

# SLUG PELLETT APPLICATOR TESTING



The Sustainable Use Directive (SUD)\* requires all pesticide application equipment to be tested by the relevant dates.



## SUD and assurance scheme requirements

- First test due before the machine is 5 years old
- Re-test every 6 years

## The NSTS test includes

- Inspection of the applicator prior to a tray test
- Tray test to confirm working width and evenness of spread
- Electronic certificate of all test results

\* The legal requirements are contained in the Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations 2012



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The guidelines highlighted previously form the backbone of diligent use for all slug pellets. Adhering to these principles helps to ensure optimum performance whilst maintaining a balanced approach to protect the environment, operators, and bystanders.

- Abiding by the guidelines can make a difference
- Continuing to make pelleting decisions on a field by field basis, utilising traps to ensure an application of pellets is made only when thresholds have been reached, forms part of the solution.

## Guidelines

- Always follow the product label
- Calibrate applicators using a dummy pellet of the product you are going to use
- Ensure applicators are set up correctly and have a current NSTS test certificate
- Use minimum active per ha and base target use on monitored populations
- Avoid application when heavy rain is forecast
- Take care around field boundaries and avoid off target application

Further information about slug control can be found at:

[www.getpelletwise.co.uk](http://www.getpelletwise.co.uk)

[ahdb.org.uk/slugs](http://ahdb.org.uk/slugs)



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