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FEDERAL WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD

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This fact sheet lists the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) fact sheets specifically for agricultural workers.

This fact sheet was developed as part of the Comprehensive Worker Protection Standard Awareness Project for Colorado.

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WPS Fact Sheets for Employers of Agricultural Workers

The [Worker Protection Standard](#) (WPS) was issued in 1992 by the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) (EPA). This regulation applies where pesticides are used in production of agricultural plants for commercial or research purposes on farms, forests, nurseries, greenhouses, and related structures. It covers pesticide applicators, mixer/loaders, disposers of pesticide containers, and those who may be exposed to a pesticide residue on the job. Both general-use and restricted-use pesticides are covered by WPS. The regulations have exposure reduction measures that will reduce the risk of pesticide poisonings and injuries among agricultural workers and pesticide handlers.

WPS is a very complex regulation. This fact sheet is intended only as a resource about some of the requirements under WPS.

Omissions or oversights within these pages do not exempt people from complying with the standard. The complete WPS regulations are detailed in EPA's *Protect Yourself from Pesticides: Guide for Agricultural Workers*.

Colorado Environmental Pesticide Education Program (CEPEP) and the U.S. EPA National Agricultural Center have a number of WPS materials and information available for viewing or printing. You may also request information to be sent via post office on their website, by writing or calling. These materials are meant for the agricultural community to better understand WPS and how it applies to the agricultural worker. Please note that some fact sheets are available in both Spanish and English.

Fact Sheets

- [Agrichemicals: Worker Protection Standard - About Eyeflush Requirements](#) (PDF) 3 pp. 1998, (EPA-305-F-98-028)
- [Heat Stress](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #133 (PDF) 3 pp. 2004
- [What are Pesticides?](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #101 (PDF) 2 pp. 2004
- [Federal Worker Protection Standard](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #124 (PDF) 4 pp. 2004
- [Federal Worker Protection Standard Emergency Medical Assistance](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #422 (PDF) 2 pp. 2003
- [Federal Worker Protection Standard Key Definitions](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #425 (PDF) 2 pp. 2004
- [Federal Worker Protection Standard Resources](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #424 (PDF) 4 pp. 2003

Guides

English

- [Protect Yourself from Pesticides: Guide for Agricultural Workers](#) (PDF), 43 pp. 1993, (EPA 735-B-93-002)
- [Protect Yourself from Pesticides/ Pretejase de los Pesticidas \(English/Spanish\)](#), 28 pp. 1995, (EPA 735-F-95-002) Written by NASD, available at EPA Ag Center

Spanish/Español

- Protect Yourself from Pesticides - Guide for Agricultural Workers/Proteja-se contra Pesticidas - Guia para los Trabajadores Agricolas, 48 pp. 2003, (EPA 735-B-03-002)
- [Protect Yourself from Pesticides/ Pretejase de los Pesticidas \(English/Spanish\)](#), 28 pp. 1995, (EPA 735-F-95-002) Escrito por NASD, disponible al EPA Centro de Agricultura sitio de internet

Contact Information

U.S. EPA National Ag Center

The Ag Center is a helpful resource for those in the agricultural community who need information on compliance with environmental regulations. For information in Spanish you can contact:

- **Lina Yones**
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- **Main Office**
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U.S. EPA Region 8

EPA Region 8 serves the state of Colorado as well as tribal governments throughout the state and has primary authority to enforce WPS regulations. It supports state agencies and also provides resources guidance and assistance directly to local groups involved with environmental protection.

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Colorado Environmental Pesticide Education Program

The Pesticide Safety Education Program of CEPEP is a part of the state-wide cooperative extension program located in Fort Collins at Colorado State University (CSU). It offers a wealth of information about handbooks and training guides, training videos, worker protection standard resources, CEPEP fact sheets about pesticide safety and pesticide disposal resources.

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National Agricultural Safety Database (NASD)

The National Agricultural Safety Database was created by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health. Its purpose is to provide materials and information related to prevention of agricultural occupational hazards for agricultural employees by promoting awareness and providing information that is easily accessible. These materials can be used as a supplement to EPA WPS guides and manuals explaining WPS regulations.

- Internet: www.cdc.gov/nasd/

Child and Migrant Services, Inc. services include helping farm workers attain basic needs such as food, shelter, employment, and referrals for health care, emergency financial assistance, and translation services. All settled farm workers, migrant workers, and their families are eligible for services.

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