



KEEP metaldehyde out of water!

THINK AHEAD – Effective slug control requires a long term strategy

FIELD RISK ASSESSMENT

- Slug history?
- Soil type and condition?
- Previous crop?
- Weather: Current and forecast?
- Time of year?
- Trapping results?

IS CONTROL REQUIRED?

NO – keep monitoring

YES

IPM OPTIONS

- Cultivations prior to drilling
- Slug pellets – which active to use?
- Consolidation – rolling
- Slug pellets admixed with seed at drilling?
- Seed treatment (if available)

If you are going to use metaldehyde please follow the guidelines overleaf

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For more information...

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ALWAYS READ THE LABEL. USE PESTICIDES SAFELY.



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WHEN TO TREAT

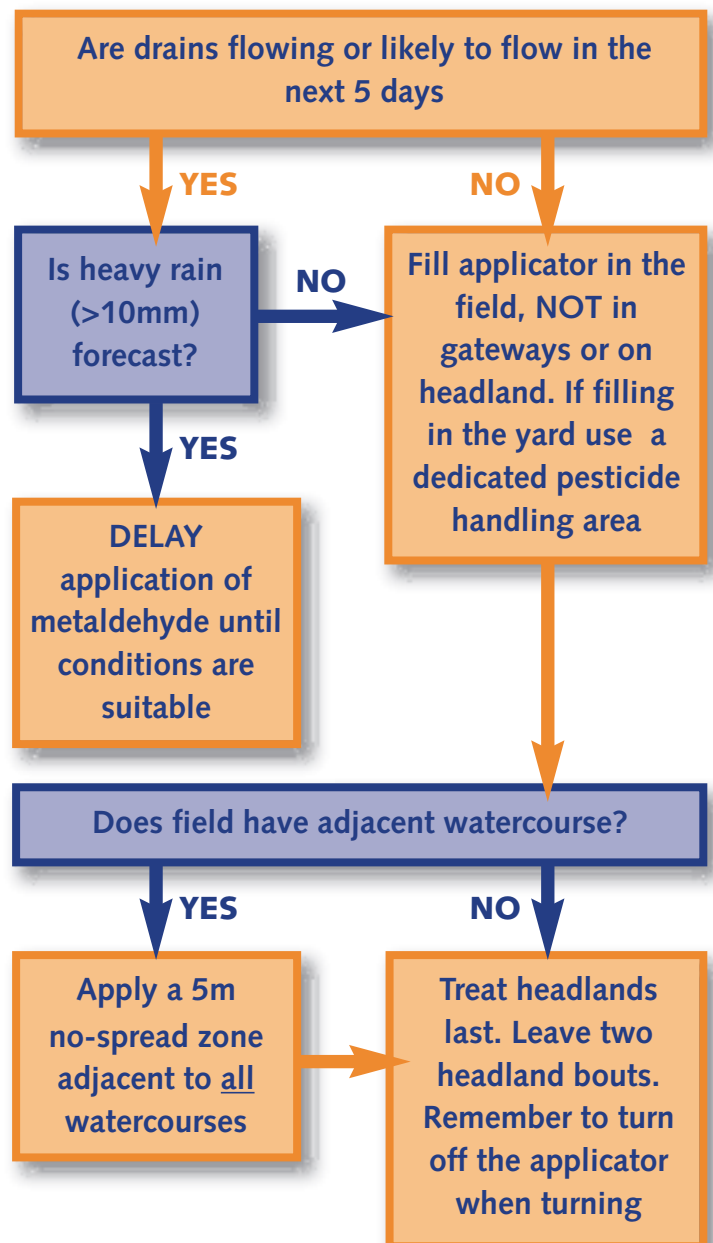
- When risk assessment suggests economic threshold is reached
 - **Trapping results**
Winter Wheat: 4 or more slugs / trap
Oilseed Rape: 4 or more slugs in previous crop or 1 slug in previous stubble
- Treat early to avoid slug damage and multiple applications
Consider control in the previous crop

WHERE TO TREAT

- Leave a minimum 5m no spread zone (4m no spread + 1m cross compliance) adjacent to all watercourses
 - Do NOT treat ditches, vegetated field margins or buffers
 - Do NOT apply to saturated soils
 - Avoid making applications in windy conditions.
- If you can't spray don't pellet**

TREATMENT GUIDELINES

- Ensure operator is trained
- Use the minimum dose rate required to achieve control
- **Apply no more than 700g of metaldehyde / ha / year**
- **Apply no more than 250g of metaldehyde / ha for a single application**
- Calibrate applicator for each different pellet type
- Check spread width. This will be influenced by height of applicator, disc speed, topography, wind speed and direction
- Take advice from a BASIS qualified agronomist



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CLEANING UP

- Brush down applicator in the middle of the field before leaving
- Store application equipment under cover
- Dispose of packaging and PPE through a waste disposal contractor