

**North Dakota Pest Management
WIN-PST Readme**

Welcome to the North Dakota's USDA-NRCS Windows Pesticide Screening Tool (WIN-PST)

Introduction

The USDA-NRCS National Water and Climate Center developed and supports the Windows Pesticide Screening Tool (WIN-PST). NRCS Pest Management Policy (November 2001) requires the use of WIN-PST or other NRCS-approved environmental risk analysis tools to support the development of the pest management component of a conservation plan.

WIN-PST is a pesticide environmental risk screening tool that NRCS field office conservationists, extension agents, crop consultants, pesticide dealers and producers can use to evaluate the potential for pesticides to move with water and eroded soil/organic matter and affect non-target organisms.

NRCS partners (such as private pest control advisors) now have access to an easy-to-use tool for considering environmental risk when making recommendations that were previously based only on efficacy and economics. WIN-PST goes beyond previous NRCS screening tools to consider the impact of water table depth, irrigation, residue management and pesticide application area, method and rate class (Standard, Low, Ultralow).

WIN-PST users can specify pesticides by product name or active ingredient. Long-term human and fish toxicity data and ratings are also included in WIN-PST. These toxicity ratings can be combined with the off-site movement potential ratings to provide an overall rating of the potential risks from pesticide movement below the root zone and past the edge of the field.

Downloading and Installing

Go to the [WIN-PST page](http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/pestmgt/winpst.html), by clicking on the link:
<http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/pestmgt/winpst.html>

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