

# Chemical Factsheet

## Linuron

### General Information

- Product Names:
  - Layby** (Tessenderlo Kerley) formulated with [Diuron](#)
  - Linex** (Terssenderlo Kerley)
- Chemical Class: Substituted urea herbicide
- Uses: Restricted Use Pesticide used to control germinating and newly emerging grasses and broad-leafed weeds on agricultural crops, ornamental bulbs and poplar trees.
- Alternatives: [Organic agriculture](#)
- Beyond Pesticides rating: [Toxic](#)

### Health and Environmental Effects

*See citations at end of document.*

- Cancer: Possible (1)
- Endocrine Disruption: Yes (2)
- Reproductive Effects: Yes (1)
- Neurotoxicity: Not documented
- Kidney/Liver Damage: Not documented
- Sensitizer/ Irritant: Not documented
- Birth/Developmental: Not documented
- Detected in Groundwater: Not documented
- Potential Leacher: Not documented
- Toxic to Birds: Not documented
- Toxic to Fish/Aquatic Organisms: Yes (1)
- Toxic to Bees: Not documented

### Additional Information

- Regulatory Status:
  - [EPA Tolerance Reassessment Eligibility Decision](#) (TRED) Signed (5/2002)
  - [EPA Reregistration Eligibility Decision](#) (RED) (3/1995)
- Supporting information:
  - [Exttoxnet Linuron Factsheet](#) (Extension Toxicology Network)
  - [PAN Pesticide Database - Linuron](#) (Pesticide Action Network)
- Studies [compiled from the [Pesticide-Induced Diseases Database](#)]
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- [Wastewater surveillance for assessing human exposure to pesticides: Investigating populations living near flower bulb fields](#). Bijlsma, L. et al. (2025) Wastewater surveillance for assessing human exposure to pesticides: Investigating populations living near flower bulb fields, *Journal of Environmental Chemical Engineering*. Available at: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2213343725017865>.

## Gateway Health and Environmental Effects Citations

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