

Chemical Factsheet

Profenofos

General Information

- Product Names:
CURACRON 8E INSECTICIDE-MITICIDE
- Chemical Class: Organophosphate insecticide/miticide
- Uses: Restricted use only on cotton crops to control the tobacco budworm, cotton bollworm, armyworm, cotton aphid, whiteflies, spider mites, plant bugs, and fleahoppers.
- Alternatives: Organic Agriculture
- Beyond Pesticides rating: [Toxic](#)

Health and Environmental Effects

See citations at end of document.

- Cancer: Not documented
- Endocrine Disruption: Suggestive (1)
- Reproductive Effects: Not documented
- Neurotoxicity: Yes (2)
- 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: Yes (2)
- Toxic to Fish/Aquatic Organisms: Yes (2)
- Toxic to Bees: Yes (2)

Additional Information

- Regulatory Status:
 - [EPA factsheet Registration Eligibility Document \(2006\)](#)
- Supporting information:
 - [Occurrence of Cotton Pesticides in Surface Water of The Mississippi Embayment](#)
- Studies [compiled from the [Pesticide-Induced Diseases Database](#)]
 - [Immune response of Brazilian farmers exposed to multiple pesticides](#). Jacobsen-Pereira, C.H. et al. (2020) 'Immune response of Brazilian farmers exposed to multiple pesticides', *Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety*, 202, p. 110912. doi:10.1016/j.ecoenv.2020.110912.
 - [Case fatality of agricultural pesticides after self-poisoning in Sri Lanka: a prospective cohort study](#). Buckley, N. A., Fahim, M., Raubenheimer, J., Gawarammana, I. B., Eddleston, M., Roberts, M. S., & Dawson, A. H. (2021). Case fatality of agricultural pesticides after self-poisoning in Sri Lanka: a prospective cohort study. *The Lancet. Global health*, 9(6), e854–e862. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X\(21\)00086-3](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X(21)00086-3)
 - [Insecticide Mixtures Could Enhance the Toxicity of Insecticides in a Resistant Dairy](#)

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Gateway Health and Environmental Effects Citations

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