



## The Pesticide Label

A pesticide label displays several kinds of important information which the user must first familiarize with prior to use of the product (Fig. 1). To differentiate its product from similar chemicals sold on the market by competitors, a manufacturer identifies every pesticide using a trade/brand name. Unfortunately, it is this name (appearing in large font size) which most extension workers, agronomists and farmers commit to memory instead of the active ingredient(s) (appearing in smaller font size). Of the two, the name of the active ingredient(s) is the one to memorize as it is the internationally recognized chemical name of the actual poison.

**Hazard Statements**  
Harmful if swallowed  
Harmful if inhaled  
Harmful to aquatic life

**TRADE NAME**

Registration no.: .....

Net Content: ..... L or g

Agricultural insecticide which controls .....

**Precautionary Statements**  
Keep under lock and key and out of reach of children  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
Avoid contact with skin or eyes

**Active ingredient(s):** ..... %  
**Other ingredients:** ..... %

**Storage and Disposal**

This is the most important name to remember when buying or giving pesticide recommendations

**Directions for use**

Crop	Dosage	Comments
Crop/pest 1	... - ... ml/ha	.....
Crop/pest 2	... - ... ml/ha	.....
Crop/pest 3	... - ... ml/ha	.....

**First Aid:**

**Shelf Life:**

**Manufacturer**  
Contact details

**Warranty:**

Fig. 1: Information on a typical pesticide label