if the soil pH is not in the specified range

To rotate to a crop at an interval shorter than recommended, a field bioassay must be successfully completed to rotate to that crop. See section on Field Bioassay for further information.

Important Restrictions: Inis treatment is for use on winter wheat that will be grazed out and will not be harvested for grain.

**Important Precautions:** METSULFURON METHYL 60% suppresses weeds by postemergence activity. For best results, apply METSULFURON METHYL 60% to young, actively growing weeds. The degree and duration of suppression at 1/20 ounce per acre may depend upon the following factors:

- weed spectrum and infestation intensity
- weed size at application
- environmental condition at and following treatment.

#### WHEAT, BARLEY AND TRITICALE - HARVEST AID

**Use Rates:** Apply 1/10 ounce of METSULFURON METHYL 60% per acre in combination with 2,4-D or glyphosate containing products to aid in dry down of many broadleaved weeds, thereby aiding grain harvest.

**Application Timing:** Make applications after the crop has reached the hard dough stage, but no later than 10 days before harvest.

**Tank Mixtures in Harvest Aid:** A tank mix of METSULFURON METHYL 60% plus 2,4-D and surfactant, or "Roundup", will typically aid in dry down of many broadleaved weeds, thereby aiding grain harvest. Postemergence application should be made to actively growing weeds after the crop is in the hard dough stage. If weeds are not dry within 10 days after application, delay harvest until weeds are dry.

See weeds listed in Weeds Controlled chart of this label.

**With 2,4-D:** Use 1/10 ounce METSULFURON METHYL 60% plus ¼ to ½ pound active ingredient 2,4-D per acre on moderate weed infestations; higher rates of 2,4-D may be used on large weeds if permitted by the 2,4-D brand labeling. Include 1 o 2 quarts surfactant per 100 gallons spray solution.

In addition to the weeds listed in Weeds Controlled chart of this label, the 2,4-D combination will also dry down common cocklebur, marestail, puncturevine and common and wild sunflower. In areas where 2,4-D use is restricted, apply METSULFURON METHYL 60% with surfactant only; however, this treatment may be less effective.

**With "Roundup":** Use 1/10 ounce METSULFURON METHYL 60% plus the locally recommended rate of "Roundup" (see "Roundup" label for maximum seasonal rate). METSULFURON METHYL 60% requires the use of an adjuvant for optimum activity. Consult the "Roundup" label or local recommendations for the amount of adjuvant to include.

#### **GRAIN SORGHUM**

#### **General Information**

METSULFURON METHYL 60% is recommended for use on irrigated or dryland grain sorghum in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas (North of I-20).

**Use Rates:** Apply METSULFURON METHYL 60% at 1/20 ounce per acre plus ¼ pound active ingredient 2,4-D amine per acre. Do not use surfactant or crop oil.

**Crop Stage:** For optimum performance and crop safety, apply METSULFURON METHYL 60% plus 2,4-D amine when grain sorghum is 3 to 15 inches in height. If sorghum is taller than 10 inches to the top of the canopy, use drop nozzles and keep spray off the foliage. Apply only before the boot stage. Read and follow all other use instructions, warnings and precautions on companion herbicide labels.

Sorghum varieties vary in sensitivity to 2,4-D amine. Spray only varieties known to be tolerant to 2,4-D amine. Contact seed company and Local County Extension Service for this information.

**Pest Stage:** Application of METSULFURON METHYL 60% plus 2,4-D amine should be made when all or a majority of the weeds have germinated and emerged. For best results, spray when weeds are less than 6 inches tall.

Weeds Controlled With Tank Mix of METSULFURON METHYL 60% p.us 2,4-D amine: Pigweed species, Puncture vine, Velvetleaf.

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#### **Application Information**

METSULFURON METHYL 60% herbicide may be applied to grain sorghum by properly calibrated ground or aerial equipment.

METSULFURON METHYL 60% can be used on either dryland or irrigated grain sorghum. If application is made to irrigated sorghum, delay first post-treatment irrigation for at least 3 days after treatment. The first post-treatment irrigation should not exceed 1".

Use cultivation prior to METSULFURON METHYL 60% + 2,4-D amine treatment to cover exposed brace roots of grain sorghum to minimize injury from 2,4-D amine.

#### **Precautionary Statements**

- Temporary crop yellowing and/or stunting may occur soon after application, especially when crop is under stress conditions.
- Do not use on grain sorghum grown for seed production or syrup. Do not use on forage sorghum.
- Do not use for forage or silage within 30 days of application.
- Do not include a surfactant or crop oil to the tank mix.
- Do not apply this treatment under cold, wet weather conditions or to grain sorghum growing under stress caused by weather, insects or disease as crop injury may result.
- Do not apply to long season grain sorghum varieties or grain sorghum that is planted after July 1, as crop injury or delayed maturity may occur.
- Do not exceed one (1) application per year.
- METSULFURON METHYL 60% must be used with 2,4-D; in areas where 2,4-D use is restricted, follow requirement of the restriction. If 2,4-D use is prohibited, do not use METSULFURON METHYL 60% on grain sorghum.

#### **SURFACTANTS**

#### **Spray Adjuvants**

Applications of METSULFURON METHYL 60% must include either a nonionic surfactant or a crop oil concentrate. In addition, an ammonium nitrogen fertilizer may be used. Consult local Winfield Solutions fact sheets, technical bulletins, and service policies prior to using other adjuvant systems. If another herbicide is tank mixed with METSULFURON METHYL 60%, select adjuvants authorized for use with both products. Products must contain only EPA-exempt ingredients (40 CFR 1001).

Antifoaming agents may be needed. Consult your Ag dealer, applicator, or Winfield Solutions representative for a listing of recommended surfactants.

#### Nonionic Surfactant (NIS)

- Apply 0.06 to 0.50% v/v (1/2 to 4 pints per 100 gallons of spray solution) See Tank Mixtures section for additional information.
- Surfactant products must contain at least 60% nonionic surfactant with a hydrophilic/lipophilic balance (HLB) greater than 12.

Exceptions: On all spring wheat and spring or winter barley, use ½ to 1 quart per 100 gallons.

#### Petroleum Crop Oil Concentrate (COC) or Modified Seed Oil (MSO)

- Apply at 1% v/v (gallon per 100 gallons spray solution) or 2% under arid conditions.
- Oil adjuvants must contain at least 80% high quality, petroleum (mineral) or modified vegetable seed oil with a least 15% surfactant emulsifiers.

#### Ammonium Nitrogen Fertilizer

- Use 2 quarts/acre of a high-quality urea ammonium nitrate (UAN), such as 28%N or 32%N, or 2 pounds/acre of a spray-grade ammonium sulfate (AMS). Use 4 quarts/acre UAN or 4 pounds/acre AMS under arid conditions.
- Do not use liquid nitrogen fertilizer as the total carrier solution.

#### Special Adjuvant Types

- Combination adjuvant products may be used at doses that provide are required amount of NIS, COC, MSO and/or ammonium nitrogen fertilizer. Consult product literature for use rates and restrictions.
- In addition to the adjuvants specified above, other adjuvant types may be used if they provide the same functionality and have been evaluated and approved by Winfield Solutions product management.

Antifoaming agents may be used if needed.

Do not use low rates of liquid fertilizer as a substitute for surfactant.

#### **GROUND APPLICATION**

To obtain optimum spray distribution and thorough coverage, use flat-fan or low-volume flood nozzles.

For flood nozzles on 30" spacings, use at least 10 gallons per acre (GPA), flood nozzles no larger than TK10 (or equivalent), and a pressure of at least 30 pounds per square inch (psi). For 40" nozzle spacings, use at least 13 GPA; for 60" spacings, use at least 20 GPA. It is essential to overlap the nozzles 100% for all spacings.

With "Raindrop RA" nozzles, use at least 30 GPA and ensure that nozzle spray patterns overlap 100%.

For flat-fan nozzles, use at least 3 GPA for applications to wheat or barley.

Use 50-mesh screens or larger.

#### **Aerial Application**

Use nozzle types and arrangements that provide optimum spray distribution and maximum coverage.

Wheat, Barley, Triticale and Fallow-use 1 to 5 GPA. Use at least 3 GPA in Idaho, Oregon or Utah.

When applying METSULFURON METHYL 60% by air in areas adjacent to sensitive crops, use solid stream nozzles oriented straight back. Adjust the swath to avoid spray drift damage to sensitive crops downwind and/or use ground equipment to treat the border edge of fields. See the Spray Drift Management section of this label.

#### **Product Measurement**

METSULFURON METHYL 60% is measured using the METSULFURON METHYL 60% volumetric measuring cylinder. The degree of accuracy of this cylinder varies by +/- 7.5%. For more precise measurement, use scales calibrated in ounces.

#### WITH LIQUID NITROGEN SOLUTION FERTILIZER

Liquid nitrogen fertilizer solutions may be used as a carrier in place of water. Run a tank mix compatibility test before mixing METSULFURON METHYL 60% in fertilizer solution.

METSULFURON METHYL 60% must first be slurried with water and then added to liquid nitrogen solutions (e.g., 28-0-0-, 32-0-0). Ensure that the agitator is running while the METSULFURON METHYL 60% is added. Use of this mixture may result in temporary crop yellowing and stunting.

If using low rates of liquid nitrogen fertilizer in the spray solution (less than 50% of the spray solution volume), the addition of surfactant is necessary. Add surfactant at  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. per 100 gals. of spray solution (0.03%  $\frac{1}{2}$  v/v).

When using high rates of liquid nitrogen fertilizer in the spray solution, adding surfactant increases the risk of crop injury. Consult your agricultural dealer, consultant, fieldman, or Winfield Solutions representative for a specific recommendation before adding an adjuvant to these tank mixtures.

If 2,4-D or MCPA is included with METSULFURON METHYL 60% and fertilizer mixture, ester formulations tend to be more compatible (see manufacturer's label). Do not add surfactant when using METSULFURON METHYL 60% in tank mix with 2,4-D ester and liquid nitrogen fertilizer solutions.

Note: In certain areas east of the Mississippi River, unacceptable crop response may occur with use of straight or dilute nitrogen fertilizer carrier solutions where cold temperatures or widely fluctuating day/night temperatures exist. In these areas, consult your agricultural dealer, consultant, field advisor, or Winfield Solutions representative for a specific recommendation before using nitrogen fertilizer carrier solutions.

Liquid nitrogen fertilizer solutions that contain sulfur can increase crop response.

Do not use low rates of liquid fertilizer as a substitute for a surfactant.

Do not use with liquid fertilizer solutions with a pH less than 3.0.

#### **CROP ROTATION**

Before using METSULFURON METHYL 60%, carefully consider your crop rotation plans and options. For rotational flexibility, do not treat all of your wheat, barley, Triticale or fallow acres at the same time.

#### Minimum Rotational Intervals

Minimum rotation intervals\* are determined by the rate of breakdown of METSULFURON METHYL 60% applied. METSULFURON METHYL 60% breakdown in the soil is affected by soil pH, presence of soil microorganisms, soil temperature, and soil moisture. Low soil pH, high soil temperature, and high soil moisture increase METSULFURON METHYL 60% breakdown in soil, while high soil pH, low soil temperature, and low soil moisture slow METSULFURON METHYL 60% breakdown.

Of these 3 factors, only soil pH remains relatively constant. Soil temperature, and to a greater extent, soil moisture, can vary significantly from year to year and from area to area. For this reason, soil temperatures and soil moisture should be monitored regularly when considering crop rotations.

\*The minimum rotation interval represents the period of time from the last application to the anticipated date of the next planting.

#### Soil pH Limitations

METSULFURON METHYL 60% should not be used on soils having a pH above 7.9, as extended soil residual activity could extend crop rotation intervals beyond normal. Under certain conditions, METSULFURON METHYL 60% could remain in the soil for 34 months or more, injuring wheat and barley. In addition, other crops planted in high-pH soils can be extremely sensitive to low concentrations of METSULFURON METHYL 60%.

#### Checking Soil pH

Before using METSULFURON METHYL 60%, determine the soil pH of the areas of intended use. To obtain a representative pH value for the test area, take several 0" to 4" samples from different areas of the field and analyze them separately. Consult local extension publications for additional information on recommended soil sampling procedures.

#### **BIOASSAY**

A field bioassay must be completed before rotating to any crop not listed (see the Rotation Intervals table), or if the soil pH is not in the specified range, or if the use rate applied is not specified in the table, or if the minimum cumulative precipitation has not occurred since application.

#### Field Bioassay

To conduct a field bioassay, grow test strips of the crop or crops you plan to grow the following year in fields previously treated with METSULFURON METHYL 60%. Crop response to the bioassay will indicate whether or not to rotate to the crop(s) grown in the test strips.

If a field bioassay is planned, check with your local Agricultural dealer or Winfield Solutions representative for information detailing the field bioassay procedure.

#### **Rotational Intervals for Cereals**

All Areas - Following Use of METSULFURON METHYL 60% at 1/10 ounce per Acre

	,	Minimum Cumulative	Minimum Rotation
Crop	Soil pH	Precipitation (inches)	Interval (months)
Winter and spring wheat	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	1

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Durum wheat, barley,	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	10
spring/winter oat	.		

Rotation Intervals for Crops in Non-Irrigated Land Following Use of METSULFURON METHYL 60% at 1/10 ounce per Acre on Wheat, Barley, Triticale or Fallow

State	County or Area	Crop	Soil pH	Minimum Cumulative Precipitation (inches)	Minimum Rotation Interva (months)
Colorado	Statewide	Grain sorghum, Proso millet	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	10
		Flax, Safflower, Sunflower	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	. 22
	,	Field corn	7.9 or lower	15	12
		IR Corn	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	4
	,	STS Soybeans	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	4
ldaho	Southern Idaho	Flax, Safflower, Sunflower	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	22
•	Statewide	Peas, Lentils, Canola	6.8 or lower	18	10
	Statewide	Peas Peas	6.9 to 7.9	18	15
	1	Lentils	6.9 to 7.9	18	34
•			6.9 to 7.9	18	22
		Canola		10	10
		Condiment mustard	7.3 or lower		
		Condiment mustard	7.4 or higher	28	34
	!	Chickpeas	7.3 or lower	10 28	. 10
<u></u>	Ot-to-vide	Chickpeas	7.4 or higher 7.9 or lower		34 10
Kansas	Statewide	Grain sorghum, Proso millet		No restrictions	
		Flax, Safflower, Sunflower	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	22
	Central and Western	Field corn	7.9 or lower	15	12
٠	Kansas (West of the Flint Hills	IR Corn	7.9 or lower	15	4
	Western Kansas W. of	Soybeans	7.5 or lower	22	22
	Hwy. 183		7.6-7.9	. 33	34
	Central Kansas:	Soybeans	7.9 or lower	15	12
	generally E. of Hwy. 183 and W. of the Flint Hills	STS Soybeans	7.9 or lower	15	4
Montana	Statewide	Grain sorghum, Proso millet, Field corn	7.9 or lower	22	22
		Alfalfa (hay only)	7.6-7.9	No restrictions	34
		/aa (//ay 0/y/	7.5 or lower	No restrictions	-22
		Flax, Safflower, Sunflower	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	22
Nebraska	Statewide	Grain sorghum, Proso millet	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	10
		Flax, Safflower, Sunflower	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	22
		IR Corn, STS Soybeans	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	4
	Generally W. of Hwy.	Field corn	7.9 or lower	15	12
	77 and E. of the	Soybeans	7.5 or lower	22	22
	Panhandle	ļ ·	7.6-7.9	33	34
New Mexico	Statewide	Grain sorghum, Proso millet	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	10
		Flax, Safflower, Sunflower	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	22
	Eastern New Mexico	Cotton (dryland only)	7.9 or lower	30	22
North Dakota	W. of Hwy. 1	Grain sorghum, Proso millet, Field	7.9 or lower	22	22
		corn, Dry beans, Flax, Safflower, Soybean, Sunflower	,		
	E. of Hwy. 1	Grain sorghum, Proso millet, Field corn, Dry beans,	7.9 or lower	34	34

Ctata	County or Asso	Crop	Soil nH	Minimum Cumulative Precipitation	Minimum Rotation Interval
State	County or Area	Crop Flax, Safflower,	Soil pH	(inches)	(months)
Oklahoma	Statewide	Soybean, Sunflower Grain sorghum, Proso millet	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	10
		Flax, Safflower, Sunflower	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	22
		Field corn	7.9 or lower	15	12
Oklahoma (continued)	Statewide	IR Corn STS Soybean	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	4
(	Panhandle	Cotton (dryland only)	7.9 or lower	30	22
	E. of the Panhandle	Cotton (dryland only)	7.9 or lower	25	14
Oregon	Statewide	Peas, Lentils, Canola Peas	6.8 or lower 6.9 to 7.9	18 18	10
		Lentils	6.9 to 7.9	18	34
		Canola	6.9 to 7.9	18	22
		Condiment mustard	7.3 or lower	10	10
	-	Condiment mustard	7.4 or higher	28	34
		Chickpeas	7.3 or lower	10	10
		Chickpeas	7.4 or higher	28	34
South Dakota	Statewide	Flax, Safflower, Soybean, Sunflower	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	22
	S. of Hwy. 212 & E. of the Missouri River, & S. of Hwy. 34 & W. of Missouri River	Grain sorghum, Proso millet	7.9 or lower	13	12
	Generally E. of Missouri River & S. of Hwy. 14, & W. of	Field corn	7.9 or lower	15	12
<b>T</b>	Missouri River		70 1	Ni	10
Texas	Statewide	Grain sorghum, Proso millet	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	10
		Flax, Safflower, Soybean, Sunflower	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	22
	Panhandle	Field corn	7.9 or lower	15	12
		Cotton (dryland only)	7.9 or lower	30	22
	N. Central Texas*	Field corn	7.9 or lower 7.9 or lower	15 25	12
	Cooke, Coryell, Dallas, Haskell, Hill, Hood, Hop Montague, Morris, Nafa	Cotton (dryland only) tral Texas are: Archer, B Delta, Denton, Eastland, kins, Hunt, Jack, Johnsor rro, Palo Pinto, Parker, R ckmorton, Titus, Upshur,	aylor, Bell, Bosque, Ellis, Falls, Fannin, F n, Kaufman, Knox, Li ains, Red River, Rob Van Zandt, Wilbarge	Bowie, Callahan, Cam Foard, Franklin, Grays amar, Limestone, McL pertson, Rockwall, Sha	np, Cass, Clay, Collin on, Hardeman, .ennan, Milam, ackelford, Somervell,
Washington	Statewide	Peas, Lentils, Canola	6.8 or lower	18	10
-		Peas	6.9 to 7.9	18	15
		Lentils	6.9 to 7.9	18	34
	,	Canola	6.9 to 7.9	18	22
		Condiment mustard	7.3 or lower	10	10
* .		Condiment mustard	7.4 or higher	28	34
		Chickpeas	7.3 or lower	10	10
	1	Chickpeas	7.4 or higher	28	34
Utah	Statewide	Flax, Safflower, Sunflower	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	. 22
Wyoming	Statewide	Flax, Safflower, Sunflower	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	22
•	Southern Wyoming	Grain sorghum, Proso millet	7.9 or lower	No restrictions	10
	Southern Wyoming (Goshen, Laramie and Platte counties only)	Field corn	7.9 or lower	15	12
	Northern Wyoming	Grain sorghum, Proso millet, Field corn	7.9 or lower	22	22

<u>Rotation Intervals not covered above</u> – The minimum rotation interval is 34 months with at least 28" of cumulative precipitation during the period:

- to any major field crop not listed (see the Rotation Intervals table) if the soil pH is not in the specified range

- if the use rate applied is not specified in the table
- or if the minimum cumulative precipitation has not occurred since application.

To rotate to a major field crop at an interval shorter than recommended, a field bioassay must be successfully completed to that crop. A field bioassay must be successfully completed before rotation to any minor crops (as determined by the USDA criteria). See section on Field Bioassay for further information.

#### RECROPPING INTERVALS FOR GRASSES ON CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

Whenever METSULFURON METHYL 60% has previously been used in wheat, barley, triticale or fallow, the following grasses may be planted after the intervals specified in the tables below. The planting of grass and legume mixtures is not recommended as injury to the legume may occur.

- Bentgrasses
- Blue grama
- Bluestems Big, Little, Plains, Sand, WW Spar
- Buffalograss
- Galleta
- Green needlegrass
- Green sprangletop
- Indian ricegrass
- Lovegrasses Sand, Weeping
- Orchardgrassnot (excluding Piaute)
- Prairie sandreed
- Sand dropseed
- Sheep fescue
- Sideoats grama
- Switchgrass
- Wild-ryegrasses Beardless, Russian
- Wheatgrasses Crested, Intermediate, Pubescent, Slender, Streambank, Tall, Thickspike, Western

#### **ROTATION INTERVALS**

#### MN, MT, ND, SD and Northern WY:

Soil pH	Use Rate (ounces/acre)	Minimum Interval for Planting Grasses
7.5 or lower	1/10	4 months (all grasses)
7.6 to 7.9	1/10	4 months (Wheatgrsses only)

AR, CO, ID, KS, LA, NE, NM, OK, OR, TX, UT, WA, Southern WY:

Soil pH	Use Rate (ounces/acre)	Minimum Interval for Planting Grasses
7.9 or lower	1/10	2 months (all grasses)

#### GRAZING

There are no grazing restrictions on METSULFURON METHYL 60%.

#### IMPORTANT PRECAUTIONS

Treated vegetation may be cut for forage or hay. Coveralls, shoes plus socks must be worn if cutting within 4 hours of treatment.

#### MIXING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Fill the tank ¼ to 1/3 full of water. (If using liquid nitrogen fertilizer solution in place of water, see Tank Mixtures sections for additional details.)
- 2. While agitating, add the required amount of METSULFURON METHYL 60%.
- 3. Continue agitation until the METSULFURON METHYL 60% is fully dispersed, at least 5 minutes.
- 4. Once the METSULFURON METHYL 60% is fully dispersed, maintain agitation and continue filling tank with water. METSULFURON METHYL 60% should be thoroughly mixed with water before adding any other material.
- 5. As the tank is filling, add tank mix partners (if desired) then add the necessary volume of nonionic surfactant. Always add surfactant last.

6. If the mixture is not continuously agitated, settling will occur. If setting occurs, thoroughly re-agitate before using

7. Apply METSULFURON METHYL 60% spray mixture within 24 hours of mixing to avoid product degradation.

8. If METSULFURON METHYL 60% and a tank mix partner are to be applied in multiple loads, presurry the METSULFURON METHYL 60% in clean water prior to adding to the tank. This will prevent the tank mix partner from interfering with the dissolution of the METSULFURON METHYL 60%.

Do not use METSULFURON METHYL 60% with spray additives that reduce the pH of the spray solution to below 3.0.

#### **SPRAY EQUIPMENT**

For specific application equipment, refer to the manufacturer's recommendations for additional information on GPA, pressure, speed, nozzle types and arrangements, nozzle heights above the target canopy, etc.

Be sure to calibrate air or ground equipment properly before application. Select a spray volume and delivery system that will ensure thorough coverage and a uniform spray pattern with minimum drift. Use higher spray volumes to obtain better coverage when the crop canopy is dense. Avoid swath overlapping, and shut off spray booms while starting, turning, slowing, or stopping to avoid crop injury.

Do not make applications using equipment and/or spray volumes or under weather conditions that might cause spray to drift onto nontarget sites. For additional information on spray drift, refer to the Spray Drift Management section of the label.

Continuous agitation is required to keep METSULFURON METHYL 60% in suspension.

#### **SPRAYER CLEANUP**

Spray equipment must be cleaned before METSULFURON METHYL 60% is sprayed. Follow the cleanup procedures specified on the labels of previously applied products. If no directions are provided, follow the six steps outlined in After Spraying METSULFURON METHYL 60% section of this label.

#### At the End of the Day

When multiple loads of METSULFURON METHYL 60% herbicide are applied, it is recommended that at the end of each day of spraying, the interior of the tank be rinsed with fresh water and then partially filled, and the boom and hoses flushed. This will prevent the buildup of dried pesticide deposits that can accumulate in the application equipment.

## After Spraying METSULFURON METHYL 60% and Before Spraying Crops Other Than Wheat, Barley, Triticale or Fallow

To avoid subsequent injury to desirable crops, thoroughly clean all mixing and spray equipment immediately following applications of METSULFURON METHYL 60% as follows:

- 1. Drain tank; thoroughly rinse spray tanks, boom, and hoses with clean water. Loosen and physically remove any visible deposits.
- 2. Fill the tank with clean water and 1 gallon of household ammonia\* (contains 3% active) for every 100 gals. of water. Flush the hoses, boom, and nozzles with the cleaning solution. Then add more water to completely fill the tank. Circulate the cleaning solution through the tank and hoses for at least 15 minutes. Flush the hoses, boom, and nozzles again with the cleaning solution, and then drain the tank.
- Remove the nozzles and screens and clean separately in a bucket containing cleaning agent and water.
- 4. Repeat step 2.
- 5. Rinse the tank, boom, and hoses with clean water.
- 6. If only ammonia is used as a cleaner, the rinsate solution may be applied back to the crop(s) recommended on this label. Do not exceed the maximum labeled use rate. If other cleaners are used, consult the cleaner label for rinsate disposal instructions. If no instructions are given, dispose of the rinsate on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.

\* Equivalent amounts of an alternate-strength ammonia solution or a Winfield Solutions-approved cleaner can be used in the cleanout procedure. Carefully read and follow the individual cleaner instructions. Consult your agricultural dealer, applicator, or Winfield Solutions representative for a listing of approved cleaners.

#### Notes:

- 1. **Attention:** Do not use chlorine bleach with ammonia, as dangerous gases will form. Do not clean equipment in an enclosed area.
- 2. Steam-cleaning aerial spray tanks is recommended prior to performing the above cleanout procedure to facilitate the removal of any caked deposits.
- 3. When METSULFURON METHYL 60% is tank mixed with other pesticides, all required cleanout procedures should be examined and the most rigorous procedure should be followed.
- 4. In addition to this cleanout procedure, all pre-cleanout guidelines on subsequently applied products should be followed as per the individual labels.
- 5. Where routine spraying practices include shared equipment frequently being switched between applications of METSULFURON METHYL 60% and applications of other pesticides to METSULFURON METHYL 60%-sensitive crops during the same spray season, it is recommended that a sprayer be dedicated to METSULFURON METHYL 60% to further reduce the chance of crop injury.

#### SPRAY DRIFT MANAGEMENT

The interaction of many equipment and weather-related factors determines the potential for spray drift. The applicator is responsible for considering all these factors when making application decisions.

AVOIDING SPRAY DRIFT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICATOR.

#### IMPORTANCE OF DROPLET SIZE

The most effective way to reduce drift potential is to apply large droplets (>150 – 200 microns). The best drift management strategy is to apply the largest droplets that provide sufficient coverage and control. The presence of sensitive species nearby, the environmental conditions, and pest pressure may affect how an applicator balances drift control and coverage. APPLYING LARGER DROPLETS REDUCES DRIFT POTENTIAL, BUT WILL NOT PREVENT DRIFT IF APPLICATIONS ARE MADE IMPROPERLY OR UNDER UNFAVORABLE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS! See Wind, Temperature and Humidity, and Temperature Inversions sections of this label.

#### Controlling Droplet Size - General Techniques

- **Volume** Use high flow rate nozzles to apply the highest practical spray volume. Nozzles with higher rated flows produce larger droplets.
- Pressure Use the lower spray pressures recommended for the nozzle. Higher pressure reduces droplet size and does not improve canopy penetration. WHEN HIGHER FLOW RATES ARE NEEDED, USE A HIGHER-CAPACITY NOZZLE INSTEAD OF INCREASING PRESSURE.
- **Nozzle Type** Use a nozzle type that is designed for the intended application. With most nozzle types, narrower spray angles produce larger droplets. Consider using low-drift nozzles.

#### Controlling Droplet Size - Aircraft

- Number of Nozzles Use the minimum number of nozzles with the highest flow rate that provide uniform coverage.
- **Nozzle Orientation** Orienting nozzles so that the spray is emitted backwards, parallel to the airstream will produce larger droplets than other orientations.
- Nozzle Type Solid stream nozzles (such as disc and core with swirl plate removed) oriented straight back produce larger droplets than other nozzle types.
- **Boom Length** The boom length should not exceed ¾ of the wing or rotor length longer booms increase drift potential.
- Application Height Application more than 10 ft. above the canopy increases the potential for spray drift.

#### **BOOM HEIGHT**

Setting the boom at the lowest labeled height (if specified), which provides uniform coverage, reduces the exposure of droplets to evaporation and wind. For ground equipment, the boom should remain level with the crop and have minimal bounce.

#### WIND

Drift potential increases at wind speeds of less than 3 mph (due to inversion potential) or more than 10 mph. However, many factors, including droplet size and equipment type, determine drift potential at any given wind speed. AVOID GUSTY OR WINDLESS CONDITIONS.

**Note:** Local terrain can influence wind patterns. Every applicator should be familiar with local wind patterns and how they affect spray drift.

#### TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY

When making applications in hot and dry conditions, set up equipment to produce larger droplets to reduce effects of evaporation.

#### TEMPERATURE INVERSIONS

Drift potential is high during a temperature inversion. Temperature inversions restrict vertical air mixing, which causes small suspended droplets to remain close to the ground and move laterally in a concentrated cloud. Temperature inversions are characterized by increasing temperature with altitude and are common on nights with limited cloud cover and light to no wind. They begin to form as the sun sets and often continue into the morning. Their presence can be indicated by ground fog; however, if fog is not present, inversions can also be identified by the movement of smoke from a ground source or an aircraft smoke generator. Smoke that layers and moves laterally in a concentrated cloud (under low wind conditions) indicates an inversion, while smoke that moves upward and rapidly dissipates indicates good vertical air mixing.

#### SHIELDED SPRAYERS

Shielding the boom or individual nozzles can reduce the effects of wind. However, it is the responsibility of the applicator to verify that the shields are preventing drift and not interfering with uniform deposition of the product.

#### AIR ASSISTED (AIR BLAST) FIELD CROP SPRAYERS

Air assisted field crop sprayers carry droplets to the target via a downward directed air stream. Some may reduce the potential for drift, but if a sprayer is unsuitable for the application and/or set up improperly, high drift potential can result. It is the responsibility of the applicator to determine that a sprayer is suitable for the intended application, is configured properly, and that drift is not occurring.

**Note:** Air assisted field sprayers can affect product performance by affecting spray coverage and canopy penetration. Consult the application equipment section of this label to determine if use of an air assisted sprayer is recommended.

#### RESISTANCE

When herbicides that affect the same biological site of action are used repeatedly over several years to control the same weed species in the same field, naturally-occurring resistant biotypes may survive a correctly applied herbicide treatment, propagate, and become dominant in that field. Adequate control of these resistant weed biotypes cannot be expected. If weed control is unsatisfactory, it may be necessary to retreat the problem area using a product affecting a different site of action.

To better manage herbicide resistance through delaying the proliferation and possible dominance of herbicide resistant weed biotypes, it may be necessary to change cultural practices within and between crop seasons such as using a combination of tillage, retreatment, tank-mix partners and/or sequential herbicide applications that have a different site of action. Weed escapes that are allowed to go to seed will promote the spread of resistant biotypes.

It is advisable to keep accurate records of pesticides applied to individual fields to help obtain information on the spread and dispersal of resistant biotypes. Consult your agricultural dealer, consultant, applicator, and/or appropriate state agricultural extension service representative for specific alternative cultural practices or herbicide recommendations available in your area.

#### INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

This product may be used as part of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program that can include biological, cultural, and genetic practices aimed at preventing economic pest damage. IPM principles and practices include field scouting or other detection methods, correct target pest identification, population monitoring, and treating when target pest populations reach locally determined action thresholds. Consult your state cooperative extension service, professional consultants or other qualified authorities to

determine appropriate action treatment threshold levels for treating specime pest/crop systems in your area.

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#### **PRECAUTIONS**

- Do not apply or drain or flush equipment on or near desirable trees or other plants, or on areas where their roots extend, or in locations where the product may be washed or moved into contact with their roots, as injury or loss of desirable trees or other plants may result.
- Do not use on lawns, walks, driveways, tennis courts, golf courses, athletic fields, commercial sod operations, or other high-maintenance, fine turfgrass areas, or similar areas.
- Do not use on grasses grown for seed.
- Do not apply to irrigated land where tailwater will be used to irrigate crops other than wheat and barley.
- Do not apply to frozen ground as surface runoff may occur.
- Do not apply to snow-covered ground.
- Wheat and barley varieties may differ in their response to various herbicides. Winfield Solutions
  Solutions recommends that you first consult your state experiment station, university, or extension
  agent as to sensitivity to any herbicide. If no information is available, limit the initial use of
  METSULFURON METHYL 60% to a small area.
- Under certain conditions such as heavy rainfall, prolonged cold weather, or wide fluctuations in day/night temperatures prior to or soon after METSULFURON METHYL 60% application, temporary discoloration and/or crop injury may occur. METSULFURON METHYL 60% should not be applied to wheat or barley that is stressed by severe weather conditions, drought, low fertility, water-saturated soil, disease, or insect damage, as crop injury may result. Risk of injury is greatest when crop is in the 2 to 5-leaf stage. Severe winter stress, drought, disease, or insect damage following application also may result in crop injury.
- The combined treatment effects of METSULFURON METHYL 60% postemergence preceded by preemergence wild oat herbicides may cause crop injury to spring wheat when crop stress (soil crusting, planting too deep, prolonged cold weather, or drought) causes poor seedling vigor.
- In the Pacific Northwest, to prevent cold weather-related crop injury, avoid making applications during winter months when weather conditions are unpredictable and can be severe.
- Do not apply to wheat, barley or triticale undersown with legumes, as injury to the forage may result.
- To reduce the potential for movement of treated soil due to wind erosion, do not apply to powdery
  dry or light sandy soils until they have been stabilized by rainfall, trashy mulch, reduced tillage, or
  other cultural practices. Injury to immediately adjacent crops may occur when treated soil is blown
  onto land used to produce crops other than cereal grains or pasture/rangeland.
- For ground applications applied to weeds when dry, dusty field conditions exist, control of weeds in wheel track areas may be reduced. The addition of 2,4-D or MCPA should improve weed control under these conditions.
- Preplant or preemergence applications of 2,4-D or herbicides containing 2,4-D made within 2 weeks
  of planting spring cereals may cause crop injury when used in conjunction with early postemergence
  applications of METSULFURON METHYL 60%. For increased crop safety, delay METSULFURON
  METHYL 60% treatment until crop tillering has begun.

#### STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

**Pesticide Storage:** Store product in original container only. Do not contaminate water, other pesticides, fertilizer, food or feed in storage. Store in a cool, dry place.

**Pesticide Disposal:** Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by disposal. Waste resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.

#### **Container Disposal:**

For Plastic Containers – Triple rinse (or equivalent) the container. Then offer for recycling or reconditioning, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or, if allowed by state and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

For Fiber Sacks – Completely empty fiber sack by shaking and tapping sides and bottom to loosen clinging particles. Empty residue into manufacturing or application equipment. Then dispose of sack in a sanitary landfill or by incineration if allowed by State and local authorities.

For Fiber Drums with Liners – Completely empty liner by shaking and tapping sides and bottom to loosen clinging particles. Empty residue into application equipment. Then dispose of liner in a sanitary landfill or by incineration if allowed by state and local authorities. If drum is contaminated and cannot be reused, dispose of in the same manner.

For Bags Containing Water Soluble Packets – Do not reuse the outer box or the resealable plastic bag. When all water-soluble packets are used, the outer packaging should be clean and may be disposed of in a sanitary landfill or by incineration, or if allowed by state and local authorities, by open burning. If burned, stay out of smoke. If the resealable plastic bag contacts the formulated product in any way, the bag must be triple-rinsed with clean water. Add the rinsate to the spray tank and dispose of the outer wrap as described above.

For Metal Containers (non aerosol) – Triple rinse (or equivalent) the container. Then offer for recycling or reconditioning, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by other procedures approved by state and local authorities.

**For Paper and Plastic Bags** – Completely empty bag into application equipment. Then dispose of empty bag in a sanitary landfill or by incineration, or, if allowed by State and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

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