Optimising Pesticide Use. Wiley Series in Agrochemicals & Plant Protection

Description: Optimising Pesticide Use is a very broad phrase that can be interpreted in a number of ways. At one extreme it can imply the minimisation and prudent use of pesticides in agriculture and horticulture but can also be interpreted as the complete elimination of their use. However, it is probable, if not certain, that pesticides will continue to play a vital part in the safe and economic production of food in the foreseeable future. Notably, outside the developed world, pest control strategies including the use of chemicals are essential for adequate food production and for current human health strategies.

In recognising that pesticide use will occur, this work seeks to bring together the wide range of scientific disciplines necessary to ensure best practice through monitoring what is used and improving how it is formulated and applied. The science of improving or developing new chemistries as a means of optimising pesticide use is also touched upon.

This book does cover in depth the monitoring of usage, developments in application technology, including specialist and aerial application, handling and dose control and the formulation of pesticides. It then goes on to provide a case study on the development of a new range of active chemistries from bacteria. Rational pesticide use (RPU) is a development of integrated pest management techniques and as such must be considered as a central part of any consideration of optimisation. Finally, this publication concludes with a discussion of complementary pest control methods.

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