

Chemical Factsheet

Isoxaflutole

General Information

- Product Names:
 - BALANCE PRO
 - EPIC DF
 - CORVUS
 - PREQUEL
- Chemical Class: Isoxazole herbicide
- Uses: For use on field corn for the control of annual broadleaf weeds
- Alternatives: Organic Agriculture
- Beyond Pesticides rating: [Toxic](#)

Health and Environmental Effects

See *citations at end of document*.

- Cancer: Likely (1)
- Endocrine Disruption: Yes (2)
- Reproductive Effects: Yes (1)
- Neurotoxicity: Not documented
- Kidney/Liver Damage: Yes (3, 1, 2)
- Sensitizer/ Irritant: Not documented
- Birth/Developmental: Yes (3, 1)
- Detected in Groundwater: Yes (4)
- Potential Leacher: Yes (5)
- Toxic to Birds: Not documented
- Toxic to Fish/Aquatic Organisms: Yes (3)
- Toxic to Bees: Not documented

Additional Information

- Regulatory Status:
 - [EPA Factsheet](#)
 - [Petition for Determination of Nonregulated Status of Cotton Genetically Engineered for Resistance to Glyphosate and Isoxaflutole](#)
- Supporting information:
 - [Fluoride Action Network](#)
 - [WHO Review](#)
- Studies [compiled from the [Pesticide-Induced Diseases Database](#)]
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- [**Impact of Endocrine Disrupting Pesticide Use on Obesity: A Systematic Review.**](#) Pérez-Bermejo, M. et al. (2024) Impact of Endocrine Disrupting Pesticide Use on Obesity: A Systematic Review, *Biomedicines*. Available at: <https://www.mdpi.com/2227-9059/12/12/2677>.
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Gateway Health and Environmental Effects Citations

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