

Chemical Factsheet

Thiacloprid

General Information

- Product Names:
 - **Calypso** (Bayer)
- Chemical Class: Chloronicotinoid Insecticide
- Uses: On the agricultural crops cotton and pome fruits for control of a variety of sucking insects. The primary target pests for thiacloprid on cotton are aphids and whiteflies; Psylla, codling moth and plum Curculio are the primary pests on pome fruits.
- Alternatives: [Organic agriculture](#)
- Beyond Pesticides rating:

Health and Environmental Effects

See citations at end of document.

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

Residential Uses as Found in the ManageSafe™ Database

- [Bed Bugs](#)

Additional Information

- Regulatory Status:
 - [EPA Conditional Registration Issued 9/2006](#)
- Supporting information:
 - PAN Pesticides Database: [Thiacloprid](#) (Pesticide Action Network)
- Studies [compiled from the [Pesticide-Induced Diseases Database](#)]
 - [Effects of neonicotinoid pesticide exposure on human health: a systematic review](#). Cimino AM, Boyles AL, Thayer KA, Perry MJ. 2017. Environ Health Perspect. 125:155-162
 - [Direct pesticide exposure of insects in nature conservation areas in Germany](#). Brühl, C.A., Bakanov, N., Köthe, S., Eichler, L., Sorg, M., Hörrn, T., Mühlethaler, R., Meinel, G. and Lehmann, G.U. Scientific reports, 11(1), pp.1-10.
 - [Neonicotinoids: Still present in farmland birds despite their ban](#). Fuentes, E., Gaffard, A.,

- Rodrigues, A., Millet, M., Bretagnolle, V., Moreau, J. and Monceau, K., 2023. *Chemosphere*, 321, p.138091.
- [Prevalence of neonicotinoid insecticides in paired private-well tap water and human urine samples in a region of intense agriculture overlying vulnerable aquifers in eastern Iowa.](#) Thompson, D.A., Kolpin, D.W., Hladik, M.L., Lehmler, H.J., Meppelink, S.M., Poch, M.C., Vargo, J.D., Soupene, V.A., Irfan, N.M., Robinson, M. and Kannan, K., 2023. *Chemosphere*, 319, p.137904.
 - [Infantile Internal and External Exposure to Neonicotinoid Insecticides: A Comparison of Levels across Various Sources.](#) Zhang, H., Wang, Y., Zhu, H., Lu, S., Wang, Y., Xue, J., Zhang, T., Kannan, K. and Sun, H., 2023. *Environmental Science & Technology*, 57(13), pp.5358-5367.
 - [Organic farming reduces pesticide load in a bird of prey.](#) Fuentes, E. et al. (2024) Organic farming reduces pesticide load in a bird of prey, *Science of The Total Environment*. Available at: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0048969724029255>.
 - [The molecular determinants of pesticide sensitivity in bee pollinators.](#) Bass, C. et al (2024) The molecular determinants of pesticide sensitivity in bee pollinators, *Science of The Total Environment*. Available at: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0048969724003097>.
 - [Immunosuppression in Honeybee Queens by the Neonicotinoids Thiacloprid and Clothianidin.](#) Brandt, A. et al. (2017) Immunosuppression in honeybee queens by the neonicotinoids Thiacloprid and Clothianidin, *Scientific Reports*. Available at: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/28680118/>.
 - [Interactions of traditional and biodegradable microplastics with neonicotinoid pesticides.](#) Wang, K. et al. (2024) Interactions of traditional and biodegradable microplastics with neonicotinoid pesticides, *The Science of The Total Environment*. Available at: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/38972406/>.
 - [Neonicotinoid pesticides: evidence of developmental neurotoxicity from regulatory rodent studies.](#) Sass, J.B., Donley, N. and Freese, W. (2024) Neonicotinoid pesticides: evidence of developmental neurotoxicity from regulatory rodent studies, *Frontiers in Toxicology*. Available at: <https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/toxicology/articles/10.3389/ftox.2024.1438890/full>.
 - [Neuroprotective effect of piracetam-loaded magnetic chitosan nanoparticles against thiacloprid-induced neurotoxicity in albino rats.](#) Abomosallam, M., Hendam, B.M., Abdallah, A.A. et al. Neuroprotective effect of piracetam-loaded magnetic chitosan nanoparticles against thiacloprid-induced neurotoxicity in albino rats. *Inflammopharmacol* 31, 943-965 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10787-023-01151-x>
 - [Pesticide-Induced Inflammation at a Glance.](#) Lopes-Ferreira, M. et al. (2023) 'Pesticide-induced inflammation at a glance', *Toxics*, 11(11), p. 896. doi:10.3390/toxics11110896.
 - [Current-use pesticides in vegetation, topsoil and water reveal contaminated landscapes of the Upper Rhine Valley, Germany.](#) Mauser, K.M., Wolfram, J., Spaak, J.W. et al. Current-use pesticides in vegetation, topsoil and water reveal contaminated landscapes of the Upper Rhine Valley, Germany. *Commun Earth Environ* 6, 166 (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43247-025-02118-2>
 - [Molecular Basis for Endocrine Disruption by Pesticides Targeting Aromatase and Estrogen Receptor.](#) Zhang, C., Schilirò, T., Gea, M., Bianchi, S., Spinello, A., Magistrato, A., Gilardi, G., & Di Nardo, G. (2020). Molecular Basis for Endocrine Disruption by Pesticides Targeting Aromatase and Estrogen Receptor. *International journal of environmental research and public health*, 17(16), 5664. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph17165664>
 - [Widespread Pesticide Distribution in the European Atmosphere Questions their Degradability in Air.](#) Mayer, L., Degrendele, C., Šenk, P., Kohoutek, J., Přebilová, P., Kukučka, P., Melymuk, L., Durand, A., Ravier, S., Alastuey, A., Baker, A. R., Baltensperger,

U., Baumann-Stanzer, K., Biermann, T., Bohlin-Nizzetto, P., Ceburnis, D., Conil, S., Couret, C., Degórska, A., Diapouli, E., ... Lammel, G. (2024). Widespread Pesticide Distribution in the European Atmosphere Questions their Degradability in Air. *Environmental science & technology*, 58(7), 3342–3352. Advance online publication.

<https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.est.3c08488>

- [Immunosuppression response to the neonicotinoid insecticide thiacloprid in females and males of the red mason bee *Osmia bicornis* L.](#) Brandt, A., Hohnheiser, B., Sgolastra, F. et al. Immunosuppression response to the neonicotinoid insecticide thiacloprid in females and males of the red mason bee *Osmia bicornis* L.. *Sci Rep* 10, 4670 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-020-61445-w>
- [Do novel insecticides pose a threat to beneficial insects?](#) Siviter Harry and Muth Felicity 2020 Do novel insecticides pose a threat to beneficial insects? *Proc. R. Soc. B*.28720201265 <http://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2020.1265>
- [Acute toxicity of 6 neonicotinoid insecticides to freshwater invertebrates.](#) Raby, M., Nowierski, M., Perlov, D., Zhao, X., Hao, C., Poirier, D. G., & Sibley, P. K. (2018). Acute toxicity of 6 neonicotinoid insecticides to freshwater invertebrates. *Environmental toxicology and chemistry*, 37(5), 1430–1445. <https://doi.org/10.1002/etc.4088>
- [Neonicotinoids and fertilizers jointly structure naturally assembled freshwater macroinvertebrate communities.](#) Barmantlo, S. H., Schrama, M., van Bodegom, P. M., de Snoo, G. R., Musters, C. J. M., & Vijver, M. G. (2019). Neonicotinoids and fertilizers jointly structure naturally assembled freshwater macroinvertebrate communities. *The Science of the total environment*, 691, 36–44. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2019.07.110>
- [Networks in Aquatic Communities Collapse Upon Neonicotinoid-Induced Stress.](#) Barmantlo, S. et al. (2025) Networks in Aquatic Communities Collapse Upon Neonicotinoid-Induced Stress, *Ecology Letters*. Available at: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ele.70121>.
- [Occurrence of Current-Use Pesticides in Paired Indoor Dust, Drinking Water, and Urine Samples from the United States: Risk Prioritization and Health Implications.](#) Xie, Y., Li, J., Salamova, A., & Zheng, G. (2025). Occurrence of Current-Use Pesticides in Paired Indoor Dust, Drinking Water, and Urine Samples from the United States: Risk Prioritization and Health Implications. *Environmental science & technology*, 59(25), 12507–12519. <https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.est.5c00961>
- [Milkweed in agricultural field margins - A neonicotinoid exposure route for pollinators at multiple life stages.](#) Naujokaitis-Lewis, I., Endicott, S., Gaudreault, E., Maisonneuve, F., & Robinson, S. A. (2024). Milkweed in agricultural field margins - A neonicotinoid exposure route for pollinators at multiple life stages. *The Science of the total environment*, 951, 175622. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2024.175622>
- [Honey bee \(*Apis mellifera*\) gut microbiota promotes host endogenous detoxification capability via regulation of P450 gene expression in the digestive tract.](#) Wu, Y., Zheng, Y., Chen, Y., Wang, S., Chen, Y., Hu, F., & Zheng, H. (2020). Honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) gut microbiota promotes host endogenous detoxification capability via regulation of P450 gene expression in the digestive tract. *Microbial biotechnology*, 13(4), 1201–1212. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1751-7915.13579>
- [Urinary pesticide biomarkers from adolescence to young adulthood in an agricultural setting in Ecuador: Study of secondary exposure to pesticides among children, adolescents, and adults \(ESPINA\) 2016 and 2022 examination data.](#) Parajuli, R. et al. (2025) Urinary pesticide biomarkers from adolescence to young adulthood in an agricultural setting in Ecuador: Study of secondary exposure to pesticides among children, adolescents, and adults (ESPINA) 2016 and 2022 examination data, *Data in Brief*. Available at: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352340925006067>.

- [Sub-lethal effects of six neonicotinoids on avoidance behavior and reproduction of earthworms \(*Eisenia fetida*\)](#). Ge, Jing et al. "Sub-lethal effects of six neonicotinoids on avoidance behavior and reproduction of earthworms (*Eisenia fetida*)." *Ecotoxicology and environmental safety* vol. 162 (2018): 423-429. doi:10.1016/j.ecoenv.2018.06.064
- [Metabolic Effects of a Chronic Dietary Exposure to a Low-Dose Pesticide Cocktail in Mice: Sexual Dimorphism and Role of the Constitutive Androstane Receptor](#). Lukowicz, C., Ellero-Simatos, S., Régnier, M., Polizzi, A., Lasserre, F., Montagner, A., Lippi, Y., Jamin, E. L., Martin, J. F., Naylies, C., Canlet, C., Debrauwer, L., Bertrand-Michel, J., Al Saati, T., Théodorou, V., Loiseau, N., Mselli-Lakhal, L., Guillou, H., & Gamet-Payraastre, L. (2018). *Metabolic Effects of a Chronic Dietary Exposure to a Low-Dose Pesticide Cocktail in Mice: Sexual Dimorphism and Role of the Constitutive Androstane Receptor*. *Environmental health perspectives*, 126(6), 067007. <https://doi.org/10.1289/EHP2877>
- [Reproductive risk of Neonicotinoids: A review of male rodent studies](#). Irfan, S. et al. (2025) *Reproductive Risk of Neonicotinoids: A Review of Male Rodent Studies*, *Environmental Research*. Available at: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0013935125021553>.
- [Thiacloprid impairs reproductive functions of male Wistar rats](#). Mahmoud, A. A. N., Ahmed, E. A., & Omar, A. R. (2024). *Thiacloprid impairs reproductive functions of male Wistar rats*. *Naunyn-Schmiedeberg's archives of pharmacology*, 397(8), 6197–6211. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00210-024-03025-7>
- [Reproductive effects of pubertal exposure to neonicotinoid thiacloprid in immature male mice](#). Zou, Y., Zhang, L., Yue, M., Zou, Z., Wu, X., Zhang, Q., Huang, Y., Zeng, S., Chen, C., & Gao, J. (2023). *Reproductive effects of pubertal exposure to neonicotinoid thiacloprid in immature male mice*. *Toxicology and applied pharmacology*, 474, 116629. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.taap.2023.116629>
- [Intergenerational Effects of Neonicotinoid Thiacloprid in Murine Prostate Tissue Are Associated with Epigenetic Alterations in Homeobox Hox Genes](#). Dali, O. et al. (2026) *Intergenerational Effects of Neonicotinoid Thiacloprid in Murine Prostate Tissue Are Associated with Epigenetic Alterations in Homeobox Hox Genes*, *International Journal of Molecular Sciences*. Available at: <https://www.mdpi.com/1422-0067/27/7/2921>.
- [Effects of commercial formulations of deltamethrin and/or thiacloprid on thyroid hormone levels in rat serum](#). Sekeroglu, V., Sekeroglu, Z. A., & Demirhan, E. (2014). *Effects of commercial formulations of deltamethrin and/or thiacloprid on thyroid hormone levels in rat serum*. *Toxicology and industrial health*, 30(1), 40–46. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0748233712448114>
- [Sex-specific transgenerational effects on murine thyroid gland imposed by ancestral exposure to neonicotinoid thiacloprid](#). Diba Lahmidi, M., Le Noc, M., Dali, O. et al. *Sex-specific transgenerational effects on murine thyroid gland imposed by ancestral exposure to neonicotinoid thiacloprid*. *Sci Rep* 14, 13047 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-024-63986-w>
- [Transgenerational epigenetic effects imposed by neonicotinoid thiacloprid exposure](#). Dali, O., D'Cruz, S., Legoff, L., Diba Lahmidi, M., Heitz, C., Merret, P. E., Kernanec, P. Y., Pakdel, F., & Smagulova, F. (2023). *Transgenerational epigenetic effects imposed by neonicotinoid thiacloprid exposure*. *Life science alliance*, 7(2), e202302237. <https://doi.org/10.26508/lsa.202302237>
- [Human biomonitoring of urinary neonicotinoids and their metabolites by ultra-high performance liquid chromatography tandem with mass spectrometry and their association with oxidative stress](#). Deng, F., Jia, X., Peng, R., Yuan, J., Pan, X., Li, J., & Tan, L. (2025). *Human biomonitoring of urinary neonicotinoids and their metabolites by ultra-high performance liquid chromatography tandem with mass spectrometry and their association with oxidative stress*. *Journal of pharmaceutical and biomedical analysis*, 265,

117019. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpba.2025.117019>

- [A worldwide survey of neonicotinoids in honey](#). Mitchell, E. A. D., Mulhauser, B., Mulot, M., Mutabazi, A., Glauser, G., & Aebi, A. (2017). A worldwide survey of neonicotinoids in honey. *Science (New York, N.Y.)*, 358(6359), 109–111. <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aan3684>

Gateway Health and Environmental Effects Citations

1. U.S. EPA, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, New Active Ingredients Factsheets: <http://web.archive.org/web/20120107215849/http://www.epa.gov/opprd001/factsheets/index.htm>
2. The Pesticide Management Education Program at Cornell University. Pesticide Active Ingredient Information. <http://pmep.cce.cornell.edu/profiles/index.html>.

Factsheet generated on May 20, 2026