

COMPLAINT SUMMARY FOR 2000

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture Pesticide Enforcement Division reports the following complaints for the 2000 use season (October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000).

COMPLAINT	ACTION	AERIAL or GROUND
1. Elevator storing pesticides over elevator pit and illegal sales of RUP's	\$200 on illegal sales. Warning on pesticide storage	NA
2. 13 head of cattle died from Phorate poison. Thinks it is from water in slough.	Water checked negative – could not prove where Phorate came from	NA
3. Wholesaler is substituting generic bulk pesticides for name brand products. Soil contamination at facility.	Under investigation	NA
4. Repackaging bulk chemicals into 2½ gal. containers. Labeling with magic marker.	\$3000-2500 Suspended for two years	NA
5. Drift into feed lot – cattle off feed	No violation	
6. Commercial applicator spraying in wind	\$100	G
7. 2,4,D drift onto trees	\$400	A
8. Bronate drift into farmyard – farmers to emergency room	\$400	G
9. Farmers spraying in very strong winds	\$100	G
10. Farmers spraying in very strong winds	\$100	G
11. Roundup drift into organic barley	\$500	G
12. Drift onto shelter belt - strong winds	Pending – still under investigation	A
13. Neighbor sprayed Sonalan, vapors moved into neighbors field – farmer very sick – to hospital	No violation	G
14. Commercial applicator sprayed wrong Treflan rate for wheat field. Confusion on what crop to be planted	\$200	G
15. Commercial application firms are applying Rezults B & G at separate spray applications	1. No violation 2. \$950 - sprayed Rezults B followed with Rezults G	G G
16. Farmer sprayed near housing subdivision in strong winds – drifted into yards	No violation	G
17. Farmer does custom work – has huge pile of unrinsed containers	Containers were burned when inspector arrived. Warning letter	G
18. Commercial applicator sprayed non-Round-up Ready canola with Round-up	\$200	G
19. Puma-Starane-Sword drift into commercial garden and farmyard	\$1775 Revoke certification	A
20. Farmer sprayed Roundup onto adjacent field. Killed crop or airplane dumped load on field	Cutworms	G & A
21. Commercial applicator drifted LV6 onto trees	\$400	G
22. Roundup drift onto farmstead and garden	Under investigation. Pending	G
23. Airplanes dumping spray tanks over soybean field. Several neighbors witnessed	No violation. Could not prove.	A
24. Commercial applicator sprayed trees within 15-20 feet of children in sandbox	\$200	G
25. Drift from adjacent field when neighbor sprayed	No violation	G
26. Commercial applicator sprayed wheat field. Had Roundup residue in spray tank	\$400	G
27. Commercial applicator sprayed cornfield. Had Roundup residue in spray tank	\$400	G
28. City crew spraying for mosquitoes – child rode bicycle through spray fog	No violation	G
29. Discover sprayed on barley field by mistake	\$200	A
30. Drift into farmstead	\$1375 Repeat violations	A
31. Starane–Curtail—and—Assert drift onto shelter belt	Pending	
32. Aerial applicator deliberately sprayed shelter belt to kill trees	No violation	A
33. Commercial applicator sprayed - poor weed control paid to much	No violation	G
34. Irrigator is chemigating through surface water – pivot wheels go through water	Irrigator said he was applying fertilizer. Turned off fertigation when irrigator passed through water. Outcome pending	G
35. County weed board sprayed willows in ditch. Killed garden	Pending	G
36. Beekeeper fumigated house with Cyanide to kill bee swarm	Referred to County States Attorney	NA
37. Commercial applicator has abundance of unrinsed pesticide containers in town – public is upset – equipment leaking on ground	\$2775 Clean up site	G
38. Beekeeper is using Co-Ral to control hive beetles during honey flow	Beekeeper left CheckMite strips in hives during honey flow – numerous hives \$48,875	G
39. Evergreen & other trees dying in yard. Thinks it is pesticide damage.	Pending	G
40. Commercial applicator hired by township drifted into farmstead	\$400	G
41. Drift onto farmstead by farmers & aerial applicator	Pending	G & A
42. Sugarbeet chemical drifted onto wheat field	Pending	G
43. Drift onto farmstead from aerial application	Pending	A
44. Drift onto trees and alfalfa – thinks it was done by aerial applicator	Pending	A
45. Commercial lawn spray applicator is spraying on a very windy day	\$100	G
46. Commercial lawn sprayed wheat. Did not use enough water. Spray did not work	Under investigation	
47. County weed board sprayer waits until very windy days before applying pesticides onto right of way	\$1000	G
48. Discover sprayed onto barley. Thought it would be cleared within a few days.	\$5000	G
49. Too many pesticides being used. Has spray damage all over yard and trees	No violation	NA
50. Local business selling Tempo in individual packets	\$100	NA
51. Beekeeper not removing Coumaphos CheckMite and strips during honey flow	\$3200	NA