

# Chemical Factsheet

## Imazethapyr

### General Information

- Product Names:
  - Authority** (FMC)
  - Clearpath** (BASF)
  - Lightning** (BASF)
  - Optill** (BASF) formulated with Saflufenacil
  - Pursuit** (BASF)
  - Camo** (Albaugh) formulated with Fomesafen Sodium
- Chemical Class: Imidazole compound
- Uses: Controls grasses and broadleaved weeds including barnyardgrass, crabgrass, cocklebur, panicums, pigweeds, nightshade, mustard, smartweed, velvetleaf, jimsonweed, foxtails, seedling johnsongrass, lambsquarters, morningglory and others.
- Alternatives: [Organic agriculture](#)
- Beyond Pesticides rating:

### Health and Environmental Effects

*See citations at end of document.*

- Cancer: Not documented
- Endocrine Disruption: Not documented
- Reproductive Effects: Not documented
- Neurotoxicity: Not documented
- Kidney/Liver Damage: Not documented
- Sensitizer/ Irritant: Yes (1)
- Birth/Developmental: Not documented
- Detected in Groundwater: Not documented
- Potential Leacher: Not documented
- Toxic to Birds: Not documented
- Toxic to Fish/Aquatic Organisms: Not documented
- Toxic to Bees: Not documented

### Additional Information

- Supporting information:
  - [Extoxnet Imezthapyr Factsheet](#) (Extension Toxicology Network)
  - [PAN Pesticides Database: Imezthapyr](#) (Pesticide Action Network)
- Studies [compiled from the [Pesticide-Induced Diseases Database](#)]
  - [A weight-of-evidence review of colorectal cancer in pesticide applicators: the agricultural health study and other epidemiologic studies.](#) Alexander DD, Weed DL, Mink PJ, Mitchell ME. 2012. Int Arch Occup Environ Health. 85(7):715-45.
  - [Heterocyclic aromatic amine pesticide use and human cancer risk: results from the U.S. Agricultural Health Study.](#) Koutros, S., et al. 2009. Int J Cancer 124(5):1206-1212.
  - [The effect of microplastics on behaviors of chiral imidazolinone herbicides in the aquatic](#)

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## Gateway Health and Environmental Effects Citations

1. Extension Toxicology Network (EXTOXNET) Pesticide Information Profiles.

<http://extoxnet.orst.edu/pips/ghindex.html>

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