

Diversification

- There's no single solution when it comes to crop protection.
- Pesticides are one tool farmers can use to complement other plant protection practices.
- Tillage, crop rotation, and proper timing of planting, are common and effective practices that farmers use to help control pests and weeds.

Precision

- Pesticides work best when used in the right place, at the right time and in the right amount.
- Pest and weed levels change every season, so farmers adapt to use only what's necessary.
- Modern tools like GPS guidance on sprayers and site-specific nozzles help farmers use only as much as needed.



Training/Certification

- Most farmers regularly complete pesticide training and certification as required by their state.
- State Pesticide Safety Education Programs (PSEP) provide information on the safe, precise and effective use of pesticides.
- Training and certification are done in conjunction with the use of specific labeled instructions that accompany products.

Transparency

- Before pesticides can be sold and used, they have to be reviewed and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- Everyone has a right to know about the safety of pesticides.
- Pesticide safety information is available online to keep consumers informed.

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