SPRAYER TESTING





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

Legal requirements

First test due before the machine is 5 years old

1. Boom sprayers over 3 metres, air blast sprayers, train and aircraft sprayers

   Re-test every 3 years

2. Booms 3 metres and under, slug pellet & micro-granular applicators, weed wipers, seed treatment, manually propelled or self-propelled trolley type equipment with 3 or more wheels & a motorised pump, and other specialist equipment

   Re-test every 6 years

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3. Knapsack, handheld and pedestrian** equipment
   a. Must be checked on a regular basis by a competent person
   b. Make any repairs necessary
   c. Keep a record

** Maximum 2 wheels or with a manually pressurised pump

Crop assurance scheme requirements

a. Annual testing for sprayers over 3 metres and air blast sprayers
b. Annual testing of granular nematicide applicators
c. All other equipment to SUD timescales

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

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DECISION TREE FOR EQUIPMENT
OVER 5 YEARS OLD

Sprayer Type

- Trailed, Mounted, Self Propelled
  - **Boom Width**
    - Over 3 Metres
      - **Tested in the last 3 years?**
        - Yes
          - **Next Test Due**
            - Within 3 Years
              - **Re-test Due**
                - Every 3 years
            - Now – sprayer is out of test
        - No
          - **Next Test Due**
            - Within 6 Years
              - **Re-test Due**
                - Every 6 years
            - Now – sprayer is out of test
    - 3 Metres and under and other application equipment*
      - **Tested in the last 6 years?**
        - Yes
          - **Next Test Due**
            - Within 6 Years
              - **Re-test Due**
                - Every 6 years
            - Now – sprayer is out of test
        - No
          - **Next Test Due**
            - Within 6 Years
              - **Re-test Due**
                - Every 6 years
            - Now – sprayer is out of test
- Knapsack Handheld Pedestrian**
  ** Maximum 2 wheels or with a manually pressurised pump
  - Inspected on a regular basis by a competent person
  - Repair any faults found
  - Keep a record
  - Use the NSTS checklist



* Slug pellet and micro-granular applicators
* Weed wipers
* Seed treating equipment (incl. conveyor and roller table)
* Fogging, misting and smoking equipment
* Manually propelled or self-propelled trolley type equipment with 3 or more wheels & a motorised pump
* Other equipment may fall into this category

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