

# Chemical Factsheet

## Coumaphos

### General Information

- Product Names:
  - CO-RAL emulsifiable livestock insecticide (Bayer)
  - Checkmite+ bee hive pest control strip (Bayer)
  - Corathon (Bayer) formulated with [Diazinon](#)
  - Y-TEX CO-RAL livestock dust (Y-TEX)
  - Balcom zipcide cattle dust bag (Chem-Tech LTD.)
  - Shaker duster (Ritepack Inc.)
- Chemical Class: Organophosphate
- Uses: fleas grubs and ticks on cattle sheep goats horses and swine
- Alternatives: [Organic agriculture](#)
- Beyond Pesticides rating: [Toxic](#)

### Health and Environmental Effects

*See citations at end of document.*

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

### Additional Information

- Regulatory Status:
  - [EPA Reregistration Eligibility Decision \(RED\)](#). 1996.
- Studies [compiled from the [Pesticide-Induced Diseases Database](#)]
  - [Coumaphos exposure and incident cancer among male participants in the Agricultural Health Study \(AHS\)](#). Christensen CH, Platz EA, Andreotti G, et al. 2010. Environ Health Perspect. 118(1):92-6
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- [Associations of specific pesticides and incident rheumatoid arthritis among female spouses in the Agricultural Health Study](#). Parks, C. et al. (2025) Associations of specific pesticides and incident rheumatoid arthritis among female spouses in the Agricultural Health Study, *Arthritis & Rheumatology*. Available at: <https://acrjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/art.43318>.
- [Pesticides residues and metabolites in honeybees: A Greek overview exploring Varroa and Nosema potential synergies](#). Kasiotis, Konstantinos M et al. "Pesticides residues and metabolites in honeybees: A Greek overview exploring Varroa and Nosema potential synergies." *The Science of the total environment* vol. 769 (2021): 145213. doi:10.1016/j.scitotenv.2021.145213

## Gateway Health and Environmental Effects Citations

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