

32. CHECK IT OUT

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| Brief description | |
| The Check it Out Tool has been designed to help farmers and sprayer operators review and improve spraying practices and so reduce the risk of pesticides reaching water. The tool was developed by the Crop Protection Association with support from Catchment Sensitive Farming and consists of 22 multi-choice questions covering Planning and Management, Filling and Handling, Soil Management and Field Practice. After completing the questions, users are given a score for each aspect of their spraying operation, and an overall score. | |
| Contaminants covered (e.g. nitrate, pesticides etc.) | Pesticides |
| Intended end users (e.g. farmer, water quality manager, policy maker) | Farmers and sprayer operators. The tool is design for arable and mixed farms; ideally the farmer and the sprayer operator(s) should sit down and answer the questions together. |
| Level of expertise and/or training required | No specialist training required |
| Geographical resolution (e.g. field, catchment, national) | Field and farm |
| Temporal resolution (e.g. daily, annual, long-term). | As required |
| Real-time component (e.g. live weather data, soil moisture data feeds etc.) | None |
| Number and type of mitigation measures included | None |
| Platform (e.g. paper-based tool, phone app, bespoke software). | Online questionnaire (in English) |
| Frequency of updates | Not known |
| Cost/availability | Free to use online: http://checkitout.voluntaryinitiative.org.uk/tool/ |
| Number of users or number of copies distributed/downloaded/purchased | Not known |
| Links to demo material and other relevant information (e.g. user guides). | Online help is provided via the above link. |
| Additional comments | |

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| Input data required to run the DST | Details of farm and spraying operation. There are 22 questions across four sections, and it should take no more than 20 minutes to complete. |
| Outputs (including links to water quality and economic or financial aspects) | A detailed report with recommendations on how farmers can improve their practices is provided as a download via email. |
| Age/provenance of supporting data used to develop the DST | Not known |
| Country-specific calibration or data requirements (including restrictions on use) | None |
| Details of validation and testing | Not known |
| Date developed/released (or planned release date) | 2017 |
| Author/developer names and affiliations | The Crop Protection Association supported by Catchment Sensitive Farming |
| Member state(s) where developed | UK |
| Member State(s) where currently used | UK |
| Key publication references (including url) | None |

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Any other useful information (e.g. screenshots of DST input/outputs)



Check it Out Tool

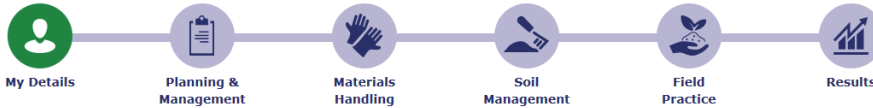


Getting Started

[Help](#)

Welcome to the Check it Out Tool. It has been designed to help farmers and sprayer operators review and improve spraying practices and so reduce the risk of pesticides reaching water. There are 22 questions across four sections, and it should take no more than 20 minutes to complete.

Make sure you put your correct email address in the form below if you want the report emailed to you at the end of the exercise.

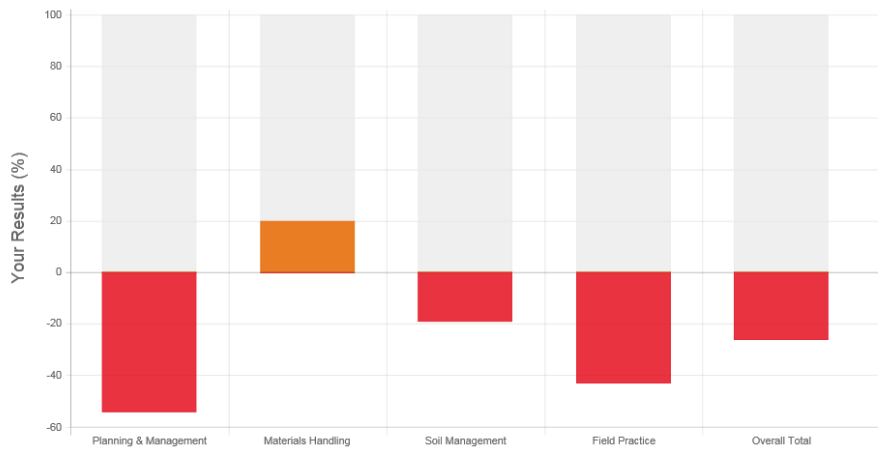


Your details

If you would like to keep a personalised copy of your report please record your personal details below. Your email address will be needed if you want the report emailed to you at the end of the exercise. Some personal information - your name, email address, birth date and registration number will be needed if you wish to collect NRoSO or BASIS CPD points. These details will be passed to City and Guilds or BASIS to confirm your CPD **points**. All other information and answers you supply will be confidential to the VI. It will be anonymised and used to build up and track a national picture of best practice.

Summary Results

Your summary scores are shown below. To view your full results download your full report below.



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| Your Total | -65 | 20 | -20 | -45 | -110 |
| Total Possible | 120 | 100 | 105 | 105 | 430 |
| National Averages | ... Coming soon ... | | | | |