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Thou shall select a legal, approved CPA that will accomplish the task effectively, in the least harmful way possible.

2

Thou shall properly train all family and employees on the hazards and the allowed field re-entry time.

3

Thou shall fully read and follow the label of the chemical being applied. (This is the law!)

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Thou shall provide training specific to the chemical for every person who may mix, apply or come in contact.

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Thou shall properly and securely store all CPA's when not in use, locked and out of reach of children.

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Thou shall not allow anyone under age 18 to mix, apply or have access to CPA's

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Thou shall not allow pregnant or nursing women to mix, apply or be in contact with CPA's

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Thou shall keep full and accurate records of all CPA's stored or used on the farm.

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Thou shall train on, provide and ensure use of all PPE required during mixing or application.

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Thou shall properly dispose of any unused CPA's and containers, according to label requirements.

Training

Health & Safety Training guides workers in improving their awareness of how to work safely on the farm.

Focus areas:

- ⇒ *Safe field re-entry times and placards*
- ⇒ *Specialized training for employees mixing and applying CPA's;*
- ⇒ *Providing orientation on wearing PPE during CPAs spraying;*
- ⇒ *Reading and understanding the product label;*
- ⇒ *Correct use of spray nozzles to ensure tobacco integrity.*



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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



During practical portions of training, participants should be shown the dangers of not using PPE when handling the spraying mechanism used for pesticides and CPAs.

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Thanks! Gracias! Obrigado!



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