

WHAT IS KEEP IT CLEAN?

Keep it Clean is a joint initiative of the Canola Council of Canada, Pulse Canada, Cereals Canada, Barley Council of Canada and Prairie Oat Growers Association, that provides growers like you with resources for growing crops that meet the requirements of our domestic and export customers.

You can find helpful information on the use of crop protection products, along with agronomic practices to reduce market risk, at keepingitclean.ca

Understanding MRLs and PHI

Two acronyms that frequently come up when talking about growing a market-ready crop are MRL and PHI.

- MRL – or maximum residue limit, is the maximum amount of pesticide residue that is expected to remain on harvested grain when the pesticide is used according to label directions. If a shipment is turned back because of unacceptable residues, it could result in millions of dollars of lost revenue and damage to Canada's reputation for consistency and quality.
- PHI – or pre-harvest interval, is the minimum number of days that must pass between spraying pesticides or desiccants and swathing or straight-cutting the crop. If the crop is harvested too soon, too much residue may remain on the grain, which could put the crop's marketability at risk. *Be sure to read the label to verify the PHI before spraying.*

Why Keep it Clean?

As a grower, you play an important role in protecting valuable markets and maintaining Canada's global reputation as a supplier of high-quality pulse crops. Always keep market-readiness top of mind at every step in the growing season.

FIVE SIMPLE TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PULSES READY FOR MARKET



1. USE ACCEPTABLE PESTICIDES ONLY

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2. ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW THE LABEL

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3. MANAGE DISEASE PRESSURES

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4. STORE YOUR CROP PROPERLY

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5. DELIVER WHAT YOU DECLARE

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Review the Pulse MRL Advisory for the 2020 products of concern and check with your grain buyer before spraying to ensure the crop protection products you plan to use are acceptable to domestic and export customers.

If you have questions about product usage or steps for growing a market-ready crop, please reach out to your agronomist or ag retailer and be sure to visit keepingitclean.ca for the latest updates and information.

We are all in this together – let's all do our part to Keep it Clean.

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