

# **Pest Risk Assessment Guideline**

Learn more about (Class 12 pesticide) neonicotinoid rules and how to perform a pest risk assessment on your farm. You are required to complete this assessment if you plant neonicotinoid-treated corn or soybean seed.

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# Overview

Ontario Regulation 63/09 (O. Reg. 63/09), made under the *Pesticides Act,* sets out a class of pesticides that consists of corn and soybean seeds treated with imidacloprid, thiamethoxam or clothianidin. This class is referred to as Class 12 pesticides. Class 12 pesticides include corn seeds grown for grain or silage and soybean seed.

In accordance with O Reg 63/09, Class 12 pesticides may be used on a farm property where a pest risk assessment report has confirmed that pest numbers, stand loss percentage or pest risk criteria have been met or exceeded, as outlined in this guideline.

#### Pest risk assessment methods

- Inspection of Soil assists in determining if pests are present above certain numbers.
- **Inspection of Crop** assists in determining if stand loss caused by pests is present above stand loss percentages.
- **Pest Risk Criteria** assists in determining if a farm property has factors that increase its risk for pests.

#### Pest risk assessment report

A pest risk assessment report summarizes relevant information pertaining to the pest risk assessment that was conducted and is required to be completed in order to purchase and use Class 12

pesticides. The pest risk assessment report only needs to be completed once per farm property. This means the pest risk assessment does not need to be repeated yearly.

If you have previously completed a pest assessment report that was prepared and signed under O. Reg. 63/09 prior to April 9, 2020, you may continue to use that report to purchase and use Class 12 pesticides.

This document, entitled Pest Risk Assessment Guideline ("the Guideline"), sets out the methods that must be used to perform a pest risk assessment for the purpose of section 3 of O. Reg. 63/09. A pest risk assessment that is not performed in accordance with this Guideline will not meet the legal requirements of O. Reg. 63/09.

As set out in paragraph 3 of subsection 3(1) of O. Reg. 63/09, a pest risk assessment report **must** confirm one of the following:

- Pest Risk Assessment Method 1 Inspection of soil: An inspection of the soil was conducted at the farm property in accordance with the Pest Risk Assessment Guideline and the presence of one or more of the pests referred to in the Guideline was detected in a number that was equal to or greater than the applicable number required to be detected under the Guideline in order to use a Class 12 pesticide.
- Pest Risk Assessment Method 2 Inspection of a crop: An inspection of a crop was conducted at the farm property in accordance with the Pest Risk Assessment Guideline and the inspection detected a percentage of stand loss caused by one or more of the pests referred to in the Guideline that was equal to or greater than the applicable percentage required to be detected under the Guideline in order to use a Class 12 pesticide.
- Pest Risk Assessment Method 3 Pest risk criteria: An assessment was conducted at the farm property and one or more of the pest risk criteria set out in the Pest Risk Assessment Guideline were met.

This Guideline sets out:

- the types of pests to look for when conducting an inspection of soil;
- the numbers of pests that must be present or percentage of stand loss caused by those pests in order to be allowed to use a Class 12 pesticide at the farm property;
- the steps required to be taken to perform a pest risk assessment by an inspection of soil to determine the presence of those pests (for example, Method 1);
- the steps required to be taken to perform a pest risk assessment by an inspection of a crop to determine percentage of stand loss (for example, Method 2) caused by those pests;
- the pest risk criteria list to determine a farm property is at an increased risk for pests (for example, Method 3)

# Definitions

#### "bean leaf beetle"

means the bean leaf beetle when in its adult life stage;

#### "corn rootworm"

means any of the following species of insects when in their larval life stage:

- Northern corn rootworm
- Western corn rootworm;

#### "grub"

means any of the following species of insects when in their larval life stage:

- European chafer
- Japanese beetle
- June beetle;

#### "Regulation"

means Ontario Regulation 63/09 (General) made under the Pesticides Act,

#### "wireworm"

means click beetle when in its larval life stage.

For ease of reference, it is noted that O. Reg. 63/09 provides the following definitions of terms that are used in this Guideline:

#### "farm property"

means an area of land used for an agricultural operation, part of an agricultural operation or more than one agricultural operation;

#### "stand loss"

means crop damage, such as,

- (a) the failure of plants to emerge; or
- (b) stunted, damaged or dead plants that occur as the result of a lack of plant vigour;

# Pests

When conducting an inspection of soil, one or more of the following pests must be detected:

- grub
- wireworm

When conducting an inspection of a soybean crop, the stand loss must be caused by one or more of the following pests:

- grub
- wireworm
- seedcorn maggot
- bean leaf beetle

When conducting an inspection of a corn crop, the stand loss must be caused by one or more of the following pests:

- grub
- wireworm
- corn rootworm
- seedcorn maggot

# Thresholds for use of a Class 12 pesticide

#### Number of pests detected

An average of 2 grubs per scouting location averaged over 5 scouting locations must be detected.

An average of 1 wireworm per scouting location averaged over 5 scouting locations must be detected.

#### Percentage stand loss

The percentage stand loss for a corn crop is 15%.

The percentage stand loss for a soybean crop is 30%.

## Pest risk assessment method 1 - Inspection of soil

An inspection of soil is used to determine whether there are grubs or wireworms present at a farm property in a number that meets or exceeds the numbers set out in this Guideline. The following steps must be taken in order to perform an inspection of soil:

- 1. The first step is to identify at least five locations in which to scout for grubs or wireworms. Each location must be at least 10 metres away in all directions from any other location.
- 2. The second step is to perform scouting in each location identified in Step 1. Scout for grubs using the **digging scouting technique** described below. Scout for wireworms using either the **digging scouting technique**, or the **bait trap scouting technique** described below.
  - Digging Scouting Technique

Dig a hole with a surface area of approximately 30 cm by 30 cm to a depth of 7cm -10 cm and sift through the soil removed from the hole, breaking up any clumps of soil to observe any grubs or wireworms within the soil and hole. Count and record the number of grubs and wireworms observed in the soil and hole in each of the locations.

#### • Bait Trap Scouting Technique

Dig a hole with a surface area of approximately 15 cm by 15 cm to a depth of approximately 15 cm and place approximately 1 cup of bait into the hole. Fill in the hole with soil, breaking up any clumps of soil to cover the bait. Mound the soil to prevent standing water. You may wish to place a flag at the location of the hole to ensure finding the hole later. Seven to 10 days after preparing the bait trap, dig out the bait to observe any wireworms. Count and record the number of wireworms observed in each of the locations.

Examples of bait include, but are not limited to:

- o 1 cup of equal parts of soaked untreated corn seed and untreated wheat seed
- 1 cup of flour
- 1 cup of freshly cut potatoes

- 3. After the scouting set out in Step 2 is performed at each of the locations identified in Step 1, the third step is to calculate the average number of grubs and wireworms per scouting location identified in Step 1.
  - To calculate the average number of grubs, add together the number of grubs observed in five scouting locations and divide by five.
  - To calculate the average number of wireworms, add together the number of wireworms observed in five scouting locations and divide by five.

A Class 12 pesticide may be used at the farm property provided that the Pest Risk Assessment Report indicates that:

- the average number of grubs observed in the five scouting locations within the area is 2 or greater;
- the average number of wireworms observed in the five scouting locations within the area is 1 or greater.

A farm property that meets this criteria must be sketched, clearly indicating the scouting locations, in a pest risk assessment report prepared for the purposes of section 3 of the Regulation.

# Pest risk assessment method 2 - Inspection of a crop

An inspection of a crop is used to determine whether the stand loss in a corn or soybean crop that was caused by one or more of the pests set out in this Guideline meets or exceeds the percentage of stand loss set out in this Guideline for that crop.

An inspection of crop is used to determine whether:

- damage to corn plants was caused by one or more of the following pests: grubs, wireworms, seedcorn maggots or corn rootworms; or
- damage to soybean plants was caused by one or more of the following pests: grubs, wireworms, seedcorn maggots or bean leaf beetles.

The following steps must be taken in order to perform an inspection of crop:

- 1. The first step is to identify an area on the farm property on which corn or soybean crops were planted with seed that is not a Class 12 pesticide in which stand loss is detected.
- 2. The second step is to identify, for the area identified in Step 1, at least five locations in which:
  - to inspect for stand loss ("stand loss location"); and
  - there is no stand loss evident ("non-stand loss location").

The following criteria must also be met:

- The number of non-stand loss locations identified must be the same as the number of stand loss locations identified.
- Each location must be at least 10 metres away in all directions from any other location.
- The size of each location planted with corn shall be determined using the Row Plant Technique set out in Appendix 1 of this Guideline.

- The size of each location planted with soybean shall be determined using either the Row Plant Technique or the Quadrat Technique set out in Appendix 1 of this Guideline.
- 3. The third step is to inspect the corn or soybean crop in each stand loss location identified in Step 2 for stand loss. If stand loss is found, determine if it was caused in each location by one or more of the following pests:
  - grubs, wireworms, seedcorn maggots or corn rootworms in corn plants; or
  - grubs, wireworms, seedcorn maggots or bean leaf beetles in soybean plants.

Record the rationale for determining which type of pests caused the stand loss.

- 4. If the stand loss was caused by one or more of the pests mentioned in Step 3, the fourth step is to determine and record the average number of unaffected plants per acre in the stand loss locations identified in Step 2. To do so, count and record the number of plants that are unaffected, i.e. not stunted, damaged or dead, in each stand loss location identified in Step 2 using the counting methods set out below. Average the number of unaffected plants per acre/ha determined for each stand loss location and record. Counting shall be performed using the following techniques:
  - Corn plants shall be counted using the Row Plant Technique set out in Appendix 1 of this Guideline.
  - Soybean plants shall be counted using either the Row Plant Technique or the Quadrat Technique set out in Appendix 1 of this Guideline.
- 5. The fifth step is to determine and record the average number of plants per acre/ha in the nonstand loss locations identified in Step 2.
  - For corn, you may use the Row Plant Technique mentioned in Step 4 or by using the planting rate used to plant the corn crop.
  - For soybeanyou may use the same counting technique that was used to count the number of unaffected plants per acre/ha in stand loss locations in Step 4.

If a counting technique is used, count and record the number of unaffected plants in each nonstand loss location identified in Step 2 and average and record the number of unaffected plants per acre/ha determined for each non-stand loss location.

6. The sixth step is to calculate and record the percentage of stand loss at the farm property in accordance with the following equation:

 $[(X - Y) \div X] \times 100 = \%$  Stand Loss

Where,

**X** is the average number of plants per acre/ha in the non-stand loss locations as determined in Step 5; and

**Y** is the average number of plants per acre/ha in the stand loss locations as determined in Step 4.

This step will provide:

- For corn: The percentage of stand loss caused by grubs, wireworms, seedcorn maggots or corn rootworms at the farm property
- For soybean: The percentage of stand loss caused by grubs, wireworms, seedcorn maggots or bean leaf beetles at the farm property.

A Class 12 pesticide may be used at a farm property if the Pest Risk Assessment Report indicates that the percentage of stand loss in a corn crop or soybean crop calculated in Step 6 meets or exceeds the following:

- o 15 % if the stand loss calculated is in respect of a corn crop;
- 30 % if the stand loss calculated is in respect of a soybean crop.

A farm property that meets this criteria must be sketched, clearly indicating the scouting locations that were inspected for stand loss and no stand loss, in a pest risk assessment report prepared for the purposes of section 3 of the Regulation.

# Pest risk assessment method 3 – Pest risk criteria

Pest risk criteria is used to determine whether a farm property has certain characteristics that would indicate that it is at increased risk of having grubs or wireworms present.

In order to perform the pest risk assessment for corn and soybean:

- 1. Determine if the farm property meets any of the following pest risk criteria:
  - □ 1. The soil of the farm property is sandy or silty, there are hilly knolls on the farm property and there are treelines that border the farm property.
  - □ 2. The soil of the farm property is sandy or silty and there are frequent grass crop rotations (for example, cereals, mixed forages, newly broken sod) on the farm property.
  - 3. The soil of the farm property is sandy, silty or muck and there are frequent grass crop (for example, cereals, mixed forages, grassy weeds, newly broken sod), canola or vegetable crop (for example, carrots, sugar beets, sweet potatoes and potatoes) rotations on the farm property.
  - □ 4. The soil of the farm property is sandy, silty or muck, there is grassy/cereal crop cover and reduced tillage methods used at the farm property.
  - □ 5. The soil of the farm property is sandy, silty or muck and the farm property has been pasture or fallow for the previous two years.
  - 6. The farm property is adjacent to a pasture, sod farm, parkland or golf course
  - □ 7. The farm property has soil containing greater than 10% organic matter.
  - □ 8. The farm property had an infestation of grubs or wireworms in the previous three-year period.

If the pest risk assessment report indicates that one or more risk factors on the farm property are met, a Class 12 pesticide may be used.

# Appendix 1

Plant counting techniques

As mentioned above, either the row plant technique or the quadrant technique must be used to count the number of plants in a stand loss location. The steps for each technique are set out below.

#### **Row Plant Technique**

- 1. For row crops, measure the row width to determine the length of row that needs to be measured for the assessment.
- 2. Choose the row length that is set out in Table 1 opposite the row width measured in Step 1 of this counting technique. For example, if a row width of 76 cm was measured, the length of the row in which to count plants would be 5.3 m.
- 3. Count the number of plants in the row length indicated in Table 1 to determine a plant population per thousandth of an acre (1/1000).
- 4. To calculate the number of plants per acre , multiply the number calculated in Step 3 by 1000. To calculate the number of plants per hectare, multiple the number of plants in the length of the row by 2.47 and then by 1000.

| Table 1 - Determining number of plants/acre in various row widths |                      |  |  |  |  |
|---|----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Row Width:<br>centimetres   | Row Width:<br>inches | Length of Row Equal to 1/1000 acre in metres | Length of Row Equal to 1/1000 acre in feet |  |  |
| 38  | 15                   | 10.6   | 34 ft. 10 in.                              |  |  |
| 51  | 20                   | 8.0  | 26 ft. 1 in.                               |  |  |
| 56  | 22                   | 7.3  | 23 ft. 10 in.                              |  |  |
| 71  | 28                   | 5.7  | 18 ft. 8 in.                               |  |  |
| 76  | 30                   | 5.3  | 17 ft. 5 in.                               |  |  |
| 81  | 32                   | 5.0  | 16 ft. 4 in.                               |  |  |
| 86  | 34                   | 4.7  | 15 ft. 5 in.                               |  |  |
| 91  | 36                   | 4.4  | 14 ft. 6 in.                               |  |  |
| 97  | 38                   | 4.2  | 13 ft. 9 in.                               |  |  |

#### **B. Quadrat Technique**

- 1. Count the number of plants within a hoop or square frame of dimensions set out in Table 2.
- 2. Multiply the number of plants counted within the hoop or square frame by the factor set out in Column 3 opposite the inside diameter of the hoop or inside dimension of the frame used for the count set out in Column 1 of Table 2 to determine plant population per hectare or acre.

| Table 2 - Determining number of plants per acre/hectare |                    |   |  |  |  |
|---|--------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Inside Diameter of<br>Hoop in Centimetres<br>(inches)   | Area<br>in m²(ft²) | Factor by Which to Multiply the<br>Number of Plants within the Hoop<br>to Equal: Plants per Hectare | Factor by Which to Multiply the<br>Number of Plants within the Hoop<br>to Equal: Plants per Acre |  |  |
| 91 (36)   | 0.65 (7.0)         | 15,385  | 6,165  |  |  |
| 84 (33)   | 0.55 (6.0)         | 18,182  | 7,334  |  |  |
| 76 (30)   | 0.45 (4.9)         | 22,222  | 8,874  |  |  |
| 69 (27)   | 0.37 (4.0)         | 27,027  | 10,956   |  |  |
| 61 (24)   | 0.29 (3.2)         | 34,483  | 13,865   |  |  |

| Table 2 - Determining number of plants per acre/hectare         |                    |  |  |  |  |
|---|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Inside Dimensions of<br>Square Frame in<br>Centimetres (inches) | Area<br>in m²(ft²) | Factor by Which to Multiply the<br>Number of Plants within the<br>Square to Equal: Plants per<br>Hectare | Factor by Which to Multiply the<br>Number of Plants within the<br>Square to Equal: Plants per Acre |  |  |
| $50 \times 50 (20 \times 20)$                                   | 0.25 (2.7)         | 40,000   | 16,133   |  |  |
| $100 \times 100(40 \times 40)$                                  | 1.00<br>(11.1)     | 10,000   | 3,924  |  |  |
| Updated: April 7, 2016<br>Published: March 2, 2016              |                    |  |  |  |  |



# Pest Risk Assessment Report

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

# Instructions

For instructions in completing the form, refer to the instructions sheet (insert hyperlink).

- Complete one form per agricultural operation (may consist of multiple farm properties) and include each farm property at which a Class 12 pesticide is intended to be used.
- At each farm property, only one pest risk assessment method needs to be conducted (following instructions for one of the three methods in the Pest Risk Assessment Guideline [LINK]) and documented in subsection A, B or C of section 2.
- The completed form may be used to purchase Class 12 pesticides that can be used at each of the farm properties listed on this form.
- This form only needs to be completed once and does not need to be repeated yearly. If you have previously completed a pest assessment report that was prepared and signed under O. Reg. 63/09 prior to April 9, 2020, you may use that form to purchase and use Class 12 pesticides.

#### Note:

It is an offence under subsection 17(5) of the *Pesticides Act* to provide false information: "No person shall orally, in writing or electronically, give or submit false or misleading information in any statement, document or data to any provincial officer, the Minister, the Ministry, any employee in or agent of the Ministry or any person involved in carrying out a program of the Ministry in respect of any matter related to this Act or the regulations."

### Section 1. Agricultural Operation Contact Information

Name of owner(s)/operator(s) of the agricultural operation responsible for operations at the farm properties listed on this form:

| Last name | First name |
|-----------|------------|
| 1.        |            |
| 2.        |            |
| 3.        |            |
| 4.        |            |
| 5.        |            |

### **Section 2. Farm Property Information**

Section 2 must be completed for every farm property at which Class 12 pesticides are intended to be used. Use "Add Farm Property (+)" button at the bottom of the form to add farm properties, repeating section 2 below.

Farm Property 1

Provide information for the farm property at which Class 12 pesticides are intended to be used.

#### Farm Property

| Acreage of farm property                                    |   | 🗆 acres 🛛 hectar  | res                                |
|---|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Address of farm property<br>Number                          | Street Name                                   |   |                                    |
| Station   | Rural route                                   | Lot/Part/Block/Section                                      | Concession                         |
| County/regional municipali                                  | ty/district                                   | Township/Village  |                                    |
| City/Town   |   | Province<br>ON-Ontario                                      | Postal Code                        |
| If no municipal address, p<br>number or premises identified | provide legal descript<br>cation number (PID) | ion including, where applic<br>that relates to the farm pro | able, every assessment roll perty. |

### Sketch

# Attach a sketch (e.g., schematic or aerial/google map identifying field) of the farm property at which a Class 12 pesticide is intended to be used showing the following:

- 1. For method 1, the scouting locations (minimum 5) in which grubs and/or wireworms were detected at the farm property and which were used to calculate the average number of grubs and/or wireworms.
- 2. For method 2, each location that was inspected for stand loss and no stand loss and that was used to calculate the average number of plants per acre and percentage of stand loss.

#### Note: there is no sketch required for method 3

#### Pest Risk Assessment Method (Complete only one of subsections A, B or C)

Date Pest Risk Assessment conducted (yyyy/mm/dd):

Person who conducted the Pest Risk Assessment

| Last name | First name        |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Signature | Date (dd/mm/yyyy) |

A pest risk assessment must only be performed by someone who meets section 45.1(1)(a) of Regulation 63/09:

□ I confirm that the person who conducted the pest risk assessment is over 16 years old and has been issued a certificate by the Integrated Pest Management Accreditation Program for Corn and Soybean

Indicate which Pest Risk Assessment Method was used and go directly to that section as indicated :

- □ Inspection of Soil (fill out subsection A)
- □ Inspection of a Crop (fill out subsection B)
- □ Pest Risk Criteria (fill out subsection C)

#### A. Inspection of Soil

For the farm property in which a Class 12 pesticide is intended to be used, indicate the number of grubs and/or wireworms detected at each location:

| Scouting location | Number of grubs identified | Number of wireworms identified |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1                 |                            |                                |
| 2                 |                            |                                |
| 3                 |                            |                                |
| 4                 |                            |                                |
| 5                 |                            |                                |

### **B.** Inspection of a Crop

For the farm property in which a Class 12 pesticide is intended to be used, indicate the number of plants unaffected by crop damage at each location as well as the pests that caused the stand loss:

| Corn   |   |                                |   |          |                    |                  |
|--|---|--------------------------------|---|----------|--------------------|------------------|
| Scouting<br>Locations                            | Number of Plants unaffected<br>by Crop Damage |                                | Pest that Caused Stand Loss (Check all<br>appropriate pests for each scouting site) |          |                    |                  |
| (Minimum of 5<br>locations required<br>per plot) | Stand Loss<br>Locations                       | Non-Stand<br>Loss<br>Locations | Grub  | Wireworm | Seedcorn<br>Maggot | Corn<br>Rootworm |
| 1  |   |                                |   |          |                    |                  |
| 2  |   |                                |   |          |                    |                  |
| 3  |   |                                |   |          |                    |                  |
| 4  |   |                                |   |          |                    |                  |
| 5  | -   |                                |   |          |                    |                  |
| Average Number<br>of Plants per acre             |   |                                |   | -        |                    |                  |
| Percentage of stand loss                         |   |                                |   |          |                    |                  |

Provide the rationale for determining that stand loss was caused by one or more of the pests referred to in the Pest Risk Assessment Guideline:

| Soybean  |   |                                |   |          |                    |                        |
|--|---|--------------------------------|---|----------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Scouting<br>Locations                            | Number of Plants unaffected<br>by Crop Damage |                                | Pest that Caused Stand Loss (Check all<br>appropriate pests for each scouting site) |          |                    |                        |
| (Minimum of 5<br>locations required<br>per plot) | Stand Loss<br>Locations                       | Non-Stand<br>Loss<br>Locations | Grub  | Wireworm | Seedcorn<br>Maggot | Bean<br>Leaf<br>Beetle |
| 1  |   |                                |   |          |                    |                        |
| 2  |   |                                |   |          |                    |                        |
| 3  |   |                                |   |          |                    |                        |
| 4  |   |                                |   |          |                    |                        |
| 5  |   |                                |   |          |                    |                        |
| Average Number<br>of Plants per acre             |   |                                |   |          |                    |                        |
| Percentage of stand loss                         |   |                                |   |          |                    |                        |

Provide the rationale for determining that stand loss was caused by one or more of the pests referred to in the Pest Risk Assessment Guideline:

### C. Pest Risk Criteria

For the farm property in which a Class 12 pesticide is intended to be used, check the box(es) below for risk factors present at the farm property:

- □ 1. The soil of the farm property is sandy or silty, there are hilly knolls on the farm property and there are treelines that border the farm property.
- □ 2. The soil of the farm property is sandy or silty and there are frequent grass crop rotations (e.g. cereals, mixed forages, newly broken sod) on the farm property.
- 3. The soil of the farm property is sandy, silty or muck and there are frequent grass crop (e.g. cereals, mixed forages, grassy weeds, newly broken sod), canola or vegetable crop (e.g. carrots, sugar beets, sweet potatoes and potatoes) rotations on the farm property.
- □ 4. The soil of the farm property is sandy, silty or muck, there is grassy/cereal crop cover and reduced tillage methods used at the farm property.
- □ 5. The soil of the farm property is sandy, silty or muck and the farm property has been pasture or fallow for the previous two years.
- □ 6. The farm property is adjacent to a pasture, sod farm, parkland or golf course
- □ 7. The farm property has soil containing greater than 10% organic matter.
- □ 8. The farm property had an infestation of grubs or wireworms in the previous three-year period.

### Name of Person Completing the Report and Confirmation Statement

I confirm that (please select one of the following):

- An inspection of soil was conducted at the farm property in accordance with the Pest Risk Assessment Guideline and that □ the average number of grubs observed in the five scouting locations is 2 or greater and/or □ the average number of wireworms observed in the five scouting locations is 1 or greater; or
- O An inspection of a □ corn crop and/or □ soybean crop was conducted at the farm property in accordance with the Pest Risk Assessment Guideline and that the inspection detected a percentage of stand loss caused by one or more of the pests referred to in the Guideline that was equal to or greater than □ 15% if the stand loss calculated is in respect of a corn crop and/or □ 30% if the stand loss calculated is in respect of a soybean crop; or
- A pest risk assessment was conducted at the farm property and one or more of the pest risk criteria listed in the Pest Risk Assessment Guideline were met for □ corn and/or □ soybeans

#### Name of person who completed this report:

| Last name | First name        |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Signature | Date (dd/mm/yyyy) |

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Remove Farm Property (-)



### **General Information**

- Please ensure that you complete the most recent version of the form which is posted on the <u>Central Forms Repository</u>.
- Do not include these instructions when providing the form to the vendor (dealer) for the purchase of Class 12 pesticides or to the Custom Seed Treater for custom seed treatment services.
- The government document, *Pest Risk Assessment Guideline*, commonly referred to as "the Guideline", describes the pest risk assessment methods that must be followed to complete this form. Before conducting an assessment according to one of the three methods and completing this form, refer to the <u>Pest Risk Assessment Guideline</u> for details on each method.
- The completed form, including the sketch(es), must be provided to the vendor/dealer when purchasing Class 12 pesticides, or, if you use the services of a Custom Seed Treater you need to provide the form to the Custom Seed Treater.
- The pest risk assessment report need only be completed once per agricultural operation. Each agricultural operation may contain more than one farm property. A pest risk assessment must be done for each farm property identified on the form. The pest risk assessment does not need to be repeated yearly. If you have previously completed a pest assessment report that was prepared and signed under Ontario Regulation 63/09 prior to April 9, 2020, you may use that form to purchase and use Class 12 pesticides for the farm property identified in your report.

Note: If Class 12 pesticides are purchased from more than one vendor for your agricultural operation, or if you have seed treated by a Custom Seed Treater in addition to purchasing Class 12 pesticides, make copies of the completed form to provide to every vendor you purchase from, and/or to every Custom Seed Treater that you obtain seed treating services from.

### How to Complete This Form

Section 1 of this form pertaining to the owner/operator of the agricultural operation is completed one (1) time for the entire form. Section 2 must be completed once for <u>each</u> Farm Property included on the form.

A **Farm Property** is an area of land used for an agricultural operation, part of an agricultural operation or more than one agricultural operation.

If you are using the online version of this form, add Farm Properties using the "Add Farm Property (+)" button.

### **1. Agricultural Operation Contact Information**

Provide the name of each owner/operator of the agricultural operation who is responsible for operations at each Farm Property listed on the form.

### 2. Farm Property Information

### Acreage of the Farm Property

Provide the total acreage of the Farm Property on which the Class 12 pesticides are intended to be used. The Farm Property acreage may include land areas not used for planting Class 12 pesticides, such as land occupied by farm buildings or residences, wooded areas, streams, paved surfaces, and land where crops other than Class 12 pesticides may be planted.

#### **Municipal Address of Farm Property**

Complete all information that applies to the Farm Property on which Class 12 pesticides are intended to be used. If there is no municipal address, provide the legal description of the Farm Property.

#### **Assessment Roll Number**

This is only required if there is no municipal address.

Assessment Roll Number is the 19 digit number assigned to each property for municipal tax purposes. This number is found on the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) property assessment notice. If you rent or lease a Farm Property you must ask the owner for the Assessment Roll Number, or contact MPAC at 1 866 296- 6722.

MPAC requires that you provide a property address to access the Assessment Roll Number.

#### **Premises Identification (PID) Number**

PID Number is the number assigned to each parcel of land, or premises, that is part of the agricultural operation. PID numbers are issued by the Provincial Premises Registry to registered premises. This information is optional.

#### Sketch

If the pest risk assessment method you are using is an inspection of soil or inspection of a crop, attach a sketch of the Farm Property that shows the inspection locations. The sketch can be a diagram, map or schematic, and may be hand sketched, a photocopy or electronically produced. The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' <u>Agricultural Information Atlas or AgMaps</u> can be used to create maps and provides Farm Property information (e.g., measurement of Farm Property area, Assessment Roll Number, etc).

#### Pest Risk Assessment Method

Only one pest risk assessment method is needed per farm property. Provide the date of the Pest Risk Assessment, and the information about the person who performed the Pest Risk Assessment. Check the appropriate box indicating which Pest Risk Assessment Method has been used at the Farm

Property. Once a method is checked, move to the subsection related to the pest risk assessment method used.

#### A. Inspection of Soil

Provide the number of pests (grubs and/or wireworms) detected in each of the (minimum 5) scouting locations used to calculate the average number grubs and wireworms in the farm property.

#### B. Inspection of a Crop

Provide the number of plants unaffected by crop damage and indicate whether these were found in stand loss locations or non-stand loss locations. Also indicate the pest(s) that caused the stand loss on the farm property. Using the Guideline, calculate the average number of plants per acre and the percentage of stand loss.

#### C. Pest Risk Criteria

Check off each factor that meets the conditions on the farm property. At least one risk factor must be met in order to use Class 12 pesticides on the Farm Property.

#### Name of the Person Completing the Report and Confirmation Statement

Provide the necessary information on the person who completed the form and check the appropriate boxes in the confirmation statement. You only need to confirm one (1) of the options, corresponding to the risk assessment that was conducted at the farm property. You may need to check the box for either corn or soy or both depending on the inspection conducted at the farm property, and you may need to select either grubs or wireworms or both depending on the results of the inspection conducted at the farm property.

For example:

- If an inspection of soil was conducted at a farm property and both grubs and wireworms were detected at or above the numbers in the Pest Risk Assessment Guideline, then check the boxes for both grubs and wireworms in the confirmation that indicates an inspection of soil was completed.
- If an inspection of soil was conducted at a farm property and only grubs were detected at or above the numbers in the Pest Assessment Risk Guideline, then check the boxes for grubs in the confirmation that indicates an inspection of soil was completed.
- If an inspection of soil was conducted at a farm property and only wireworms were detected at or above the numbers in the Pest Assessment Risk Guideline, then check the boxes for wireworms in the confirmation that indicates an inspection of soil was completed.