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# Virginia Peanut Production Guide



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## SAFETY FIRST WITH PESTICIDES

Recommendations for the use of agricultural chemicals are included in this publication as a convenience to the reader. The use of brand names and any mention or listing of commercial products or services in this publication does not imply endorsement by Virginia Tech nor discrimination against similar products or services not mentioned. Individuals who use agricultural chemicals are responsible for ensuring that the intended use complies with current regulations and conforms to the product label. Be sure to obtain information about usage regulations and examine a current product label before applying any chemical. For assistance, contact your county Extension agent.

### Keys to Proper Use of Pesticides

1. Read the label on each pesticide container before each use. Follow the printed instructions to the letter; heed all cautions and warnings; note precautions about residues.
2. Store pesticides in the containers in which you bought them. Put them where children and animals cannot get to them — preferably locked-up and away from food, feed, seed, and other materials that may become harmful if contaminated.
3. Dispose of empty containers in the manner specified on the label.

***SEE YOUR DOCTOR IF SYMPTOMS OR ILLNESS OCCURS DURING OR AFTER USE OF PESTICIDES!***

### IN CASE OF SUSPECTED POISONING

***The procedure to be followed is:***

1. Call a physician immediately. If the family physician is not available, the patient should be **taken** to the nearest physician or hospital emergency department together with the **container of the poisoning agent**.
2. If necessary, the **physician** will call the nearest poison control center for further information concerning the toxicity of the suspected agent, treatment, and prognosis.

## Protective Clothing and Equipment Guide

Use this table as a guide to the selection of protective clothing and equipment. Cross-reference the signal word from the product label and the type of formulation to determine the minimum protection you should wear. This guide is not to be used in place of label statements; refer to the label for specific information.

**Table 1. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guide**

Formulation	Label Signal Word		
	Caution	Warning	Danger
Dry	Long-leg trousers and long-sleeve shirt; shoes and socks.	Long-leg trousers and long-sleeve shirt; shoes and socks; wide-brim hat; gloves.	Long-leg trousers and long-sleeve shirt; shoes and socks; hat; gloves; cartridge or canister respirator if dusts in air or if label precautionary statement says: <b>“Poisonous or fatal if inhaled.”</b>
Liquid	Long-leg trousers; long-sleeve shirt; shoes and socks; wide-brim hat.	Long-leg trousers and long-sleeve shirt; shoes and socks; wide-brim hat; rubber gloves. Goggles if required by label precautionary statement. Cartridge or canister respirator if label precautionary statement says: “Do not breathe vapors or spray mists,” or “Poisonous if inhaled.”	Long-leg trousers and long-sleeve shirt, rubber boots, wide-brim hat, rubber gloves or face shield. Canister respirator if label precautionary statement says: <b>“Do not breathe vapors or spray mists,”</b> or <b>“Poisonous if inhaled.”</b>
Liquid (when mixing)	Long-leg trousers; long-sleeve shirt; shoes and socks; wide-brim hat; gloves; rubber apron.	Long-leg trousers and long-sleeve shirt; shoes and socks; wide-brim hat; rubber gloves; goggles or face shield; rubber apron. Respirator if label precautionary statement says: <b>“Do not breathe vapors or spray mist.”</b> or <b>“Poisonous (or fatal or harmful) if inhaled.”</b>	Long-leg trousers and long-sleeve shirt, rubber boots, wide-brim hat, rubber gloves, goggles, rubber apron, canister respirator.

Table 1. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guide (cont.)

Formulation	Label Signal Word		
	Caution	Warning	Danger
Liquid (prolonged exposure to spray, or application in enclosed area).	Long-leg trousers and long-sleeve shirt, boots, rubber gloves, water-proof, wide-brim hat.	Water-repellent, long-leg trousers and long-sleeve shirt, rubber boots, rubber gloves, rubber apron, waterproof, wide-brim hat, face shield, cartridge or canister respirator.	Waterproof suit, rubber boots, rubber gloves, waterproof hood or wide-brim hat, face shield, canister respirator.

**Source:** *Apply Pesticides Correctly: A Guide for Private and Commercial Applicators.* USDA/USEPA - 1984. p. 102.

## Emergency Information

### Poison Treatment

In the event of a known or suspected exposure to a toxic (poisonous) substance, one of the Regional Poison Centers listed below should be contacted immediately. These centers provide 24-hour information and consultation services by poison information specialists and board-certified medical toxicologists. If possible, these centers should be called in advance of a person's admission to a local hospital or emergency department so the poison center experts can provide information on the proper treatment. These centers are located in hospitals equipped for all toxicological (poisoning) emergencies.

**Poison Hotline – 1-800-222-1222**

#### REGIONAL POISON CENTERS

<p><b>CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA</b>            Blue Ridge Poison Center            University of Virginia Health System            P.O. Box 67            Charlottesville, VA 22908            (434) 982-3158 or (434) 924-0347  <i>(Serving: Central and Western Virginia)</i></p>	<p><b>RICHMOND, VA</b>            Virginia Poison Center            Virginia Commonwealth University            Medical Center            600 E. Broad St., Suite 640            Richmond, VA 23298            (804) 828-4780  <i>(Serving: Central and Eastern Virginia)</i></p>
<p><b>WASHINGTON, D.C.</b>            National Capital Poison Center            George Washington University Medical Center            3201 New Mexico Avenue NW, Suite 310            Washington, DC 22016            (202) 362-3867  <i>(Serving: Northern Virginia and D.C. area)</i></p>	

In addition to the Regional Poison Centers, there are several area hospitals with staff members who will provide some poison information by telephone. These hospitals are equipped for most toxicological emergencies.

<p><b>GREENSBORO, N.C.</b>            Triad Poison Center            Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital            1200 North Elm Street            Greensboro, NC 27401-1020            (919) 574-8105            (800) 953-4001  <i>(Calls from Virginia counties on the Va.-N.C. border only, please)</i></p>
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Table 2. Emergency, Spill, Accident, and Incident Information

Incident	Contact	Phone
<b>SPILLS</b> , accidents and other related emergencies	<b>CHEMTREC</b> - Chemical Transportation Emergency Center Industry Hotline	(800) 424-9300
<b>SPILLS</b> into water	Virginia Department of Environmental Quality	(804) 527-5194 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)  (804) 527-5200 (after 5:00 p.m.)
24-Hour Medical Consultation	National Pesticide Telecommunication Network	(800) 858-7378
<b>FOR ASSISTANCE WITH SPILLS AND EMERGENCIES</b>	Virginia Department of Emergency Services	(804) 674-2400 or (800) 468-8892 (24-hours/day)
<b>ACCIDENTS OR INCIDENTS</b> that constitute a threat to any person, public Field Operations safety and health or the environment	Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Pesticide Management	(804) 371-6560

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# AGRONOMIC RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROCEDURES

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The primary considerations when selecting peanut varieties are yield, grade factors, disease, pests, and drought and heat response. A good practice is recording for each field the variety, yield, rainfall, and disease and insect incidence every year. This will allow producers to identify the most productive and less problematic fields, also the most productive varieties for each field. In disease prone fields, plant disease tolerant varieties. For example Bailey and Perry are good choices for *Cylindrocladium* black rot (CBR) infected fields. Varieties with resistance to the tomato spotted wilt virus (TSWV) can be planted early but the sensitive ones later.

To alleviate the risks associated with peanut production plant several varieties instead of only one each year. A good source of information regarding selection of the best Virginia market type peanut varieties is the Peanut Variety and Quality Evaluation (PVQE) program. The results of multi-location tests within this program are updated every year and available at <http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/category/crops.html>. Hard copies of the results are also available and, if you do not receive a copy, email Pam Copeland at [peure@exchange.vt.edu](mailto:peure@exchange.vt.edu) to be included on the mailing list.

Commercially available Virginia type peanut varieties include Bailey, CHAMPS, Gregory, NC-V 11, Perry, Phillips, Sugg, and Titan. These varieties were developed by the North Carolina State University and Virginia Tech breeding programs and through the PVQE program. In general, these varieties have high yields, and big pod and kernel size. The most recent ones, Bailey and Sugg, have improved disease resistance, in particular early leaf spot, TSWV, CBR, and *Sclerotinia* blight (SB) resistance. CHAMPS is the earliest with only 135 days after planting (DAP) and Perry the latest with 165 DAP required to reach maturity. None of those varieties have however high oleic acid (O) characteristic; a high oleic to linoleic acid (O:L) ratio extends shelf life of the peanuts. New varieties with high O and O:L are currently being developed by the NCSU. Titan is a new release variety with a high content of super extra large kernels, but it requires irrigation to yield.

Other Virginia market type varieties developed by breeding programs in Georgia and Florida are Florida Fancy, Georgia 05E, and Georgia 08V. In general, they have high yields, high O:L ratio, and good disease resistance, but require more DAP to mature in Virginia.

Finally, runner type varieties, such as AP4, Georgia 03L, and Florida 07, could be grown in Virginia. The runner type varieties are resistant to diseases and have high O:L ratio, but have much smaller pods and kernels than Virginia type and require many DAP to mature, for which they may be more prone to early freeze than Virginia varieties.

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Tables 3a, 3b and 3c present pod yield, crop value, and content of fancy pods (% FAN), extra large kernels (% ELK), sound mature kernels (% SMK), and total meat of the kernels (% TM), from the last 5 years of PVQE testing six two locations in Virginia North Carolina, and South Carolina. At all locations tables report data from Dig I (approximately September 15) and Dig II (the first week in October). Through examining yield and grade factors at different digging dates, maturity requirements of each variety can be assessed.

**Table 3a. Agronomic Performance of Commercially Available Peanut Varieties; Across All Locations – Dig I & II – 5 Year Average, 2007-2011.**

Variety	Dig I		Dig II	
	Yield (lb/acre)	Value (\$ /acre)	Yield (lb/acre)	Value (\$ /acre)
NC-V 11	4722 ab*	808 ab	4623 a	797 a
CHAMPS	4500 a-c	781 ab	4692 a	802 a
Gregory	4459 a-c	757 b	4601 a	780 a
VA 98R	4442 bc	752 b	4606 a	780 a
Perry	4252 c	739 b	4404 a	780 a
Phillips	4575 a-c	814 ab	4550 a	805 a
Bailey	4884 a	853 a	4813 a	863 a
Sugg	4601 a-c	803 ab	4659 a	830 a

\*Averages followed by the same letters are not statistically different.

**Table 3b. Agronomic Performance of Commercially Available Peanut Varieties; Across All Locations – Dig I – 5 Year Average, 2007-2011.**

Variety	Fancy	Extra Large	Sound Mature	Total Meat
		Kernels	Kernels	
		----- % -----		
NC-V 11	80 d*	36 d	63 b-d	71 b
CHAMPS	83 bc	39 bc	64 a-c	72 ab
Gregory	90 a	46 a	62 cd	70 c
VA 98R	79 d	37 cd	62 d	72 ab
Perry	81 cd	40 b	63 a-d	72 a
Phillips	85 b	47 a	65 a	72 a
Bailey	80 d	40 bc	64 ab	72 ab
Sugg	86 b	45 a	63 a-d	72 a

\*Averages followed by the same letters are not statistically different.

**Table 3c. Agronomic Performance of Commercially Available Peanut Varieties; Across All Locations – Dig II – 5 Year Average, 2007-2011.**

Variety	Fancy	Extra Large	Sound Mature	Total Meat
		Kernels	Kernels	
		----- % -----		
NC-V 11	81 d*	38 c	65 ab	72 b
CHAMPS	87 bc	42 bc	65 ab	72 ab
Gregory	92 a	51 a	64 b	70 c
VA 98R	82 cd	42 bc	64 ab	73 ab
Perry	82 cd	43 b	66 ab	73 ab
Phillips	86 bc	51 a	66 ab	73 ab
Bailey	85 b-d	43 b	67 a	72 ab
Sugg	87 ab	49 a	66 ab	73 a

\*Averages followed by the same letters are not statistically different.

## Description of Varieties

### **Bailey**

Bailey, released in 2008 by NCSU, is a medium to large-seeded and high yielding Virginia-type peanut. It produces high yields across multiple years and locations, which is an indication of good tolerance to fluctuations of weather and growth conditions. Bailey has a growth habit intermediate between runner and bunch types, bright pods, and tan kernel color. More importantly, it is resistant to TSWV and trips. It matures in approximately 145 DAP, just a little after CHAMPS, but it holds pods much better than CHAMSP if picked later.

### **CHAMPS**

CHAMPS has been introduced in 2004. It is a large-seeded Virginia-type peanut with a runner growth habit. It is the earliest maturing variety for which acreages planted with it in VA and NC increase every year. Yields at early digging (135-140 days after planting in Virginia) are high, and pod size, shape and color are suited for in-shell market. If an early frost advisory is in effect, CHAMPS can be harvested ten days earlier than NC-V 11 with no reduction in yield. CHAMPS is less susceptible to TSWV than most Virginia-type cultivars. CHAMPS is susceptible to CBR and SB. High yields and favorable pod characteristics were observed across years and locations and, similarly to Bailey, showed good tolerance to growth factors.

### **Gregory**

Gregory has a growth habit intermediate between runner and bunch types. Maturity is similar to NC-V 11 (145 – 150 DAP). This variety produces an exceptionally high percentage of ELKs and Fancy pods. Due to large seed size, Gregory has a high soil calcium requirement which may result in reduced seedling vigor if seed is produced under conditions which limit calcium uptake. It is medium resistant to TSWV.

### ***NC-V 11***

Under good conditions, NC-V 11 has high yield and dollar value per acre. Maturity is 145-150 days depending upon growing season. NC-V 11 produces fewer fancy pods and a lower percentage of ELKs than CHAMPS, especially at early digging. NC-V 11 has a runner (spreading) growth habit. It is less susceptible to TSWV than other Virginia-type varieties.

### ***Perry***

Perry is a high-yielding, large-seeded, and CBR-resistant variety. Perry is less susceptible to SB and Web Blotch than other Virginia-type varieties, but tends to have high susceptibility to TSWV. Maturity is approximately 14 days later than that of NC-V 11. Growth habit is intermediate between runner and bunch types. Perry has a pink seed coat and good pod color. Fancy pod and ELK percentage is slightly lower than for other varieties. nut Production Guide

### ***Phillips***

Phillips is a large-seeded Virginia-type peanut with an intermediate runner growth habit. Yield has been high relative to other Virginia-type varieties. Phillips has a high content of ELKs than most Virginia-type peanut varieties. It is susceptible to all the major diseases in the V-C region. It matures later than NC-V11 and CHAMPS.

### ***Sugg***

Sugg was released in 2009. Before release, it was known as N 03091T, a line developed at the NCSU to hold multiple disease resistance. It has resistance to TSWV, CBR, SB, and early leaf spot. Sugg has an intermediate runner growth habit and the color of seed coat is pink. Sugg produces high yields and has larger kernels than Bailey. It also has good blanching and flavor characteristics.

### ***Titan***

Titan was released in 2010 by Virginia Tech. Titan is an extra large-seeded peanut with an exceptionally high content of jumbo pods and super extra large kernels. It is suitable for in-shell, gourmet, and green boiling products. Yields are relatively low if not irrigated. Maturity is considered early (only 5 later than CHAMPS). This variety is moderate susceptible to susceptible to TSWV, CBR, and SB.

## **Other Virginia-type Peanut Varieties**

### ***Florida Fancy***

Florida Fancy is a high oleic Virginia-type peanut variety released University of Florida. It is being researched in Virginia because of its high oleic trait and its resistance to TSWV and Sclerotinia blight. This variety has an intermediate runner growth habit, pink seed-coat color, and a high proportion of ELK.

### ***Georgia 05E***

Georgia 05E is a new high oleic Virginia-type peanut released by the Georgia Agricultural Experiment Station in 2005. It is being researched in Virginia because

of its improved oil quality (high O:L ratio) and its leaf spot and TSWV resistance. This peanut has a runner growth habit and a tan seed-coat color. Its medium to late maturity (over 150 DAP) may not make it suitable for Virginia.

### ***Georgia 08V***

Georgia 08V is also a new high oleic Virginia-type peanut release by the Georgia Agricultural Experiment Station. It is being researched in Virginia because of its improved oil quality (high O:L ratio) and its leaf spot and TSWV resistance. This peanut has a runner growth habit and also require over 150 DAP to mature in V-C region.

### ***Runner Market Types***

Research thus far indicates that several runner varieties may have the potential to yield equal to Virginia-type peanuts and offer more TSWV resistance relative to Virginia market type peanuts. However, because of their late maturity, more research is needed to demonstrate their suitability for Virginia.

### ***Georgia Green***

High yields, good grades and resistance to TSWV and white mold made Georgia Green a popular runner-type variety. It is susceptible to leaf spot, however. Georgia Green has high percentage of sound mature kernels in comparison to other varieties. Its medium to late maturity (over 150 DAP) may not make it suitable for Virginia, unless planted early.

### ***Georgia Greener***

Georgia Greener is a high yielding runner with a high level of resistance to TSWV. Georgia Green has high percentage of sound mature kernels in comparison to other varieties. As its name implies, Georgia Greener has dark green foliage, intermediate runner growth habit and typical runner seed size.

### ***AP-4***

AP-4 is a medium maturity, good yielding and grading runner-type peanut released by Florida Agricultural Experiment Station in 2006. AP-4 has very good resistance to TSWV and slightly better white mold resistance than Georgia Green. The seed of AP-4 is larger than that of Georgia Green. Growth habit is runner with prominent center stem.

### ***Florida-07R***

This is a medium to late runner type peanut release in 2006 by the University of Florida. It has shown good yield potential with good grades. It has larger seed size than typical runners therefore gypsum applications are recommended. It has medium resistance to TSWV. Florida-07 has high-oleic characteristic and good roasting, blanching, and processing characteristics.

**Georgia-06G, Georgia\_09B, Tifguard, and FloRun-107**

These are recently developed runner-type varieties by Georgia and Florida. They have good disease package; Tifguard is the only peanut variety nearly immune to nematodes. They have medium to late maturity. They were recently included in tests at Tidewater AREC for their suitability for Virginia.

**Table 4. Agronomic Comparisons of Runner and Virginia Peanut Varieties, 2011.**

Variety	Yield (lb/acre)	Value (\$ /acre)	Fancy	Extra Large	Sound	Total
				Kernels	Mature	
				----- % -----	-----	Meat
GA Green	4306 i*	682 h	16 j	25 f	61 g	73 bc
GA Greener	5479 a-d	936 bc	34 h	39 d	67 ab	76 a
GA 06G	5861 ab	1019 ab	66 e	47 ab	69 a	75 a
AP 4	5216 d-g	875 c-f	21 ij	34 e	66 bc	74 b
GA 09B	5465 b-d	941 a-c	60 f	47 ab	68 ab	76 a
Tifguard	5386 c-e	922 c-e	53 g	43 bc	68 ab	74 b
Florida 07	5887 ab	929 cd	76 d	39 d	61 fg	70 d
Florunner	4432 hi	741 gh	21 ij	22 f	66 a-c	74 b
Tamrun ol 07	3665 j	580 i	25 i	16 g	62 e-g	72 c
CHAMPS	4898 fg	837 ef	90 bc	41 cd	64 c-f	70 d
Bailey	5909 a	1031 a	92 a-c	44 a-c	65 b-d	71 d
Sugg	5271 c-f	912 c-f	93 ab	43 bc	64 c-e	71 d
Perry	4824 gh	840 d-f	87 c	40 cd	66 b-d	71 d
Phillips	5110 d-g	899 c-f	92 a-c	47 ab	66 b-d	71 d
Titan	3818 j	565 i	98 a	43 bc	54 h	62 f
VT 024051	4957 e-g	824 fg	95 ab	42 cd	61 e-g	68 e
Gregory	5671 a-c	949 a-c	95 ab	48 a	63 d-g	68 e
Florida Fancy	5218 d-g	876 c-f	96 ab	44 a-c	62 e-g	68 e

\*Averages followed by the same letters are not statistically different.



Table 5. Agronomic and Market Characteristics of Virginia Market-type Peanut Varieties Recommended for Virginia

Characteristics	Bailey	CHAMPS	Gregory	NC-V 11	Perry	Phillips	Sugg	Titan
General								
Growth Habit	Int.-Runner	Runner	Int.	Runner	Int.	Int.-Runner	Int.-Runner	Int.-Runner
Maturity <sup>a</sup>	-5	-10	0	0	+15	-5	-5	-5
Pod Retention	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-
Seed Coat Color	Tan	Pink-Lt. pink	Pink	Pink	Pink	Tan	Lt. pink	Pink
Soil Type (Adapt.) <sup>c</sup>	M-L	M-L	M-L	M-L	M-L	M-L	M-L	M-L
Seed Count/lb	525	475	450	600	500	500	475	400
Calcium <sup>d</sup>	Mod.	High	Low	Mod.	Mod.	Low	Mod.	Mod.
Seed Vigor <sup>b</sup>	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	+
<b>Grade &amp; Quality Factors<sup>b</sup></b>								
% ELK	0	+	++	0	+	+	+	++
% SMK	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
% Fancy	+	+	++	0	-	+	+	+++
Blanchability	++	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
Shelf-life	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+
Splitting	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>a</sup> 0 = Same as NC-V 11; '+' = Days later than NC-V 11; '-' = Days earlier than NC-V 11

<sup>b</sup> 0 = Same as NC-V 11; '++' = Substantially higher than NC-V 11; '+++' = Substantially higher than NC-V 11; '---' = Substantially lower than NC-V 11; '-' = lower than NC-V 11; '+' = higher than NC-V 11

<sup>c</sup> Performs best on L = light; M = medium; H = heavy soil type

<sup>d</sup> Ability to absorb calcium

Table 6. Disease and Insect Resistance Characteristics of Virginia Market-type Peanut Varieties Recommended for Virginia

Characteristics	Bailey	CHAMPS	NC-V 11	Gregory	Perry	Phillips	Sugg	Titan
<b>Disease Resistance<sup>a</sup></b>								
CBR	MR	VS	S	S	MR	S	MR	S
Leaf spot	MR	S	S	S	S	S	MR	S
Pod Rot	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Sclerotinia	MR	VS	S	VS	MR	S	MR	S
Stem Rot	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
TSWV	R	MR	S	MR	VS	S	MR	S
Web blotch	S	S	VS	S	MR	S	S	S
<b>Insect Resistance<sup>a</sup></b>								
Corn earworm	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Leafhopper	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Rootworm	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Spider mites	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Thrips	MR	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

<sup>a</sup> VS = Very Susceptible; S = Susceptible; MR = Moderately Resistant; R = Resistant

## Pre-Plant Information

### *Tillage*

Peanuts can be produced successfully with many different tillage systems, but in any system, they do better on a slight bed. If sub-soiled and bedded, knock the bed down so that at least a 16" wide flat bed is available (lower than typical cotton bed). If land is disked flat, throw up a bed with coulters on the planter. Bottom plowing is not recommended unless necessary to bury residue and reduce disease and burrower bug pressure on non-rotated fields. Bottom plowing can also reduce resistant pigweed pressure.

### *Strip-tillage*

Strip-tillage has given equivalent yields on lighter soils and we have been able to control weeds without pre-plant incorporated (PPI) herbicides under irrigated strip-tillage conditions. Strip-tillage into a cover crop or other crop residue reduces tomato spotted wilt. Use coulters on the strip-till planter to establish a slight planting bed. Planting between the previous rows is recommended to minimize roots and stalks in the pegging zone. In general there are few worm problems in strip-till peanuts.

### *Twin-row Planting Patterns*

The impact of twin-row planting has been somewhat inconsistent. Yield increases (5 percent to 10 percent) due to twin-row planting have been documented with the NC-V 11, Perry and VA 98R varieties. Twin-row planting more consistently resulted in yield increases on light-textured soils (sands to loamy sands) than on medium- to heavy-textured soils (loam to sandy clay loams). Yield increases have been documented in twin-row plantings both with seed spaced 3 to 4 inches apart and with seed spaced 5 to 6 inches apart. Twin-row planting has also been noted to reduce the severity of TSWV disease. Good early season weed control is essential when planting in twin rows.

### *Crop Rotation*

A long crop rotation is essential for achieving high peanut yields. Also, not all other crops rotate well with peanut. For example, soybean is a poor choice because both are legumes and share many common disease. In fact, a good rotation program is aimed to reduction of sources of soil borne diseases that can infect peanut, damage the crop, and reduce the yield. A minimum of 3 years is recommended and used at the Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Suffolk. Good crops to rotate peanut with are corn, cotton, wheat, barley, and sorghum. If soybean has been grown, it is probably a wise decision to plant peanut after 4, 5, or more years after the bean. According to specialists at NCSU, peanut varieties have different requirements relative to crop rotation. A good example of the influence of rotation on yield is presented for Gregory in Table 7. Similarly, under the same rotations during 2001 - 2006, Perry lost only 26% of yield due to poor rotation (tobacco-corn-peanut-tobacco-corn-peanut instead of corn-corn-corn-corn-corn-peanut), while Gregory lost 40%.

Table 7. Influence of Rotation on Yield when Gregory was used\*

Rotation (1997-2006)	Peanut yield, 2006 (lb/A)
Corn-Cotton-Corn-Peanut-Corn-Corn-Corn-Corn-Corn-Peanut	5,920
Peanut-Corn-Corn-Peanut-Corn-Corn-Peanut-Corn-Corn-Peanut	5,030
Corn-Peanut-Corn-Peanut-Corn-Peanut-Corn-Peanut-Corn-Peanut	4,350
Peanut-Soybean-Corn-Peanut-Soybean-Corn-Peanut-Soybean-Corn-Peanut	3,800
Peanut-Peanut-Peanut-Peanut-Peanut-Peanut-Peanut-Peanut-Peanut-Peanut	2,600

\*Modified from D. Jordan. 2010. Peanut Information.

**Rotation into non-legumes (cotton, corn, or other grasses) is absolutely essential to sustainable long-term peanut production.** *Cylindrocladium black rot (CBR)* is a major root rot disease for peanut in Virginia and rotation is the most important factor in suppressing this and other diseases. An absolute minimum of 2 years (3 or 4 years better) out of legumes is recommended for sustainable peanut production. **Soybeans** should be avoided in a peanut rotation due to increased CBR and white mold problems. Due to EPA regulation for Vapam use, good rotation will become the major control of CBR, and a 3 to 4 rotation term could become standard in the future. We, at least, recommend it!

**Volunteer peanuts** must be controlled in the following crop to prevent losing a year's rotation. Peanuts are tough "weeds" and often require a two-step treatment program. **If decide to use Round-up, make sure that cotton or corn is Round-up Ready!**

Table 8. Control of Volunteer Peanut in a 3-year Rotation: Peanut, Cotton &amp; Corn or Peanut, Corn &amp; Cotton\*

Cotton Following Peanut			
Control	Time of application	Herbicide	Rate
G**	Pre-emergent	Cotoran	1 qt/ac
G - E	Pre-emergent	Round-up WeatherMAX (if Round-up Ready cotton)	22 oz/ac
E	Lay-by	Envoke	0.1 oz/ac
G		MSMA	1 qt/ac
G		Cotton Pro	1.5 pt/ac
Corn Following Peanut			
G	Pre-emergent	Lariat (mixture of Atrazine & Lasso) (Atrazine controls volunteer peanut)	3 qt/ac
G		Round-up WeatherMAX (if Round-up Ready corn)	22 oz/ac

\*Information provided by B. Ashburn, Farm Manager at Tidewater AREC; \*\* G is good, E is excellent

## Planting

**Planting Date:** The best planting window for peanuts in Virginia has been from 1 – 15 May. Recent research showed that April planting has benefits over late planting in particular in dry years. Large acreages (300 and up) should be spread out over a 2 week planting interval to spread harvest maturity. Early plantings, April and early May, have an increased risk of tomato spotted wilt virus (TSWV) due to high thrips activity at that time; thrips carry on the virus to the plants. However, availability of varieties with improved TSWV resistance allows scheduling of early planting with no effect of yield due to the virus. Fields with high CBR risk should be planted last (May 10) to maximize early season soil temperatures. We have enough growing season to finish planting during the last week of May if absolutely necessary, but harvest conditions usually deteriorate rapidly after 1 Nov. Lower temperatures and shorter days severely limit drying time and combining hours. See the discussion on cold injury.

**Soil Temperature:** Should be at least 65° F at 4” depth, in particular is Vapam is applied. Peanut can be planted in 14 days after Vapam application.

**Seeding Rate and Plant Population:** Our goal is to get a uniformly emerged stand of 3-4 plants per row ft. to help control tomato spotted wilt virus. A seeding rate of 5-6 per row foot is recommended for runners.

**Seed Quality:** Peanut seed require good germination (over 85%) to achieve adequate stands. Good germination is also necessary to produce plants with high vigor and yield potential. CBR is seed-transmitted – know your seed source!

**Table 9. Cultural Practices: Plant Population, Seed Size, and Seeding Rates for Recommended Varieties\***

Seeding Rates			Variety and Approximate Seed Count Per Pound						
Seed Spacing (inches)	# Seed (per foot)	#Seed (per acre)	Gregory (450)	Sugg CHAMPS (475)	Phillips Perry (500)	Bailey (525)	VA 98R (550)	NC-V 11 (600)	Georgia Green (825)
For 36” rows**			Lbs seed required to plant 1 acre in 36” rows						
2.0	6	81,120	180	167	174	156	152	145	98
3.0	4	58,080	129	123	116	111	101	97	70
4.0	3	43,560	97	92	87	83	76	73	53
6.0	2	29,040	65	62	58	55	51	48	35

\* Seed requirements for one acre at 4 intra-row seed spacing in 36-inch rows

\*\* For any seed spacing in 32”, 34”, or 38” rows, multiply the pounds of seed required to plant 36-inch rows as noted below:

Row spacing	Multiply lbs for 36" rows by:
32"	1.125
34"	1.060
38"	0.947

**Seeding Depth:** Assuming good seed quality (over 85% germination), a maximum depth of 3 inches in dry soil is sufficient. Under good moisture conditions, 1.5" depth is ideal and there is no need to plant shallower unless the seed has very poor vigor. Planting shallower than 1.5" will increase the risk of Valor injury and inoculants failure in marginal soil moisture.

**Row Spacing:** Conventional row spacing is 36 – 38" and 7" on 36-38" centers for twin-rows. For twin rows, GPS guidance is recommended to allow successful. On each twin row plant 3 seed per row ft.

## Fertility

### pH

The traditional recommended pH range for liming peanut land is 5.8 – 6.2. However, given the critical need for Ca in Virginia-type peanuts, we recommend a bias toward 6.2. At 6.4 pH increases the probability of Mn or B deficiency, but decreases potential Zn toxicity problems. Mn or B needs can be met with a foliar application where needed.

### Use of Inoculants

Peanut is a legume and as such can get most of its N needs from nitrogen-fixing bacteria (*Bradyrhizobium*) colonizing the plant's roots. To provide these needed bacteria, you absolutely must inoculate all "new" peanut land, and should also inoculate strip-tillage fields and land that has been out of peanut production for 3 years. Research at Clemson University showed that inoculation gives yield advantage even in soils regularly grown with peanut. **Use liquid in-furrow inoculants.** In-furrow granular inoculants are less effective than liquids and usually stop-up in the delivery tube. Seed treatment inoculants are not recommended due to having much lower bacterial counts. Inoculants are living organisms; treat them with care and make sure they are not out-of-date.

### Inoculant Rules:

- Use only liquid in-furrow inoculants. Granular & seed treatments are less reliable.
- Do not expose to heat during transport and storage
- Use a minimum of 5 gal water per acre.
- Make sure the inoculant stream hits exactly in the center of the open furrow, not the dry furrow walls. Trash caught in strip tillage rigs can deflect the inoculants stream.
- Don't plant too shallow (less and 1.5") or in dry soil. Inoculant must hit moist soil or it will die.
- Do not use chlorinated water.
- Apply with a steady stream, not a pulsing pump.

Poorly inoculated fields usually will not show any yellowing until about 45 DAP. Inoculation can be checked by using a shovel to uproot plants. Simply pulling up plants will cause the lower taproot to break off and result in a low count. The presence of large (1/8" or larger) nodules on the taproot indicates successful inoculation. An average of 15 large nodules per taproot at 45 DAP is considered good; less than 10 per taproot is marginal and less than 5 indicates poor inoculation. If only small (1/16") nodules are present and these are mostly on the lateral roots rather than on the taproot, the plant has probably only been colonized by native *Rhizobium* bacteria, not the applied inoculants.

If inoculation fails, either by application of inoculants or natural inoculation, broadcast ammonium nitrate (375 lb/ac of 34% = 127 N units) or ammonium sulfate (600 lb/ac of 21% = 126 N units) can be used. Failure of natural inoculation can be expected in very dry planting seasons. If the canopy has not closed, liquid N can be dripped in the row middle. Foliar nitrogen applications are not cost effective and often cause unacceptable leaf burn.

### ***P and K***

Phosphorus and potash should be applied to the previous crop by soil test to the high level. Peanuts respond best to residual fertilizer, and typically no additional fertilizer is needed when the previous crop has been properly managed. Excess potash in the pegging zone can potentially interfere with Ca uptake and can cause pod rot, so avoid potash application unless soil test levels are below guidelines by the Virginia Tech's Soil Testing Laboratory, 145 Smith Hall (0465), Blacksburg, VA 24061.

### ***Calcium***

Calcium is critical for pod development and high quality peanuts. Adequate Ca uptake increases peanut yield and grade by reducing pod rot (*Pythium*), and preventing unfilled pods or "pops". Calcium also reduces the risk of aflatoxin. On seed peanuts, calcium is important to improve germination and seedling vigor. **Peanuts will not respond to foliar calcium application.**

Calcium can only enter the kernel by direct diffusion through the pod wall and adequate soil moisture lessens its absorption. Therefore in dry soil seed quality can be affected by reduced Ca uptake, even though plenty of Ca may be in the soil. Earlier research showed that higher Ca application can partially offset the decline in seed quality caused by drought. Virginia type peanuts require calcium application. Small runner type peanuts like Georgia Green usually do not respond to gypsum application when soil test calcium is over 600 lb/acre. Larger runner varieties such as Tifguard and Florida-07 have an intermediate need for calcium.

The critical period for calcium absorption begins about 20 days after pegs first enter the soil and extends for at least 40 days after that. The first 10 days of this interval are particularly critical. Depending on the season and planting time, peanuts first peg around 60 DAP in Virginia; so before 70 DAP we want calcium already available in soil solution. **Better early than late with land plaster.**

### Landplaster-Calcium Recommendations

**Table 10. Landplaster-Calcium Recommendations**

Source	% CaSO <sub>4</sub>	Band (16-18")	Broadcast
		lb/A	
US Gypsum Bagged	85		
US Gypsum Bulk 420 (granular)	83	600	900-1200
US Gypsum Bulk 500 (granular)	70		900-1200
Texasgulf Gypsum (Phosphogypsum)	50		1500-1800
ISG Resources, Inc. Peanut Maker (semi-granular)	71		1100-1500

### Special Recommendation for Peanut Seed Production

It is essential that peanuts being grown for seed receive a continuously available supply of calcium from pegging through seed development to insure high germination. This can be accomplished by either using two applications or by increasing the amount used at the first application by 50 percent; being certain to apply it after June 10. Specific recommendations are:

- a) June 10 - June 30: apply 75 percent of recommended amounts above for non-seed crop.
- b) July 1 - July 20: apply 400-500 lb/A of bagged or dry USG 420 or USG 500 Landplaster in a band over the row.

OR

- c) June 10 - June 30: apply the higher rate of the above rate ranges.

CAUTION: If soil potash level is relatively low, this choice could cause a potash deficiency to occur unless potash is applied prior to planting.

### Recommendations for Runner Market Type Peanut Production

Runner market type peanuts require less calcium (Ca) for optimum seed development than Virginia market types. To assess the need for supplemental Ca, soil samples should be taken up to a 3-inch depth in the pegging zone in mid to late June. If the ratio of calcium to potassium (K) exceeds 3 to 1 and the calcium levels exceed 250 ppm, Ca is not recommended. To calculate the ratio of Ca to K, use the following formula:

$$\text{Ca to K ratio} = \text{Ca saturation (\%)} / \text{K saturation (\%)}$$

To calculate Ca concentration in ppm, use the following formula:

$$\text{Ca ppm} = \text{Ca saturation (\%)} \times \text{CEC} \times 200$$

The CEC is cation exchange capacity, and it can be found on the soil test result sheets.



### ***Trace-element Requirements***

While nitrogen is supplied through the symbiotic relationship with *Rhizobium* bacteria and phosphorus and potassium residues from previous crops suffice, beside calcium peanut requires minor elements called “trace elements”. For trace-elements, rates and number of applications should be based on soil test results from specialized soil testing laboratories. Virginia Tech provides soil testing through the Soil Testing Laboratory, 145 Smyth Hall (0465), Blacksburg, VA 24061. Soil samples are analyzed for pH (acidity), and content of phosphorus (P), potassium (K), calcium (Ca), magnesium (Mg), zinc (Zn), boron (B) and manganese (Mn), and results are expressed in parts per million (ppm) numbers.

### ***Manganese***

Manganese is needed in small amounts for peanut production. Soils in the peanut area, until recent years, contained adequate available manganese but now most sandy soils are deficient in this nutrient. Manganese availability to plants most commonly becomes critical with a soil pH of 6.2 to 6.5 or higher. In the heavier and more poorly drained soils, manganese deficiency symptoms (leafyellowning) often will occur when soil pH exceeds 6.2. On sandy soils, deficiency symptoms usually will not occur until the soil pH exceeds 6.5. Since peanut yields are not increased by pH values which exceed 6.2, it is recommended that peanut soils retain a pH value of 5.8 to 6.2. Generally, if soil tests indicate less than 3 ppm manganese, one or more foliar applications of the nutrient will be required. Monitor the crop for visual symptoms of manganese deficiency. If deficiency symptoms appear, foliar applications of the nutrient will be required. Soil application of manganese is not recommended. Typical plant deficiency symptoms are yellowing of leaflet tissues between the veins while the veins remain green. Nitrogen deficiency is sometimes confused with manganese deficiency when the whole leaf, including the veins, is pale yellow.

### **Manganese Recommendations**

Apply 1 to 3 applications of manganese [Tecmangam,  $\text{MnSO}_4$ ,  $\text{MnCl}_2$ , or  $\text{Mn}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ ] as a foliar spray as needed between mid-June and August 15 at the rate of 1.0 lb elemental manganese per acre per application. Manganese sources may be tank-mixed with leaf-spot sprays. Cone-type nozzles used for leaf-spot sprays are well suited for application of manganese. If other manganese materials are available, spray the material to deliver 1.0 lb elemental manganese per acre. Do not mix Solubor with any of these manganese products. Boric acid may be mixed with these manganese products. When soil tests for manganese are 3.0 ppm or below, three preventative applications should be made at 2-week intervals, beginning mid-June.

**Soil Application** - Application of manganese to the soil has been ineffective in providing this element to the crop.

### Liquid Manganese Products

A number of liquid formulations containing manganese are available for use on peanuts. When used according to label instructions many of these products provide less than 1.0 lb elemental manganese per acre. Recent Virginia research results have shown that liquid manganese formulations should be applied in multiple applications, which supplies a total of at least 0.5 to 1.0 lb elemental manganese per acre per application. With manganese EDTA chelate the material should supply 0.25 to 0.50 lb elemental manganese per acre per application. EDTA chelated products may be tank mixed with cupric hydroxide and with inorganic sources of boron.

**Liquid manganese applications are more convenient but not any more efficient than dry formulations. Make sure liquid formulations use rates are adequate to meet the nutrient requirement. See table below for equivalent liquid rates.**

**Table 11. Amount of Manganese Product Needed to Supply Equivalent Amounts of Elemental Manganese\***

Source	Amounts needed to supply 0.5 lb Manganese per acre
Manganese sulfate 25%	2 lb
Tecmangam 32%	1.5 lb
ManGro DF 31%	1.6 lb
**Liquid 10%	2 quarts
**Liquid 5%	1 gal.
**Liquid 1%	5 gal.

\*Modified from J. Chapin. 2011. Peanut Money-maker Production Guide

\*\*Assumes weight of approximately 10 lb/gal.

### Boron

Boron is needed during kernel development; hence, it should be applied about the time of, or immediately following, flowering. Generally, boron is applied as a wettable powder or liquid spray with the leaf spot fungicides. When plants are under stress or if the recommended rates are exceeded, leaf burning will occur. Excessive use of boron can cause severely reduced yields even when foliage burning is not obvious. Boron can be applied satisfactorily as a soil application in fertilizer. Do not mix solubor with inorganic sources of manganese due to potential compatibility problems.

Liquid Boron applications are more convenient but not any more efficient than dry formulations. Make sure liquid formulation use rates are adequate to meet the nutrient requirement. See table below for equivalent liquid rates.

**Table 12. Amount of Boron Product Needed to Supply Equivalent Amounts of Elemental Boron\***

Source	Amounts needed to supply 0.3-0.5 Boron per acre
Boric acid	1.8 – 3.0 lb
Solubor	1.5 – 2.5 lb
**Liquid 10% B	38 oz – 2 quarts
**Liquid 5% B	2.4 quarts – 1 gal.
**Liquid 1% B	3-5 gal.

\*Modified from J. Chapin. 2011. Peanut Money-maker Production Guide

\*\*Assumes weight of approximately 10 lb/gal.

Excessive foliar boron is toxic to peanuts

Never exceed a seasonal total of 0.5 B/ac.

### Boron Recommendation

Apply 0.5 lb elemental boron per acre at the early bloom stage to prevent internal damage. The application of boron is especially important on light sandy soils. The following sources and rates are suggested:

2.5 lb/A Solubor foliar applied in 10-30 gal spray/A

2.8 lb/A Boron-spray foliar applied in 10-30 gal spray/A

2.9 lb/A Boric Acid foliar applied in 10-30 gal spray/A

Apply boron at the time of second or third leaf spot application. Do not apply when plants are under moisture stress. Do not apply with sulfur or other chemicals which tend to burn foliage and do not exceed 0.5 lb/A elemental Boron. Split applications, each of 0.25 lb elemental boron per acre, at 2- to 4-week intervals up to August 15 are suggested. Do not mix Solubor with Techmangam,  $MnSO_4$ ,  $MnCl_2$ ,  $Mn(NO_3)_2$ , or with leaf-spot disease control products containing cupric hydroxide due to potential compatibility problems.

### Magnesium

Peanuts have a low soil test requirement for Mg, but keep an eye on test Mg levels following peanut production. Use excessive Ca applications to peanuts from land plaster can cause Mg to leach out of the rooting zone and lead to potential deficiencies on rotational crops (corn and cotton) which have much higher soil test Mg requirements. If Mg becomes deficient on soils with pH levels which are too high to lime, you get “boxed-in” because the only affordable way to supply Mg is in dolomitic lime. Peanuts only require a 20 lb/ac Mg soil test. But rotational crops

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require 60 lb/ac Mg with at least 10% of cation exchange capacity being from Mg. At Mg levels of 120 lb/ac there is no 10% CEC requirement. If the subsoil is within 15" of the surface, Mg leaching should not be a problem.

**Zinc Toxicity**

Peanuts are very sensitive to zinc. Beware of recommendations for Zn application in peanut rotations. Stunted, dying plants with split stems are a sign of zinc toxicity. Check zinc levels on any new land prior to planting, especially old peach orchards, pecan orchards, fields heavily treated with poultry litter or hog lagoon waste, or fields which zinc was repeatedly applied for high yield corn production. Zinc toxicity also occurs on old building sites around stock pens which had galvanized roofs. Soil test zinc levels of 10 lb/ac can cause toxicity when the soil pH is below 6.0. Liming to increase soil pH can reduce zinc toxicity in contaminated soils. Also make sure the lime source is not contaminated with zinc in fields which already have marginal Zn levels. Fields with Zn levels of 6-10 lb/ac should be limed to at least 6.2 pH; fields with Zn levels of 11 to 20 lb/ac should be limed to at least 6.4; and fields with 20-30 lb Zn/ac should be limed to 6.5. Given the risk of loss on a high value crop, the difficulty of achieving uniform pH, and the non-uniform distribution of Zn in soils, the maximum Zn level in peanut fields should probably not exceed 20 lb/ac.

**Tissue Testing**

Tissue testing can be useful for diagnosis of potential nutrient deficiencies. To get a representative sample, pick 20 recently mature tetra-foliolate leaves from a suspected deficient area and compare to a similar sample from plants without the deficiency symptoms. Leaves should be pulled when dry and placed in a paper bag.

When diagnosing deficiency based on tissue testing always consider soil test evidence and field observations. For example, root stunting from very low pH or herbicide injury causes micronutrient deficiencies in leaves even when the nutrients are sufficient in the soil.

**Table 13. Peanut Tissue Test Sufficiency Levels**

N (%)	P (%)	K (%)	Ca (%)	Mg (%)	S (%)
3.50 – 4.50	0.20 – 0.50	1.70 – 3.00	0.50 – 2.00	0.30 – 0.80	0.20 – 0.35
Fe (ppm)	Mn (ppm)	Zn (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	B (ppm)	
50-250	20-350	20 - 60	5 – 20	20 – 60	

**Table 14. Peanut Fertility Checklist\***

pH or Nutrient	Soil Test Sufficiency Level (Mehlich)**	Recommendations / Comments
pH	5.8 to 6.5	Liming to a pH value of 6.4 is useful in maximizing soil Ca levels and reducing Zn toxicity risk where necessary, but Mn deficiency is more likely at high pH levels (see below).
Nitrogen (N)	---	Use liquid in-furrow inoculants on all fields that have been out of peanut production for 3 years.
Sulfur (S)	---	Sulfur has not been a limiting factor on peanut on coastal plain soils. Subsoil S and gypsum (CaSO <sub>4</sub> ) applications can provide more than adequate S nutrition.
Phosphorus (P)	20 lb/ac	The soil test sufficiency level for both P and K on peanut is much lower than other crops because the peanut plant is very efficient at scavenging these nutrients from the soil. Add 40 lb P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /ac when soil test levels are medium (11-19 lb P/ac) and 80 lb P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /ac when soil test levels are low (<11 lb/ac). Peanut phosphorus requirements can always be met by maintaining adequate P levels on rotational crops.
Potassium (K)	40 lb/ac	Maintaining adequate fertility on rotational crops eliminates the need for K application to peanut. The soil test sufficiency level for both P and K on peanut is much lower than other crops because the peanut plant is very efficient at scavenging these nutrients from the soil. Excessive K levels can interfere with Ca uptake by pods (see Ca comments).
Calcium (Ca)	600 lb/ac and 3 : 1 Ca to K ratio (Always use gypsum on virginia types)	Runner type peanut yields seldom respond to gypsum application when soil test Ca is 600 lb/ac. However, virginia type peanuts have responded to gypsum even when Ca=1,000 lb/ac. Apply 1,500 lb gypsum (300 lb Ca) at bloom to all virginia type peanuts, all seed production peanuts, and to runners with < 400 lb/ac soil test or a Ca to K <3:1. Apply 1,000 lb/ac gypsum to runners with 400-600 lb/ac soil test. Maintain soil pH with dolomitic lime so both Ca and Mg will remain adequate.

Table 14. Peanut Fertility Checklist\* (cont.)

pH or Nutrient	Soil Test Sufficiency Level (Mehlich)**		Recommendations / Comments
Magnesium (Mg)	60 lb/ac and Mg at least 10% of total CEC for rotational crops		Soil test Mg levels above 20 lb/ac are considered adequate for peanut. However, rotational crops will require Mg soil test levels > 60 lb/ac and Mg at least 10% of CEC. Use dolomitic limestone (contains about 200 lb Mg per ton) to maintain soil Mg levels.
Boron (B)	0.5 lb/ac		If soil test B is below 0.5 lb, apply foliar 0.3-0.5 lb B/ac (1.5-2.5 lb Solubor) as a foliar spray in the first fungicide application. Avoid toxicity from excessive B application.
Manganese (Mn)	pH	Mn lb/ac	If soil test Mn is below the sufficiency value at the current pH or the target pH when lime is to be applied, apply 0.5 lb Mn (2 lb manganese sulfate 25%, 1.5 lb Tecmangam, or 1.5 lb ManGro DF 31%) with both the 60 and 75 DAP fungicide applications. For pH values above those shown, the Mn sufficiency soil test value is 1 lb higher for each additional 0.1 of a pH unit.
	5.8	6	
	5.9	7	
	6.0	8	
	6.1	9	
	6.2	10	
	6.3	10.5	
	6.4	11	
6.5	12		
Zinc (Zn)	Toxicity: see comments	Deficiency: 1.6 lb/ac	Soil test Zn levels of 10 lb/ac can cause <u>toxicity</u> when the soil pH is below 6.0. To prevent Zn toxicity, lime to the pH targets listed. Given the risk of loss, the difficulty of achieving uniform pH, and the non-uniform distribution of Zn in soils; fields with Zn levels over 30 lb/ac should probably not be planted in peanuts. Zn <u>deficiency</u> is more likely at high pH, high soil Ca, and high soil P levels. A Zn soil test level of 1.6 lb should be adequate even under these conditions.
Copper (Cu), Chlorine (Cl), Iron (Fe), Molybdenum (Mo)			There is no evidence for deficiency of these micronutrients in coast plain peanut production.

\* Modified from J. Chapin. 2011. Peanut Money-maker Production Guide

\*\* If soil test results come with amounts expressed in parts per million (ppm) multiply with 2 to get lb/ac.

## Irrigation

To grow and yield, peanut needs water and the more water the higher yields. Figure 1 shows the close relationship between rainfall and pod yield in 30 varieties tested in 2009 and 2010 in PVQE trials in Virginia and North Carolina. When irrigation is not available drought tolerant varieties should be planted in fields and locations that historically are more prone to drought stress. Critical peanut growth stages to drought are emergence, flowering, pegging, and pod filling. After uniform emergence and good crop establishment and until flowering irrigation is not necessary unless it is very dry. If it is a very dry year, then limited irrigation can be applied between after emergence and flowering, but not full irrigation.

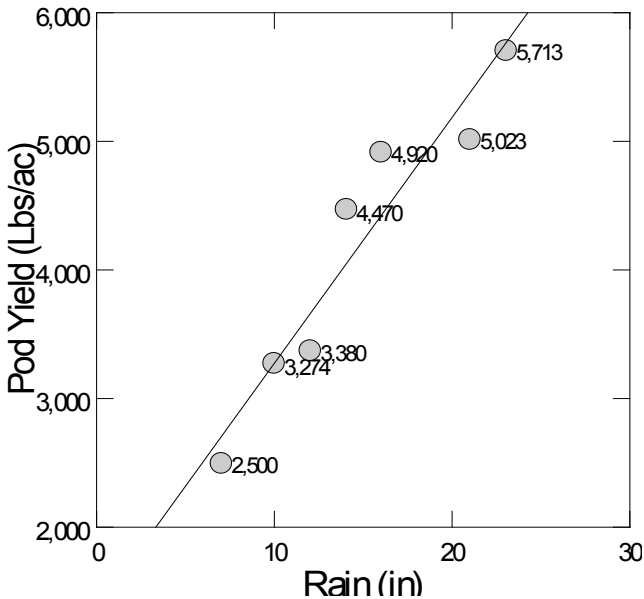


Figure 1. The dependence of yield on the amount of water received from planting to maturity.

Irrigation is critical in peanut production also because it allows better use of the inputs. Water is needed to move Ca from land plaster into the pegging zone and to keep soil Ca in solution and available to the pods.

Irrigation also improves the effectiveness of herbicides (e.g. Prowl, Sonalan, Dual, Valor, Cadre); soil fungicides; and insecticides (Lorsban). Without timely rain or irrigation, these inputs can be wasted. Irrigation lowers soil temperatures, which allows for normal peg development and greatly reduces aflatoxin risk.

Irrigation is also the best insect control available in that it makes the peanut plant much less susceptible to some of the most costly pest: lesser cornstalk borer, burrower bugs, corn earworm, and spider mites.

## Growth and Development

### *Germination*

Plants require a minimum or “base” temperature to germinate, grow, and produce yield, which is crop specific. For peanut, base temperature is 56° F. Beside temperature, seeds also need water and oxygen to germinate; water uptake is the first step in the resumption of active growth by quiescent seed after storage. Pre-harvest conditions can also influence germination. Soil fertility and nutrition, calcium uptake, and drought during seed development can affect germination and seedling vigor even under optimum temperature, moisture, and oxygen conditions. For example, soil moisture and soil calcium interact to influence pod uptake of calcium and thus affect peanut seed quality. Harvest, storage, and handling play important role in germination, too. For example, when seed moisture is high, excessively high or low temperatures may reduce seed quality.

Seed dormancy is an important factor in commercial peanut production. In virginia type peanut dormancy may last up to 4 months, and the duration appear to depend on cultural practices, weather conditions at harvest, and storage conditions. For example, pods harvested later had seed with less dormancy than those harvested earlier. Seeds are more dormant during dry than wet harvest seasons.

### *Growth*

Optimal temperature for peanut growth is between 77 and 86° F. Plant growth is significantly slower at temperatures below 60 and over 95° F. Leaf and stem weights increase up to a maximum value which occurs at about 90 to 100 days after planting (DAP). Good vine production is necessary for a good pod yield. Drought and heat can reduce vine production and therefore yield, even though peanut is an indeterminate plant. As such, peanut can resume growth after a drought episode even during the reproductive period, re-bloom and produce another crop of pegs. However optimal yields are produced when drought stress is avoided and extreme temperatures are minimized during the critical 60-100 DAP interval.

### *Development*

Optimum temperature for peanut flowering and fruit-setting is between 83 and 91° F. Drought and heat stress reduces flower production and pollination, and extreme soil surface temperatures cause peg abortion. Peanut pollination and seed set hold up well under low weather as long as daily maximum temperatures do not exceed 97° F. Even under the most ideal conditions, maximum peanut pollen viability is about 90% and maximum seed set is about 75%. Above 97° F maximum temperature there is decline in both pollination and seed set. If the daily high temperature reaches 104° F pollen viability can drop to around 70% and seed set to around 50%. Although standard weather station temperatures seldom reach 104° F, peanut canopy may be greater than that measured in weather station shelters in sensitive varieties, and may be lower in tolerant once. Therefore development and use of tolerant varieties is critical in dry and hot years.

Temperature requirements to reach pod maturity can be thought of in degree days where the base temperature (56° F) is subtracted from the average daily temperature and summed over a period of time starting from planting. For example, a medium maturity Virginia type peanut such as NC-V11 requires about 2700 degree days (DD) after emergence to mature.



**Table 15. Peanut Growth Stages**

Approximate Number Days after Planting*	Growth Stage	Description
7	Emergence	Seedling “cracking” the ground and cotyledons visible
45	Flower (R1)	One-half of the plants with a bloom
55	Beginning Peg (R2)	First visible peg
70	Beginning Pod (R3)	Peg tip swollen to twice the peg diameter
75	Full Pod (R4)	Fully-expanded pod, to dimensions characteristic of the variety
80	Beginning pod-fill (R5)	Pod in which seed is visible in cross-section
90	Full Size Seed (R6)	Seed is filling the pod cavity
130	Beginning Maturity (R7)	Pods having interior hull color and orange to brown mesocarp
150 - 160	Harvest Maturity (R8)	70% of harvestable pods have an orange, brown, or black mesocarp (scrape pod saddle with knife) and interior hull color (crack pod open)
165 – 170	Over-mature (R9)	Kernels in oldest pods develop tan-brown seed coat and pegs may have deteriorated; over-mature pods have coal-black mesocarp color

\* Based on average of 30 virginia type varieties planted on May 1 at Tidewater AREC. The numbers of days after planting increase for earlier and decrease for later plantings. If June is dry, these numbers are bigger from R1 through R4 and smaller afterwards.

**Use of Growth Regulators:** If vine growth control is needed for digging, Apogee (7.25 oz/ac) can be applied when 50% of the laterals touch in the row middle. A second application is made at 100% row closure. Treating “marker rows” such as the middle two of a 6-row digger pass is more cost-effective than broadcast treatment.

Effective uptake of Apogee requires addition of nitrogen to the spray solution. Use 1 pt urea / ammonium nitrate (UAN) or 1 lb ammonium sulfate (AMS) per treated acre. One quart crop oil concentrate per treated acre is also recommended.

## Harvest Maturity

Determining when to dig is the most critical decision of the peanut production. Digging at the right time gives the farmer the maximum yield and grade. If dig is too early, grading factors will be lower. If dig is too late, over-mature pods can lose peg strength resulting in yield loss. There are several methods to determine the optimum digging time.

**Days after Planting:** This and other guides include information on the number of days after planting (DAP) that each variety needs to mature. For example, CHAMPS is the earlier Virginia-type variety available and it can mature in 135-140 DAP in Virginia. Perry is the latest with 155-160 DAP necessary to reach maturity in Virginia. However, DAP is a general information on maturity and it should never be used alone for determining the digging date. The DAP information should rather be used to schedule planting date, and select varieties to allow spread out of planting and harvest on large acreages.

**Heat Units or Degree Day Method:** In order to mature, peanuts have certain temperature requirements over the growing season. For example, if the base temperature (56° F) is subtracted from the average daily temperatures (because plants will not grow below 56° F) and the remaining heat units are cumulated over time, from May to October there will be approximately 3000° F or degree days (DD). A medium maturity variety such as NC-V11 will only require 2750 DD to reach maturity. Like the DAP, the DD method is also imprecise because other factors beside temperature are important for peanut maturation. For example water, from rain or irrigation, is very important and in dry years maturity is delayed. Heat units for peanut are recorded daily at the Tidewater AREC for access by phone or internet at <http://www.ipm.vt.edu/infonet/>. Regional advisories for Caron, Waverly, Suffolk, and Skippers are available by calling (800) 795-0700 (see the Peanut Disease chapter).

**Hull Color Method:** Pod maturity can be determined by scraping away the outer hull layer with a knife or blasting with a pressure washer (with oscillating turbo nozzle and not high psi) to reveal the color of the middle layer of the mesocarp. As peanuts mature the mesocarp color changes from white to yellow, orange, brown, and then to black. Based on hull color, virginia-type varieties are ready to dig when 70% of pods are in the orange, brown, and black combined, 20-30% in brown and black categories combines, and only 1-2% dark black. For runners the target is to have 75% in the orange, brown, and black combined, 30-40% in brown and black categories combines, and only 5% dark black. **Maturity charts** can be used for easy identification of the percentages of pods within each color group and determine how far the sample is from optimum digging. The pods are first scraped or blasted and then laid on the charts.

Tidewater AREC and county agents co-organize pod blasting events for farmers. Please contact your county agent and let him/her know that you are interested to participate. You will bring pod samples from various fields and we will do the work for you! Please keep in mind that several determinations need to be done starting from 120 DAP in order to more precisely find the optimum digging time for each field.

## Peanut Grading Definitions and Economic Significance

The following definitions are intended to assist growers in understanding the economic significance of peanut grading terminology.

**Farmers' Stock Peanuts:** The peanuts the grower brings to the buying point.

**FM (foreign material):** Everything other than loose peanut kernels and in-shell peanuts in the farmers' stock sample. Foreign material includes dirt, peanut vines, sticks, stones, insect parts, peanut hulls, and "raisins" or "twisters". Raisins or twisters are very immature, shriveled pods which cannot be commercially shelled.

Foreign material is the first component to be separated from the grade sample of farmers' stock peanuts. There is no penalty for foreign material up to 4%. At 5% FM there is a 0.05 cents/lb (\$ 1/ton) penalty which increases with additional % FM. At 10% FM, the penalty is 0.3 cents/lb (\$6/ton or \$12/ac for 2-ton peanuts). Foreign matter penalties may vary at different buying points. For example, some charge no penalty up to 7%, but then impose a \$10/ton cleaning fee.

**LSK (loose shelled kernels):** Kernels and parts of kernels which are free from the hull in a load of farmers' stock peanuts.

LSKs are the second component separated out in grading. **LSKs are undesirable** because they spoil more rapidly and are **more likely to be contaminated with aflatoxin**. LSKs are checked for Aspergillus mold by the grader.

LSKs are worth only \$0.07/lb (\$140/ton) vs. \$0.18/lb (\$360/ton) for an "average" 72% TSMK load. So **each percent LSK results in a \$2.20/ton loss (\$4.40/ac for 2-ton peanuts)**.

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*At this point the grade sample has had the foreign material and LSKs removed. The remaining intact pods are then run down a set of sizing rollers to pre-size them for proper shelling and to determine the percent of "fancy pods" for virginia types.*

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**Fancy Pods:** The percentage of fancy (larger) pods is determined (virginia type only) by the percentage which rides a 34/64" roller spacing. The grower is not rewarded for fancy pods other than that they must meet the 40% fancy pod minimum to qualify for the virginia type market.

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*At this point the sample is shelled and the kernels will be mechanically shaken on screens.*

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**ELK (extra large kernels):** An ELK screen is **used only for virginia types**. ELK is the percentage by weight of kernels from the shelled sample that rides a 21.5/64 x 1" screen. There is a premium of 0.0175 cents/lb (36 cents/ton) for each percent ELK. A 40% ELK has a premium value of \$14.40/ton (about \$29/ac for 2-ton peanuts).

**SMK (sound mature kernels):** The percentage by weight of kernels from the shelled sample that rides a 15/64 x 1" (virginia type) or a 16/16 x 3/4" (Runner type) screen.

**Each percent increase in SMK increases peanut value by about \$5.00/ton. See TSMK below.**

**SS (sound splits):** The percentage by weight of kernels from the shelled sample that consists of undamaged split kernels or broken kernels (undamaged 1/4 to 3/4 kernel pieces; pieces less than 1/4 kernel remain in OK (other kernel category); pieces larger than 3/4 kernel are considered SMKs.

There is no sound split penalty up to 4% and for each percent above 4, the penalty is only 80 cents per ton.

**TSMK (total sound mature kernels):** TSMK is the total of SMK (sound mature kernels) + SS (sound splits). ELKs (extra large kernels) are also included in TSMK for Virginia types.

**This is the number that counts. Each percent increase in TSMK is worth about 0.25 cents/lb (\$4.96/ton), or about \$10.00/ac for 2-ton peanuts. So a 1 point increase in TSMK is worth more than a 10 point increase in ELK.** Higher TSMK also correlates with higher yield.

**OK (other kernels):** The percentage by weight of kernels from the shelled sample that falls through the SMK screen. Other kernels are mostly smaller, less mature kernels. Pieces of broken kernels less than 1/4 kernel size are also included in other kernels.

Other kernels are worth less than sound mature kernels. When you look at a grade sheet this might not be clear because as the percent of OKs increases from left to right on the price sheet, the sample value increases about 0.07 cents/lb (\$1.40/ton) for each point increase. So it might look like higher OK values are good news, but compare that 0.07 cent/lb increase to the 0.25 cent/lb (\$4.96/ton) value of a 1 point increase in TSMK (read up the chart). Immature kernels (OKs) are work something, but mature kernels (SMKs) are worth more.

**DK (damaged kernels):** The percentage by weight of kernels from the shelled sample that are judged to be inedible due to decay, mold, insect damage, sprouting (>1/8"), discoloration or pitting darker than light yellow, freeze damaged, or skin-discoloration (<25%).

Although graders do have picture and definition guidelines, **the determination of damaged kernels is somewhat subjective.** Minor pitting, discoloration, or other damage to the kernel skin or flesh does not constitute a damaged kernel. Notice that broken kernels are also not included in damaged kernels; instead they are classified as sound splits and thus contribute to TSMK.

Damaged kernels are the major component of total damage penalties – see below.

**Freeze Damage:** The percentage by weight of kernels from the shelled sample that have characteristics of freeze damage such as hard, translucent, or discolored flesh. This damage is included in damaged kernels (DK) and thus contributes to total damage.

**Concealed Damage (RMD):** Concealed damage – rancid, moldy, or decayed, is damage detected after the kernel sample is put through a kernel splitter and examined on a belt. This damage is added to DK to determine total damage.

**Total Damage:** The sum of damaged kernels (DK), including freeze damage and concealed RMD.

**Once total damaged kernels reach 2.5% by weight, the penalty can be catastrophic. At damage levels slightly above 2.5%, the peanuts can sometimes be cleaned (~\$10/ton cleaning fee). If they can't be cleaned below 2.5% damage, the load is classified as segregation II and is consigned to the oil market, with a potential value as low as \$125 per ton (35% of loan value).**

**Hulls:** The percentage by weight of hulls from the shelled sampled. Although no grade premiums or penalties are based on hull weight, the lower the percentage hull weight, the higher the grade. Hull weights in the lower twenties indicate excellent grades because they indicate that the total kernel weight is in the high seventies.

***Aspergillus flavus* mold:** This is mold that produces aflatoxin. Only three grade components are examined for the presence of *A. flavus* mold (LSKs, OKs, and DKs) because these components have the greatest risk. The grader indicates on the grade sheet that *A. flavus* either was or was not detected.

**Detection of *A. flavus* is bad news.** Detection results in the lot being cleaned (~\$10/ton cleaning fee) and re-examined. If the contamination is not adequately removed by cleaning, **the peanuts are consigned to segregation III for the oil market, with a potential market value as low as \$125/ton (35% of loan value).**

Table 16. Peanut Grading Terms

Grading Term	Definition	Penalty or Reward
<b>FM</b> Foreign Material	Everything but in-shell peanuts and loose kernels.	No penalty up to 4%. At 5% lose \$1/ton and increases with each %. FM not usually a problem even in strip-till.
<b>LSK</b> Loose shelled kernels	Kernels free from the hull	With each percent LSK you lose \$2.20/ton. More importantly, LSKs associated with & checked for aflatoxin.
<b>Fancy pods</b>	Pods big enough to ride a 34/64" roller spacing	No reward or penalty. Only varieties with 40% fancy pods qualify as Virginia types
<b>ELK</b> Extra large kernels	Kernels big enough to ride a 21.5/64 x 1" screen (Virginia types only)	Premium of \$0.36/ton for each percent ELK. So a 40% ELK has a \$14.40/ton premium. A variety with 10% higher ELK worth only \$3.60/ton more.
<b>SMK</b> Sound mature kernels	Kernels mature enough to ride a screen standard: 15/64 x 1" (Virginia type) or 16/64 x 3/4" (runner type)	Each percent SMK increases value by about \$5.00/ton (see TSMK below).
<b>SS</b> Sound splits	Undamaged split kernels in the shelled sample.	No penalty up to 4%; \$0.80/ton penalty for each percent above 4%.
<b>TSMK</b> Total sound mature kernels	ELKs + SMKs + SSS (only Virginia types are graded for ELKs)	This is the important number. <b>Each percent TSMK increases value by about \$5.00/ton. So a 1% increase in TSMK is worth more than a 10% increase in ELK.</b>
<b>OK</b> Other kernels	Smaller, immature kernels that fall through the SMK screen standard.	Each percent increase in other kernels detracts from the sound mature kernels.
<b>DK</b> Damaged kernels	Kernels judged to be inedible due to mold, insect damage, sprouting, or freeze injury.	At or above 2.5% the penalty is severe because if the load can't be cleaned (\$10/ton cleaning fee) it is considered segregation II with an oil market value as low as \$125/ton (35% of loan).
<b>FD</b> Freeze damage	Freeze damage is included in damaged kernels.	Same as DK penalty above.
<b>Concealed RMD</b> Concealed damage-rancid, moldy, decayed.	Damage detected after kernels in the grade sample are split in half.	Cannot exceed 1% or the load becomes segregation II.
<b>TD</b> Total damage	The total of damaged kernels, freeze damage, and concealed damage.	Same as DK penalty above.
<b>Aflatoxin</b>	A toxin produced by <i>Aspergillus flavus</i> and related molds.	If the load can't be cleaned, it goes into segregation III – the oil market (as low as \$125/ton). LSKs, DKs, and OKs are checked for <i>Aspergillus</i> .

Table 17. Peanut Management Calendar

**BEFORE PLANTING**

September- November	Collect soil samples from fields for nematode assay to determine risk of nematode damage in fields to be planted with peanut next year. Assay forms, sample bags, and instructions are available at local extension offices. A service charge of \$11 is due at the time of submission of samples to lab.
January	Soil test: Soil Testing Laboratory results will show if a nutrient is low or high; alternatively compare soil test values with the sufficiency levels in Peanut Fertility Checklist table.
February	Take advantage of invited, out-of-state speakers on peanut production at the State Peanut Production Meeting. Plan land preparation for conventional tillage.
March	Early decisions on variety selection. The Peanut Variety and Quality Evaluation books may help you with the decision. Electronic copies are available at <a href="http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/category/crops.html">http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/category/crops.html</a>
Early April	30 days pre-plant, burn down weeds or cover crop for strip-tillage.
Late April	If Vapam fumigation is needed for CBR control, it should go out at least 14 days pre-plant when there is good soil moisture, minimal risk of rain within 3 days of application, and soil temperature is at least 60° F and forecast is for warming temperatures.

**PLANTING TO DIGGING**

<b>Approx. Days After Planting</b>	<b>Date: Assumes 1 May Planting</b>	<b>Growth Stage</b>	<b>Management Steps</b>
0	1 May	Planted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Check seed germ on seed bags and plant seed with highest germination in early plantings and lower germination seed in later plantings when soil temps are 70° or higher.</li> <li>- Plant 3-4 seeds/row ft into good moisture at 1.5" depth (max. 3" if necessary).</li> <li>- Inoculate all new fields and fields out of peanuts for 3 years with liquid in-furrow inoculants. Hit the center of furrow!</li> <li>- Use in-furrow Temik 5 lb or Thimet (phorate) 5.5 oz per 1000 row ft (4.7 lb on 38" rows) for thrips or liquid Admire Pro at 7-10.5 oz per acre for thrips. Note that liquid in-furrow Orthene (acephate) is not labeled.</li> <li>- Spread planting dates of large acreage over 2-wk interval to spread harvest maturity.</li> <li>- Optimal planting interval about 1-15 May.</li> </ul>

Table 17. Peanut Management Calendar

## PLANTING TO DIGGING (cont.)

Approx. Days After Planting	Date: Assumes 1 May Planting	Growth Stage	Management Steps
0-2	1-2 May	---	- If Prowl or Sonolan are used, it must be applied at planting or within 2 days of planting. Intro and Dual can be tank-mixed.
7	7 May	Cracking Emergence	- A pegging zone (4" depth) soil test can be used to re-evaluate Landplaster needs on runner types and apply 1,000 lb/ac only if soil test indicates < 400 lb/ac or a Ca to K ratio < 3:1.
7-28	7 – 28 May	Seedling	- Apply Gramoxone (plus Basagran or Storm) when needed to control first weed flush from cracking through seedling stage.  - If thrips injury/stunting occurs after emergence a foliar Orthene treatment is recommended.
45	14 June	Bloom (R1)	- Land plaster applied at bloom 40 DAP (early better than late).  - Typical Cadre appl. timing is about 35 DAP (no later as it may damage peanuts if vines are too big and the herbicide reaches them).  - If 2 Gramoxone applications are used instead of Cadre, the second application must be made within 28 days after cracking (about 35 DAP)
55	24 June	Beginning Peg (R2)	- Boron can be tank-mixed with the first herbicide or fungicide if indicated by soil test (<0.4 lb).  - Water is needed to move gypsum into the pegging zone and sustain pod development: irrigate if it is needed and you can.  - Check to see that the taproot has active nodules if inoculation problems are suspected (yellow plants).  - Cutworms can defoliate in late June – early July.  - Start weekly spot check for hopperburn on field edges.



Table 17. Peanut Management Calendar

## PLANTING TO DIGGING (cont.)

Days After Planting	Date: (if planted 1 May)	Growth Stage	Management Comments
70	9 July	Beginning Pod (R3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1st application of fungicide for leaf spot and stem rot control (Provost, Abound, etc.) should be applied at beginning pod stage where peanuts are planted in a 2- or 3-yr rotation. Fungicide application can be delayed until beginning seed stage (R5) if peanut is planted in rotations of 4 yrs or longer. All subsequent leaf spot sprays should be applied according to the Virginia Peanut Leaf Spot Advisory and Sclerotinia Blight Advisory Programs available on the Peanut/Cotton InfoNet (<a href="http://webipm.ento.vt.edu/cgi-bin/infonet1.cgi">http://webipm.ento.vt.edu/cgi-bin/infonet1.cgi</a>) or Peanut Hotline at 1-800-795-0700.</li> <li>- Use Storm, Basagran or Select if needed for grass control. It usually takes a minimum of 60 DAP to close the canopy.</li> <li>- If Lorsban 15G is used to prevent soil insects, it should be applied during pegging (about the first week of July).</li> </ul>
75	14 July	Full size pod (R4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Check Peanut/Cotton InfoNet and Peanut Hotline for last effective spray dates for leaf spot and Sclerotinia blight control.</li> <li>- Mn can be tank-mixed with the 60 DAP fungicide appl. if required by soil test.</li> <li>- Spot spray escaped grasses with Select or Poast Plus.</li> <li>- Most critical water use period begins; apply 1.0 – 1.5"/week minus rain 60-110 DAP.</li> <li>- Apogee growth regulator timing is 50% vines touching for 1st application and 2nd application at 100% row closure.</li> </ul>

Table 17. Peanut Management Calendar

<b>PLANTING TO DIGGING (cont.)</b>			
<b>Days After Planting</b>	<b>Date: (if planted 1 May)</b>	<b>Growth Stage</b>	<b>Management Comments</b>
80	19 July	Beginning Seed (R5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1st application of fungicide for leaf spot and stem rot control should be applied no later than beginning seed stage in fields with a 4-yr or longer rotation of peanut.</li> <li>- Check last effective spray date for control of leaf spot and Sclerotinia blight. Scout fields for leaf spot, Sclerotinia, and stem rot weekly for early detection of disease problems.</li> <li>- Check weekly for corn earworm and fall armyworm starting around 1 Aug. through first week of September.</li> </ul>
90	29 July	Full Size Seed (R6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under severe drought stress watch for spider mite hits in late August to September, particularly where Lorsban is used.</li> </ul>
110	18 Aug.	Oldest pods show internal hull color (R7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue spraying fungicide according problems found when scouting fields and last effective spray dates on the Peanut/Cotton InfoNet and Peanut Hotline.</li> </ul>
130	7 Sept.	Early Maturity (R7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Begin checking fields for maturity to plan digging dates. Use the hull scrape method to determine the percentage in white, yellow, orange, and brown-black hull color categories.</li> <li>- Continue spraying fungicide according with problems found when scouting fields and last effective spray dates on the Peanut/Cotton InfoNet and Peanut Hotline. The final spray of fungicide for leaf spot control should be chlorothalonil (Bravo or generic) for resistance management.</li> <li>- Irrigate between 110-130 DAP 0.75-1.0"/wk as needed to prevent wilting.</li> <li>- Have digger and combine ready to go.</li> </ul>

Table 17. Peanut Management Calendar

## PLANTING TO DIGGING (cont.)

Days After Planting	Date: (if planted 1 May)	Growth Stage	Management Comments
150 - 160	27 Sept. – 7 Oct.	Harvest Maturity (R8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitor Virginia Peanut Frost Advisory available at (<a href="http://webipm.entom.vt.edu/cgi-bin/infonet1.cgi">http://webipm.entom.vt.edu/cgi-bin/infonet1.cgi</a>) or Peanut Hotline at 1-800-795-0700 from October 1 until completion of harvest. Do not dig peanuts when a freeze is forecast occur in the next 3 to 5 days. Freshly dug peanuts contain high moisture (28-30%) and will sustain freeze damage that can reduce value to as low as 7 cents/lb compared to 25 cents or higher for peanuts without freeze damage.</li> <li>- Never dig strictly based on DAP. Variety, seasonal temperature and rainfall determine maturity. Use hull color guidelines to verify harvest maturity.</li> <li>- Optimum dig for virginias: 70% pod color (orange + brown + black); 20-30% brown + black; 1-2% coal black; 132-135 days for medium maturity varieties.</li> <li>- Optimum dig for runners: 70-75% pod color (orange + brown + black); 30-40% brown + blacks; 5% coal black; 140 days for medium maturity varieties.</li> <li>- In October check for velvet bean caterpillar defoliation on the latest maturing fields.</li> </ul>
170	17 Oct.	Over-mature (R9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Even on healthy plants, by 170 DAP there is a very high risk of pod loss from deteriorating peg strength on over-mature virginia type pods.</li> </ul>

# WEED CONTROL IN PEANUTS

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With production costs escalating, efficient and effective weed control is very important. Failure to control weeds almost always results in a poor peanut crop. Detailed information on the use of herbicides cannot be included in a guide such as this. Refer to product labels for use suggestions and restrictions. Proper application is required to obtain satisfactory weed control and minimize carry-over residues.

Soil incorporation is necessary for some herbicides. Compliance with the label directions for incorporation is very important in obtaining effective weed control.

With postemergence herbicides, good spray coverage of the target plants, treatment at the proper stage of weed development, and use of relatively small droplets of spray under relatively high pressure are required to insure good control.

Effective weed management requires integration of all control strategies.

## Crop Rotation

Peanuts should be grown in rotation with corn, grain sorghum, and/or cotton to aid in management of various pests including weeds. Crop rotation allows for the use of different types of herbicides on the same field in different years. A good rotation and weed management system in each crop prevents the buildup of problem weeds in the field. Most annual and perennial broadleaf weeds can be controlled more economically and easier in corn than in peanuts. For example, there are no registered herbicides for use in peanuts that will effectively control perennial broadleaf weeds such as horsenettle, trumpetcreeper, or maypop passionflower.

## Crop Competition

Peanuts are relatively poor competitors with weeds. Horsenettle, common lambsquarter, cocklebur, and palmer amaranth have been shown to reduce yield by 17, 40, 70, and 28 percent, respectively. Fewer weeds are required to reduce yield and quality of peanuts than for most other crops. Generally, if peanuts are kept weed free for 6-8 weeks after planting, peanut yield will not be reduced by weed competition. However, late season weeds often interfere with digging and combining of peanuts and reduce harvesting efficiency and peanut quality.

## Cultivation

Cultivation is often required to supplement chemical weed control. In addition, cultivation permits banding of herbicides, which reduces herbicide costs. Cultivations must be flat and non-dirting. Soil must not be moved upon or around the peanut plant. Such soil movement results in physical damage to the peanut plant and often results in increased disease problems.

## Weed Identification and Scouting

Proper weed identification is essential. Generally, one herbicide will not control every weed that is likely to be present in a typical field. Every field should be scouted and mapped for weeds present. Using graph paper, a grower should mark the approximate location of weeds in the fall of each year. Weeds present in the fall will generally have set seed and will be present the following year. Weed seeds often will stay viable in the soil for several years. As a result, they will be a problem for many years. By knowing what weeds to expect, a grower will be able to make more intelligent decisions on herbicide applications and save money and time in the process.

## Herbicide Selection

To develop a herbicide program, a grower must know what weeds are present, the soil characteristics of the field, and herbicide limitations and capabilities. Seldom will one herbicide provide control of all weeds present. As a result, several herbicides must be used together for a successful program. By knowing what each herbicide provides to the program, the grower may eliminate expensive duplication or choose the herbicide that provides the best overall balance of weed control capabilities, crop safety, and the best buy.

## Problem Weeds

### *Perennial Broadleaf Weeds*

Perennial broadleaf weeds such as horsenettle, alligatorweed, Virginia buttonweed, trumpetcreeper, maypop passionflower, and bigroot morningglory cannot be controlled in peanuts. These weeds can be controlled in corn grown in rotation with peanuts. In corn, make a layby application of 1.0 pt/A of 2,4-D amine plus surfactant. After corn harvest, spot spray any remaining infestations with glyphosate or a mixture of 1.0 pt/A of 2,4-D amine plus 0.5 pt/A of Banvel plus surfactant. See glyphosate product labels for suggested application rates.

### *Bermudagrass*

In addition to controlling bermudagrass in the field, efforts should also be directed at controlling bermudagrass on edges of field. This prevents encroachment into the field.

Ideally, control procedures should begin in the fall following corn harvest. This allows the grower several options and reduces the risk of yield reduction. After corn harvest, mow the stalks. If the bermudagrass foliage appears wilted or damaged, set the mower low to remove the old foliage. Do not till; allow the bermudagrass to regrow (8-10 inches tall) and be actively growing before applying glyphosate at 3.0 lb ai/A in a spray volume of 15 gpa using flat fan nozzles and 30-40 psi. Apply at least two weeks before frost and wait 14 days before tillage. Using moldboard or chisel plow followed by several diskings spaced at 4-6 week intervals (during the fall and winter if soil conditions allow) is most effective.

Glyphosate may also be applied in the spring. Remove old thatch by burning or mowing. Allow bermudagrass to regrow before applying 3 quarts of glyphosate as described above. Wait 14 days before seedbed preparation.

Two applications of Poast, Poast Plus, or Select Max in combination with good crop competition will usually provide good control or suppression of bermudagrass. See Table 4 for application rates and weed size for treatment. Always include a crop oil concentrate in the spray mixture.

### ***Nutsedge***

Both yellow and purple nutsedge occur in peanut fields. Know which nutsedge species is present; management practices vary for the two species.

Fields infested with yellow nutsedge should receive a preplant-incorporated or preemergence application of Pursuit, Frontier, Outlook, Strongarm, or Dual. Pursuit, Frontier, Outlook, or Dual may also be used as ground-cracking applications. Basagran may be applied postemergence when the yellow nutsedge is 6-8 inches tall. Apply 1.5-2.0 pt Basagran per acre. A second application of Basagran at same rate 7-10 days later may be required. The addition of 1 quart per acre of crop oil concentrate with Basagran will improve control. Either Cadre or Pursuit plus nonionic surfactant or crop oil concentrate may be applied for control of either yellow or purple nutsedge at the 1-4 inch stage.

Purple nutsedge is not controlled by Basagran, Frontier, Outlook, or Dual. Soil incorporated or preemergence treatments of Pursuit or Strongarm provide suppression of purple nutsedge.

### ***Broadleaf Signalgrass and Texas Panicum***

These two annual grasses are becoming more widespread in Virginia's peanut production area. Because management programs vary for the two species, it is important to have accurate information concerning the species present.

A management program for broadleaf signalgrass should begin with a preplant-incorporated treatment of Prowl, Sonalan, Dual, Frontier, or Outlook. The preplant-incorporated treatment should be followed by a preemergence or ground-cracking application of Frontier, Outlook, or Dual. Broadleaf signalgrass which escapes soil treatments may be controlled with postemergence application of Poast, Poast Plus, or Select Max. Cracking stage application of Gramoxone Inteon, or Boa effectively controls seedling broadleaf signalgrass.

**Texas panicum is not effectively controlled by Dual, Frontier, Outlook, Micro-Tech, Intro, or Pursuit.** Management should begin with a preplant-incorporated application of Prowl or Sonalan. Texas panicum may emerge from deeper in the soil than other annual grasses. As a result, Prowl or Sonalan should be incorporated to a depth of 3 inches (this is deeper than specified on Prowl label). Dual, Frontier, Outlook, Micro-Tech, or Intro applied preemergence or at ground-cracking provides some suppression. Texas panicum which escapes soil treatments may be controlled with postemergence application of Poast, Poast Plus, or Select Max. Cracking stage application of Gramoxone Inteon, or Boa also effectively controls seedling Texas panicum.

Table 18. Recommended Herbicides for Weed Control in Peanuts

Preplant Incorporated			
Weed Problem	Product Per Acre	Remarks	
Crabgrass, goosegrass, fall panicum, johnsongrass, broadleaf signalgrass, Texas panicum, carpetweed, lambsquarters, pigweed	Prowl 3.3EC 1.8-2.4 pt or Prowl H <sub>2</sub> O 1.6-2.1 pt	Incorporate into the top 1 to 2 inches within 7 days of application. Incorporate 3 inches deep for Texas panicum (note this is deeper incorporation than the label specifies). Use higher rate for broadleaf signalgrass, fall panicum, or Texas panicum. May be tank mixed with Dual Magnum, Strongarm, Pursuit, or dimethenamid for control of mixed infestations of nutsedge and annual grasses.	
	Sonalan 3HFP 1.5-2.0 pt	Incorporate 2 to 3 inches deep within 2 days of application (incorporation as soon as possible after application is preferred). For Texas panicum incorporate 3 inches deep. Use higher rate for fall panicum, Texas panicum, or broadleaf signalgrass. See label for application rates for particular soil. May be tank mixed with Dual Magnum, Pursuit, Strongarm, or dimethenamid for control of mixed infestations of nutsedge and annual grasses.	
Broadleaf weeds and suppression of nutsedges	Diclosulam 0.024 lb  Strongarm 84WDG 0.45 oz	Incorporate into the top 3 inches of soil within 4 weeks of planting. When applied in tank mixture with other herbicides, follow incorporation directions for the tank-mix partner. May be tank mixed with Dual Magnum, Prowl, Sonalan, Pursuit, or dimethenamid for improved control of nutsedge and annual grasses.	

Table 18. Recommended Herbicides for Weed Control in Peanuts

Preplant Incorporated (cont.)		
Weed Problem	Product Per Acre	Remarks
Crabgrass, fall panicum, goosegrass, broadleaf signalgrass, pigweed, yellow nutsedge	s-Metolachlor 0.95-1.27 lb  or Dual II Magnum 7.64EC 1.0-1.33 pt	Incorporate 2 inches deep within 14 days of planting. Will not control purple nutsedge or adequately control Texas panicum. A sequential application may be used with 1/2 rate applied PPI and 1/2 rate applied either preemergence or at cracking. May be tank mixed with Prowl or Sonalan to obtain control of broadleaf signalgrass and Texas panicum.
Crabgrass, fall panicum, goosegrass, broadleaf signalgrass, pigweed, yellow nutsedge, carpetweed	Dimethenamid 0.56-0.84 lb  Outlook 6E 10.0-14.0 oz	Incorporate 2 inches deep within 14 days of planting. May be applied in a split application with 1/2 to 2/3 the maximum rate applied PPI and 1/2 to 1/3 the maximum rate applied as a sequential application. Specifically, apply 10.0-14.0 oz/A preplant and incorporate. Follow planting with a preemergence application of Outlook at 7.0-10.0 oz/A sequentially. Do not apply more than 18.0 fl oz/A Outlook per season on coarse soils and 18.0-21.0 oz/A on medium and fine textured soil. Will not control purple nutsedge or adequately control Texas panicum. May be tank mixed with Prowl or Sonalan for improved broadleaf signalgrass and Texas panicum control.



Table 18. Recommended Herbicides for Weed Control in Peanuts

Preplant Incorporated			
Weed Problem		Product Per Acre	Remarks
Spurred anoda, pigweeds, prickly sida, vealvetleaf, yellow nutsedge, purple nutsedge	Imazethapyr 0.063 lb	Pursuit 2EC 4.0 oz	May be applied and uniformly incorporated 1-2 inches deep prior to planting or applied to soil surface after planting. A sequential application may be used with 1/2 rate applied PPI and 1/2 rate applied either at ground crack or early postemergence. Soil incorporated treatments may be tank mixed with Prowl, Sonalan, Dual Magnum, Outlook, or Strongarm. Do not apply more than 4.0 oz Pursuit total for all application methods.
Preemergence			
Yellow and purple nutsedges, many broadleaf weeds	Imazethapyr 0.063 lb	Pursuit 2EC 4.0 oz	Apply after planting and preferably before emergence of weeds. May be tank mixed with Dual Magnum, Outlook, or Strongarm. Preemergence application of Pursuit has been less consistent in weed control than either soil incorporated or split (PPI + PRE) application.
Broadleaf weeds and suppression of nutsedges	Diclosulam 0.024 lb	Strongarm 84WDG 0.45 oz	Apply after planting but prior to crop or weed emergence. May be tank mixed with other herbicides registered for preemergence application. Be aware of rotational intervals until follow crops can be planted.

Table 18. Recommended Herbicides for Weed Control in Peanuts (cont.)

		Preemergence		
Weed Problem	Chemical Rate per Acre	Product Per Acre	Remarks	
Barnyardgrass, broadleaf signalgrass, crabgrass, fall panicum, goosegrass, pigweed, carpetweed	Alachlor 3.0 lb	Micro-Tech 4ME 3.0 qt or Intrro 4E 3.0 qt	Generally good annual grass control except Texas panicum. Can be applied preplant incorporated, preemergence surface or at peanut ground-cracking. For Texas panicum control, applications should be as a tank mixture preplant incorporated with a labeled rate of Prowl or Sonalan. Can also be applied sequentially at ground-cracking following a labeled preplant incorporated herbicide. Will not control emerged weeds and grasses.	
Crabgrass, fall panicum, goosegrass, broadleaf signalgrass, pigweed, yellow nutsedge	s-Metolachlor 0.95-1.27 lb	Dual Magnum 7.62EC 1.0-1.33 pt or Dual II Magnum 7.64EC 1.0-1.33 pt or Dual IIG Magnum 6.0-8.0 lb	Apply to the soil surface before weeds or crop emerge. Good annual grass control except for Texas panicum. Do not use Dual II Magnum, or Dual II G after peanuts have emerged.	
Crabgrass, fall panicum, goosegrass, broadleaf signalgrass, pigweed, yellow nutsedge	Dimethenamid 0.56-0.84 lb	Outlook 6E 12.0-18.0 oz	Apply to soil surface before weeds or crop emerge. Good annual grass control except for Texas panicum.	

Table 18. Recommended Herbicides for Weed Control in Peanuts (cont.)

Preemergence		Remarks
Weed Problem	Chemical Rate per Acre	Product Per Acre
Controls most annual grasses and broadleaf weeds in conventional and reduced tillage production systems. Control or temporary suppression of many weeds, including hemp dogbane, yellow nutsedge, and rhizome johnsongrass. Provides residual control of large crabgrass, goosegrass, fall panicum, foxtails.	Glyphosate 0.703-0.984 lb ae/A + s-Metolachlor 0.938-1.31 lb ai/A	Sequence 2.5-3.5 pt
Broadleaf weeds	Flumioxazin 0.063 oz	Valor SX 2.0 oz
		Apply within 2 days following planting. Significant injury has been observed if applied 3 or more days after planting. Do not incorporate. Will not control nutsedge (purple or yellow) or sicklepod. Effective on ragweed, sicklepod, eclipta, and pigweed. Follow labeled sprayer cleanout instructions. Spray equipment used to apply Valor SX should not be used to apply other material to crop foliage. If heavy rain occurs at emergence, foliar injury from splashing Valor can occur. Peanut typically recovers by mid season.

Apply to soil surface at planting, but before crop emerges. **Do not incorporate.** Crop injury has been observed, especially when heavy rainfall is received shortly after peanut emergence. Do not exceed 2.5 pt/A of Sequence on medium or fine textured soils. Do not apply to sands or loamy-sand soils. May be useful in no-till peanut and for suppression of yellow nutsedge. **Do not apply Sequence to cracking peanuts.**

Apply within 2 days following planting. Significant injury has been observed if applied 3 or more days after planting. Do not incorporate. Will not control nutsedge (purple or yellow) or sicklepod. Effective on ragweed, sicklepod, eclipta, and pigweed. Follow labeled sprayer cleanout instructions. Spray equipment used to apply Valor SX should not be used to apply other material to crop foliage. If heavy rain occurs at emergence, foliar injury from splashing Valor can occur. Peanut typically recovers by mid season.

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Table 18. Recommended Herbicides for Weed Control in Peanuts (cont.)

Weed Problem		Chemical Rate Per Acre	Product Per Acre	Remarks
Small annual grasses, broadleaf weeds		Paraquat 0.125 lb	Gramoxone Inteon 8.0 oz	Gramoxone Inteon is effective only on small emerged weeds (less than 1 inch tall) and does not provide residual control. Add 1 pt of nonionic surfactant per 100 gal of spray solution. May cause foliar burn on emerged peanuts but crop recovers and yield is not affected. May be tanks mixed with Basagran (1 pt/A), Butyrac or Butoxone (0.5-1.0 pt/A), Dual Magnum (1.0-1.3 pt/A), Outlook (see label) or Pursuit (2-4 oz/A, see label). Do not apply Dual II Magnum after peanuts have emerged. Do not apply later than 28 days after ground cracking. Maximum of 16 oz/A of Gramoxone Inteon may be used per season. Consult labels of Basagran, Butyrac, Butoxone, Dual Magnum, Outlook, or Pursuit.
Barnyardgrass, broadleaf signalgrass, crabgrass, fall panicum, goosegrass, pigweed, carpetweed	Alachlor 3.0 lb	Micro-Tech 4ME 3.0 qt	Generally good annual grass control except Texas panicum. Micro-Tech can be applied preplant incorporated, preemergence surface or at peanut ground-crack. For Texas panicum control, applications should be as a tank mixture preplant incorporated with a labeled rate of Prowl or Sonalan. Can also be applied sequentially at ground-crack following a labeled preplant incorporated herbicide. Will not control emerged weeds and grasses.	

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**Table 18. Recommended Herbicides for Weed Control in Peanuts (cont.)**

		Postemergence		
Mainly cocklebur, annual morningglory (except pitted morningglory), sicklepod <b>(See Tables 12 and 13)</b>	2,4-DB 0.2-0.25 lb or Butyrac 2SC 0.8-1.0 pt	Butoxone 1.75SC 0.9-1.1 pt		Use when weeds are in the seedling stage and actively growing. Apply with 10 to 30 gal/A spray volume and 20 to 40 psi spray pressure. Cocklebur and morningglory are most susceptible. Ragweed, lambsquarters, jimsonweed, pigweed, and teasweed (prickly sida) are rather tolerant and may only be suppressed. The higher rate should be used if the difficult-to-control species are present. Do not graze or feed treated forage to livestock. May be applied from 2 weeks after planting to within 45 days of harvest. Avoid drift to other crops.
Broad-spectrum broadleaf weed control <b>(See Tables 12 and 13)</b>	Bentazon 0.5 lb + Acifluorfen 0.25 lb	Storm 4EC 1.5 pt (premix)		Apply to small, actively growing weeds with a minimum of 20 gal/A spray volume and 40 psi. Apply with 1 to 2 pt/A crop-oil concentrate or 1.0 pt of nonionic surfactant/100 gal spray solution. See label for weeds controlled. May be tank mixed with 0.5 to 1.0 pt/A 2,4-DB for improved control of certain broadleaf weeds.
Same as for bentazon alone; however, the addition of acifluorfen improves control of pigweeds, morningglories and common ragweed. <b>(See Table 13)</b>	Bentazon 0.75-1.0 lb + Acifluorfen 0.25-.05 lb	Basagran 4SC 1.5-2.0 pt + Ultra Blazer 2L 1.0-2.0 pt (tank mix)		Apply to small, actively growing weeds. Use spray pressures of 40 to 60 psi. Do not use large-orifice nozzles. Apply with 1.0 pt nonionic surfactant/100 gal spray solution or a crop-oil concentrate at 1.0 to 2.0 pt/A. Increased leaf burn and weed control is usually observed with use of crop oil and higher rates of Blazer. Do not apply within 75 days of harvest.

Table 18. Recommended Herbicides for Weed Control in Peanuts (cont.)

		Postemergence		
Cocklebur, jimsonweed, smartweed, prickly sida (teaweed), spurred anoda, wild mustard, yellow nutsedge <b>(See Table 13)</b>	Bentazon 0.5-1.0 lb	Basagran 4SC 1.0-2.0 pt	Apply when broadleaf weeds are small and actively growing. Apply with 1.0 to 2.0 pt/A crop-oil concentrate. Peanuts are tolerant at any growth stage. Use minimum of 10 gal/A spray volume at 40 to 50 psi. Split applications 7 to 10 days apart, applying 1.5 to 2.0 pt each usually improves control of morningglory and spurred anoda. Do not apply more than 4.0 pt/A/season. Do not add crop oil concentrate, AMS, or other additives if Butyrac or Butoxone is in tank mix.	
Same as for bentazon alone, however, the addition of 2,4-DB improves control of morningglories and spurred anoda.	Bentazon + 2,4-DB 0.12 lb	Basagran 4SC 1.0-2.0 pt + Butyrac 2SC 8.0 fl oz or Butoxone 1.75SC 9 fl oz	Apply in a minimum of 20 gal/A spray volume and 40 psi. Apply to actively growing small weeds. Avoid drift to other crops. Label directions prohibit addition of oil concentrate or other additives. Do not apply within 45 days of harvest or make more than 2 applications/year.	
Cocklebur, eastern black nightshade, ragweed, eclipta, jimsonweed, morningglory, and pigweed	Lactofen 0.2 lb	Cobra 2 EC 12.5 fl oz	Apply to actively growing weeds after peanut reaches the 6 true leaf stage. Do not apply sequential application within 14 days of the first. Good coverage with spray solution is essential. Use a minimum of 25-40 gpa and a spray pressure of 40-60 psi. Add nonionic surfactant at 1 qt. per 100 gallons of petroleum or vegetable based crop oil concentrate at 1-1.5 pt. per acre. See label for adjuvant use. Do not apply within 90 days of harvest. May be tank mixed with Butyrac and/or Butoxone to enhance spectrum of weeds controlled. In tank mixes, use use nonionic surfactants, not crop oil.	

**Table 18. Recommended Herbicides for Weed Control in Peanuts (cont.)**

		<b>Postemergence (cont.)</b>		
Common ragweed, jimsonweed, morningglory, pigweed, carpetweed, purslane, cocklebur, tropic croton, lambsquarters, eastern black nightshade, smartweed, spotted and prostrate spurge, wild mustard	Acifluorfen	0.25-0.5 lb	Ultra Blazer 2L	1.0-2.0 pt
<b>(See Table 13)</b>				
Morningglories, pigweeds, velvetleaf, yellow nutsedge, purple nutsedge	Imazethapyr	0.063 lb	Pursuit 2EC	4.0 oz
Spurred anoda, morningglories, pigweeds, velvetleaf, yellow and purple nutsedge, sicklepod	Imazapic	0.063 lb	Cadre 70DG	1.44 oz

Apply when broadleaf weeds are small and actively growing. Refer to label for proper growth stage of weed. Good coverage by spray solution is important. Follow label directions concerning best application procedures and rates for different weed sizes to be controlled. Use a minimum of 25 to 40 gal/A, and spray pressures of 40 to 60 psi. Do not use flood tips. Add 2.0 pt/A crop-oil concentrate or 1.0 pt nonionic surfactant/100 gal of spray solution. Do not apply more than 2.0 pt/A of Ultra Blazer postemergence/season. Do not apply within 75 days of harvest. May be tank mixed with Butyrac and/or Butoxone to enhance spectrum of weeds controlled.

Apply from ground crack to early postemergence when weeds are actively growing and are less than 3 inches tall. Certain weeds such as common lambsquarters, prickly sida, and velvetleaf should be treated less than 2 inches in height. Apply with a nonionic surfactant (1.0 qt/100 gal spray volume) or crop-oil concentrate (1.0 qt/A). Do not apply more than 0.063 lb a/A/season. Do not apply within 85 days of harvest.

Apply when broadleaf weeds are actively growing and are less than 3 inches tall. Certain weeds such as common lambsquarters, prickly sida, velvetleaf, and spurred anoda should be treated when 2 inches tall or less. Apply with 1.0 qt/A crop-oil concentrate or 1.0 qt nonionic surfactant/100 gal spray solution. Apply as a sequential treatment following application of a soil-applied grass control herbicide

**Table 18. Recommended Herbicides for Weed Control in Peanuts (cont.)**

Annual grasses (See Table 13)	Clethodim 0.094-0.125 lb or Sethoxydim 0.19 lb	Select 2EC 6.0-8.0 oz or SelectMax 0.97EC 12.0-16.0 oz  Poast 1.5EC 1.0 pt or Poast Plus 1EC 1.5 pt	Apply to actively growing grasses. In general, annual grasses should be 2 to 4 inches tall for best results. Do not apply within 40 days of harvest. See labels for tank-mix instructions. See table 16 for adjuvant recommendations.
Bermudagrass (See Table 14)	Clethodim 0.125-0.25 lb	Select 2EC 8.0-16.0 oz or SelectMax 0.97EC 16.0-32.0 oz	Apply to actively growing bermudagrass when stolons (runners) are 3 to 6 inches in length. If needed, a second application of 8.0 to 16.0 oz/A may be applied for control of regrowth when stolons are 3 to 6 inches in length. See table 16 for adjuvant recommendations.
	Sethoxydim 0.28 lb	Poast 1.5EC 1.5 pt or Poast Plus 1EC 2.25 pt	Apply to actively growing bermudagrass before plant stolon (runner) length exceeds 6 inches. A second application of 1.0 pt/A Poast or 1.5 pt/A Poast Plus is usually necessary for good control. Make the second application when stolon regrowth is 1 to 4 inches in length. See table 16 for adjuvant recommendations.



**Table 18. Recommended Herbicides for Weed Control in Peanuts (cont.)**

Rhizome Johnsongrass (See Table 14)	Clethodim 0.125-0.25 lb or Sethoxydim 0.28 lb	Select 2EC 8.0-16.0 oz or SelectMax 0.97EC 16.0-32.0 oz	Apply to actively growing johnsongrass when 12 to 24 inches tall. If needed, a second application of 6.0 to 8.0 oz/A may be applied for control of regrowth when plants are 6 to 18 inches tall. See table 16 for adjuvant recommendations.
	Sethoxydim 0.28 lb	Poast 1.5EC 1.5 pt or Poast Plus 1EC 2.25 pt	Apply to actively growing johnsongrass when 15 to 25 inches tall. A second application of 1.0 pt/A Poast or 1.5 pt/A Poast Plus may be made when new plants or regrowth are 6 to 12 inches tall. See table 16 for adjuvant recommendations.
Extended late-season residual grass control	s-Metolachlor 0.95-1.27 lb	Dual Magnum 7.62EC 1.0-1.33 pt	Apply over-the-top of peanuts for control of late-season grasses in years when excessive rains may have reduced the residual control of early-season applications. Will not control emerged grasses. Do not apply within 90 days of harvest. Do not apply more than an equivalent of 2.67 lb ai/A s-metolachlor during any one year. Dual IIG Magnum and Dual II Magnum are not registered for this method of application in peanut.
	Dimethenamid 0.56-0.98 lb	Outlook 6E 16.0-21.0 oz	Maximum Outlook rates in a single application are 12-18 fl oz/A on course-textured soils and 18-21 fl oz/A on medium or fine-textured soils and are influenced by soil organic matter. Outlook may be applied in a single application of up to 21 fl oz/A or used in split applications of 10-14 fl oz/A initially and the remaining 2-10 fl oz applied in the sequential application. Do not apply more than 21 fl oz/A of Outlook per season. See label for specific and labeled mixtures and sequential herbicide applications.

**Table 19. Weed Species Response to Herbicides for Peanuts<sup>1</sup>**

Species	Soil-applied Herbicides <sup>2</sup>									
	Sonalan PPI <sup>2</sup>	Prowl PPI <sup>2</sup>	Micro-Tech PPI	Dual PPI/PRE <sup>2</sup>	Outlook PPI/PRE <sup>2</sup>	Strongarm PPI/PRE <sup>2</sup>	Pursuit PPI <sup>2</sup>	Pursuit PRE <sup>2</sup>	Sequence PRE <sup>2</sup>	Valor PRE <sup>2</sup>
Texas panicum	G-E	G-E	P	P	P-F	P	P-F	P-F	P	PF
Barnyardgrass	G-E	G-E	E	G	G	P	G	G	F-G	PF
Crabgrass	E	E	E	E	E	P	F	P-F	F-G	PF
Goosegrass	E	E	E	E	E	P	P	P	F-G	F
Fall panicum	G-E	G-E	G	G	G-E	P	P-F	P-F	F-G	PF
Signalgrass, broadleaf	G-E	G	G	G	G	P	G	G	P-F	P
Foxtails	E	E	E	G	G	P	F-G	F-G	F-G	PF
Nutsedge, yellow	N	N	F	G	F-G	F-G	F-G	F-G	P-F	P
Nutsedge, purple	N	N	P	P	P	F-G	F-G	P	P-F	P
Cocklebur	N	N	P	P	P	G	G	G	N	PF
Jimsonweed	P	P	P	P	P	G-E	G	G	N	G
Lambsquarters, common	G	G	F	F	P	F-G	G	F-G	P	GE
Morningglory	P	P	P	P	P	G	F-G	F-G	N	GE
Pigweed, common	G	G	E	G-E	G-E	N	E	E	F-G	E
Prickly sida (teaweed)	P	P	P	P	P-F	F-G	G	G	N	FG
Ragweed	P	P	P	P	P-F	G-E	P	P	P	GE
Smartweed	P	P	P	P	P-F	G	G	G	P	-
Eclipta	P	P	P	P	P	G-E	P	P	G	G
Carpetweed	G	G	F-G	F	F-G	G	F-G	F-G	E	F
Sicklepod	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	P	N	P
Spurred anoda (cottonweed)	P	P	P	P	P	F-G	G	G	G	F
Velvetleaf	P	P	P	P	P	G-E	F-G	F-G	P	F
Tropic croton	P	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	F	-

<sup>1</sup> Control Capabilities:  
 E = Excellent Control; 90% or better  
 G = Good Control; 80-90%  
 F = Fair Control; 60-80%  
 N = less than 20%  
 P = Poor Control; 20-60%  
<sup>2</sup> Application Method:  
 PPI = Pre-plant soil incorporated  
 PRE = Pre-emergence

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Table 19. Weed Species Response to Herbicides for Peanuts (cont.)<sup>1</sup>

Species	Postemergence Herbicides <sup>2</sup>											
	Pursuit AC/EPOE	Paraquat AC	2,4-DB POE	2,4-DB AC	Paraquat +	Basagran AC	Basagran POE	Ultra Blazer POE	Cadre <sup>3</sup> POE	Storm POE	Select Max or Poast POE	Cobra POE
Texas panicum	P-F	E	N	G-E	F	N	N	P	G-E	N	E	N
Barnyardgrass	G	G	P	G	P-F	N	N	P	G-E	N	E	N
Crabgrass	P-F	G	P	G	P-F	N	N	P	G-E	N	E	N
Goosegrass	P	E	P	G-E	P-F	N	N	P	G-E	N	E	N
Fall panicum	P-F	E	P	F-G	P-F	N	N	P	G-E	N	G	N
Signalgrass, broadleaf	G	E	P	G-E	P-F	N	N	P	G-E	N	E	N
Foxtails	G	E	P	G-E	P-F	N	N	P	G-E	N	E	N
Nutsedge, yellow	F-G	P-F	P	F	F-G	G	G	P	G-E	F	N	N
Nutsedge, purple	F-G	P	N	N	N	N	N	N	G-E	N	N	N
Cocklebur	G	E	E	E	E	E	E	G	G-E	E	N	G
Jimsonweed	G	E	F	G	E	E	E	E	F-G	E	N	E
Lambsquarters, common	P	F	G	F-G	F-G	G	G	G	P-F	G	N	P
Morningglory	F-G	F	E	G-F	F	F-G	F-G	G-E	G-E	G	N	G
Pigweed, common	E	E	G	G	G	P-F	E	E	E	G	N	E
Prickly sida (teaweed)	P	P-F	F	P	G	G	P	P	G	F-G	N	G

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Table 19. Weed Species Response to Herbicides for Peanuts (cont.)<sup>1</sup>

Species	Postemergence Herbicides <sup>2</sup>										Select Max or Poast POE
	Pursuit AC/EPOE	Paraquat AC	2,4-DB POE	2,4-DB AC	Paraquat + Basagran AC	Basagran POE	Ultra Blazer POE	Cadre <sup>3</sup> POE	Storm POE	Cobra POE	
Ragweed	P	F	F-G	F	G	F-G	G	P-F	G	N	E
Smartweed	G	G	F	G	G	E	G	G-G	E	N	F
Eclipta	P	F-G	P	P	F	P	G	F	G-E	N	G
Carpetweed	F-G	F-G	F	F-G	P	P	G	G	G	N	G
Sicklepod	P	G <sup>5</sup>	G <sup>5</sup>	G <sup>5</sup>	G <sup>5</sup>	N	P	E	P	N	P
Spurred anoda (cottonweed)	F-G	P	P	P	G	G	P	G	F	N	F
Velvetleaf	F-G	F	P	F	G	G	P-F	G-E	F-G	N	G
Tropic croton	P	F	P-F	F	F	P	G-E	P	G-E	N	G

<sup>1</sup> Response expressed as activity on emerged seedlings in early stages of development at relatively low rates. Control is erratic or poor on weeds if they are larger.

E = Excellent control; 90% or better      F = Fair control; 60-80%      P = Poor control; 20-60%

G = Good control; 80-90%      N = None; less than 20%

<sup>2</sup> Application Method:

POE = Postemergence      EPOE = Early postemergence      AC = At cracking

<sup>3</sup> Cadre provides G-E control of emerged annual grasses which escape soil-applied grass control herbicides.

<sup>4</sup> Rating assumes sequential application 10 to 14 days after initial treatment.

<sup>5</sup> Rating assumes sequential application of 2,4-DB 10 to 14 days after initial treatment.

Table 20. Recommended Weed Sizes for Treatment and Application Rates for Control of Annual Grasses

Species	Application Rates and Annual Grass Size							
	Poast <sup>1</sup>		Poast Plus <sup>1</sup>		Select <sup>1</sup>		Select Max <sup>1</sup>	
	Height (in)	Rate (oz/A)	Height (in)	Rate (oz/A)	Height (in)	Rate (oz/A)	Height (in)	Rate (oz/A)
Broadleaf signalgrass	8	16	8	24	2-6	6-8	2-6	12-16
Crabgrass	6	16	6	24	2-6	6-8	2-6	12-16
Fall panicum	8	16	8	24	2-8	6-8	2-8	12-16
Giant foxtail	8	16	8	24	2-12	6-8	2-12	12-16
Green foxtail	8	16	8	24	2-8	6-8	2-8	12-16
Yellow foxtail	8	16	8	24	2-8	6-8	2-8	12-16
Goosegrass	6	16	6	24	2-6	6-8	2-6	12-16
Seedling johnsongrass	8	16	8	24	4-10	6-8	4-10	12-16
Texas panicum	8	16	8	24	2-6	6-8	2-6	12-16
Volunteer corn	20	16	20	24	4-12	4-6	4-12	8-12
					12-24	6-8	12-24	12-16

<sup>1</sup> See table 16 for adjuvant recommendations.

**Table 21. Plant Size and Application Rates for Control of Perennial Grasses**

Perennial Grass	Herbicide and Application Rate	Plant Size
Bermudagrass	<u>First Application</u>	
	Poast	1.5 pt/A <sup>1</sup> stolons (runners) 6 inches or less
	Poast Plus	2.25 pt/A <sup>1</sup> stolons (runners) 6 inches or less
	Select	8.0-16.0 oz/A <sup>1</sup> stolons (runners)
	Select Max	12.0-32.0oz/A 3-6 inches
	<u>Second Application</u>	
	Poast	1.0 pt/A <sup>1</sup> stolons (runners) 1-4 inches
	Poast Plus	1.5 pt/A <sup>1</sup> stolons (runners) 1-4 inches
	Select	8.0-16.0 oz/A <sup>1</sup> stolons (runners)
	Select Max	12.0-32.0 oz/A 3-6 inches
Johnsongrass	<u>First Application</u>	
	Poast	1.5 pt/A <sup>1</sup> plants 15-25 inches tall
	Poast Plus	2.25 pt/A <sup>1</sup> plants 15-25 inches tall
	Select	8.0-16.0 oz/A <sup>1</sup> plants 12-24 inches tall
	Select Max	12.0-32.0 oz/A
	<u>Second Application</u>	
	Poast	1.0 pt/A <sup>1</sup> plant/regrowth 6-12 inches tall
	Poast Plus	1.5 pt/A <sup>1</sup> plant/regrowth 6-12 inches tall
	Select	6.0-8.0 oz/A <sup>1</sup> plant/regrowth
	Select Max	9.0-24.0 oz/A 6-18 inches tall

<sup>1</sup> See table 16 for adjuvant recommendations.

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Table 22. Recommended Weed Sizes for Treatment and Application Rates for Control of Annual Broadleaf Weeds.

Species	1.0 pt/A Basagran		1.5 pt/A Basagran		2.0 pt/A Basagran		1.5 pt/A Storm	
	Max. Leaf Number	Max. Ht. (inches)	Max. Leaf Number	Max. Ht. (inches)	Max. Leaf Number	Max. Ht. (inches)	Max. Leaf Number	Max. Ht. (inches)
Prickly Sida	—	— <sup>a</sup>	6	3	6-8	4	4	2
Common ragweed	—	—	—	—	4-6 <sup>b</sup>	3 <sup>b</sup>	4-6	3
Cocklebur	2-4	4	2-6	6	6-10	10	2-6	6
Morningglory	—	—	4 <sup>c</sup>	4 <sup>c</sup>	SUD <sup>c</sup>	SUD <sup>c</sup>	4	4
Pitted	—	—	4 <sup>c</sup>	4 <sup>c</sup>	SUD <sup>c</sup>	SUD <sup>c</sup>	4	4
Others	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smartweed	4 <sup>g</sup>	4 <sup>g</sup>	6	6	6-10	10	6	6
Jimsonweed	4	4	6	6	6-10	10	6	6
Pigweed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lambsquarters	—	—	6 <sup>d</sup>	1.5 <sup>d</sup>	4-8 <sup>d</sup>	2 <sup>d</sup>	4-6	2
Tropic croton	—	—	2	2	2-4	4	6 <sup>i</sup>	6 <sup>i</sup>
Spurred anoda	—	—	6	3	6-8	4	4 <sup>h</sup>	2 <sup>h</sup>
Velvetleaf	—	—	4 <sup>a</sup>	2 <sup>a</sup>	4-6	5	4 <sup>h</sup>	2 <sup>h</sup>
Eclipta	—	—	—	—	—	—	— <sup>j</sup>	— <sup>j</sup>

Species	1.0 pt/A Ultra Blazer <sup>e</sup>		1.5 pt/A Ultra Blazer <sup>e</sup>		2.0 pt/A Ultra Blazer <sup>e</sup>		12.5 fl oz/A Cobra	
	Max. Leaf Number	Max. Ht. (inches)	Max. Leaf Number	Max. Ht. (inches)	Max. Leaf Number	Max. Ht. (inches)	Max. Leaf Number	Max. Ht. (inches)
Prickly Sida	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—
Common ragweed	2	<2	4	4	6	3	8	—
Cocklebur	—	—	—	—	2-4	2-4	6	—

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Table 22. Recommended Weed Sizes for Treatment and Application Rates for Control of Annual Broadleaf Weeds. (cont.)

Species	1.0 pt/A Ultra Blazer <sup>e</sup>		1.5 pt/A Ultra Blazer <sup>e</sup>		2.0 pt/A Ultra Blazer <sup>e</sup>		12.5 fl oz/A Cobra	
	Max. Leaf Number	Max. Ht. (inches)	Max. Leaf Number	Max. Ht. (inches)	Max. Leaf Number	Max. Ht. (inches)	Max. Leaf Number	Max. Ht. (inches)
Morningglory	2	<2	4	2	4	2	4	—
Pitted Others	—	—	—	—	3	2	4 <sup>a</sup>	—
Smartweed	—	—	—	—	4	4	—	—
Jimsonweed	3	3	6	6	8	8	4	—
Pigweed	—	—	4	2	6	3	—	—
Lambsquarters	—	—	—	—	3 <sup>e</sup>	1 <sup>e</sup>	—	—
Tropic croton	2	<2	2	2	2	2	4	—
Spurred anoda	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Velvetleaf	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eclipta	— <sup>f</sup>	— <sup>f</sup>	— <sup>f</sup>	— <sup>f</sup>	— <sup>f</sup>	— <sup>f</sup>	6	—

<sup>a</sup> Control not claimed on label.

<sup>b</sup> Add crop-oil concentrate according to label directions.

<sup>c</sup> See label for Special Use Directions. Label claims control only with two applications.

<sup>d</sup> Control of this species not claimed on peanut label but is claimed on soybean label. Add 2.0 pt of crop-oil concentrate/A.

<sup>e</sup> Add 1.0 pt of nonionic surfactant/100 gal of spray solution.

<sup>f</sup> Control not claimed on label. Experience indicates that 2.0 pt/A plus surfactant will suppress 1- to 2-inch Eclipta.

<sup>g</sup> Follow with second application of 1.0 pt/A, 7 to 14 days later if needed.

<sup>h</sup> Control may be inconsistent with this rate of Storm.

<sup>i</sup> Control not claimed on label, field experience indicates that Storm is very effective on tropic croton under 4 inches in height.

<sup>j</sup> Control not claimed on label, field experience indicates that Storm is effective on eclipta under 2 inches in height.



**Table 23. Restrictions on Feeding Herbicide-Treated Peanut Vines to Livestock and Preharvest Intervals for Peanut Herbicides**

<b>Herbicide</b>	<b>Preharvest Interval (PHI)</b>	<b>Do not feed treated vines to livestock</b>	<b>No feeding restrictions on label</b>
Basagran	through pegging	within 50 days of treatment	X
Ultra Blazer	75 days	X	
Cadre	90 days	X	
Cobra	90 Days	X	
Dual Magnum	90 days		X
Outlook	80 days	within 80 days of treatment	X
Gramoxone	28 days after GC <sup>1</sup>		X
Micro-Tech	GC <sup>1</sup>		X
Poast/Poast Plus	40 days	X	X
Prowl	preplanting		X
Pursuit	85 days	X	
Select Max	40 days	X	
Sonalan	preplanting	X	
Strongarm	30 days	X	
Storm	75 days	X	
Valor			X
2,4-DB (Butyrac, Butoxone)	45 days	X	

<sup>1</sup>GC = ground cracking

**Table 24. Suggested Rain-Free Periods after Applications of Postemergence Herbicides and Tank Mixes**

Herbicide or tank mix	Rain-free period (hours)
2,4-DB	NR1
Basagran	NR2
Ultra Blazer	NR2
Cadre	3
Cobra	0.5
Gramoxone Inteon	0.5
Poast/Poast Plus	1
Pursuit	1
Select Max	1
Storm	NR2

*NR1 = No restrictions on label. Suggest at least 1 hour for best results.*

*NR2 = No restrictions on label. Suggest 4 to 6 hours for best results.*

**Table 25. Adjuvant Recommendations for Postemergence Herbicides**

<b>Herbicide</b>	<b>Application Method</b>	<b>Adjuvant recommendations</b>
Basagran	Ground	2.0 pt/A crop-oil concentrate when treating lambsquarters, common ragweed, hemp sesbania, or yellow nutsedge. Vegetable oils may be used. Use 1.0 gal/A of 30% nitrogen instead of crop-oil concentrate if velvetleaf is the primary target weed.
	Air	1.0 pt/A crop-oil concentrate when treating lambsquarters, common ragweed, hemp sesbania, or yellow nutsedge. Vegetable oils may be used. Do not use 30% nitrogen with aerial applications.
Ultra Blazer	Ground or Air	Use 0.125 percent nonionic surfactant for most weeds. For lambsquarters, hemp sesbania, or cowpea, use 0.25 percent nonionic surfactant or 0.5 to 1.0 gal/A of 30% nitrogen.
Cadre	Ground only	Use 0.25 percent nonionic surfactant or 2 pt/A crop-oil concentrate.
Cobra	Ground only	Add nonionic surfactant at 1 qt/100 gallons or petroleum or vegetable based crop oil concentrate at 1 to 1.5 pt per acre (See label for specifics).
Select	Ground	Always use 2.0 pt/A crop-oil concentrate.
Select Max	Ground	0.25% nonionic surfactant, 1% crop-oil concentrate or 1% methylated seed oil.
Gramoxone Inteon	Ground	Use 0.125 percent nonionic surfactant in cracking stage sprays.
Poast Poast Plus	Ground or Air	2.0 pt/A crop-oil concentrate. Vegetable oils may be used.
Pursuit	Ground	Use a petroleum or vegetable seed based oil concentrate at a rate of 1.5 to 2.0 pt/A <b>or</b> a nonionic surfactant containing at least 80% active ingredient at 1 qt/100 gallons of spray mixture.
Storm	Ground or Air	2.0 pt/A crop-oil concentrate. Vegetable oils may be used.

*Note: Information in this table was taken from product labels. See the labels. See the labels for adjuvant recommendations with specific tank mixes.*

*Adjuvant rates given in percentages are on a volume/volume basis:*

*0.125% - 1 pt per 100 gal of spray solution; 0.50% - 2 qt per 100 gal of spray solution;*

*0.25% - 1 qt per 100 gal of spray solution; 1.00% - 4 qt per 100 gal of spray solution.*

Table 26. Rotation Restrictions for Peanut Herbicides

	Rotational Crop							
	Corn	Cotton	Soy-beans	Barley	Winter Rye	Winter Wheat	Sorghum	Tobacco
Basagran	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Ultra Blazer	AH	AH	NR	AH	AH	AH	AH	AH
Cadre	9M	18M	9M	18M	4M	4M	18M	9M
Cobra	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Dual (PRE, PPI, cracking)	NR	NR	NR	4.5M	4.5M	4.5M	NR	FY
Dual (layby)	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY
Outlook	NR	FY	NR	4M	4M	4M	FY	FY
Micro-Tech	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Poast	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Poast Plus	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Prowl	FY	NR	NR	4M	FY	4M	FY	NR
Pursuit	NR /8.5M <sup>1</sup>	9.5M /18M <sup>2</sup>	NR	9.5M	4M	4M	18M	9.5M
SelectMax	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Sonalan	FY	FY	NR	AH	AH	AH	FY	FY
Strongarm	18M /10M <sup>3</sup>	10M	NR	4M	6M	4M	18M	18M
Storm	AH	AH	NR	AH	AH	AH	AH	AH
2,4-DB	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Valor	4M <sup>4</sup>	1M	NR	4M	4M	1M	1M	1M

The above table provides a general summary of crop rotation restrictions specified on the labels of herbicide products commonly used for peanuts. Consult product labels for details and specific information.

KEY: M = month; FY = following year; NR = no restrictions; AH = after harvest; NS = Crop rotation sequence not specified in label directions

<sup>1</sup> IMI-Corn (resistant/tolerant varieties) = NR, Non IMI-Corn = 8.5M

<sup>2</sup> For sandy loam to loamy sand soils 16 inches of rainfall or irrigation occurring from application through October, 9.5M; (refer to supplemental label of Virginia/North Carolina) otherwise, 18M.

<sup>3</sup> With IMI-corn (resistant/tolerant varieties) = 10 M, Non IMI-corn 18M.

<sup>4</sup> 1M restriction for sweet corn, 4M for field corn.

# INSECT CONTROL IN PEANUTS

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## Thrips

Seedling peanut plants are usually attacked by thrips within the first 6 to 8 weeks after planting, and thrips may complete several generations per season under favorable conditions. These tiny, spindle-shaped insects feed primarily within the developing, unfolded leaflets causing crinkling of the leaflets and stunting of the plants. Blackening of the small leaflets occurs with severe infestations and can be mistaken for chemical injury. Under favorable conditions, plants normally outgrow this injury with no reduction in yield or grade. However, the delay in vine growth from early-season thrips injury may retard maturity. This in combination with other injury, such as herbicide burn, can reduce yield.

Thrips can be controlled with either systemic or with foliar-applied insecticides. Systemics can be incorporated in the furrow with the seed at planting. Foliar treatments can be applied as needed after crop emergence. During dry seasons or seasons with excessive rains, the systemic insecticides may not give adequate thrips control due to poor systemic uptake by the plants or leaching of chemicals from the soil. Foliar treatments may be warranted to allow more rapid plant growth to assist in weed control if systemics are ineffective, or if injury appears excessive. Foliar treatment is recommended when 25 percent of the leaves show thrips damage and pest populations are still active.

Table 27. Recommended Insecticides for Thrips Control

Treatment	Insecticide (Formulation)	Amount product per acre	Time limits: days before harvest	Remarks
Foliar	methomyl (Lannate LV)	1.5-3.0 pt	21	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not feed treated vines.
	(Lannate SP)	0.5-1.0 lb	21	
	acephate (Orthene 97)		14	Do not feed treated forage or hay to livestock or allow animals to graze treated areas.
	band rate	3.0-6.0 oz		
	broadcast rate	6.0-12.0 oz		
	lambda-cyhalothrin (Warriot T)	2.56-3.84 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not apply more than 15.36 oz/A/season. Do not graze livestock in treated areas, or use treated vines or hay for animal feed.
(Karate Z)	1.28-1.92 oz	14		
(Karate EC)	2.56-3.84 oz	14		
(Kaiso 24WG)	2.0 oz	14		
beta-cyfluthrin (Baythroid XL)	2.8 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b>	
bifenthrin (Brigade 2EC)	5.12-6.4 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not feed immature plants and peanut hay to livestock.	
In-furrow	phorate (Thimet 20G)	5.0 lb	90	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Distribute granules evenly in the furrow. Do not graze or feed treated hay or forage to livestock.
	imidacloprid (Admire Pro)	7.0-10.5 oz	14	Apply as an in-furrow spray during planting directed on or below seed.
On-seed				

Table 27. Recommended Insecticides for Thrips Control (cont.)

Treatment	Insecticide (Formulation)	Amount product per acre	Time limits: days before harvest	Remarks
on seed	acephate (Acephate 90SP)	3.5 oz/100 lb seed	14	Mix in the planter to obtain good coverage of ALL seed by layering seed and product. Fill the planter box 1/3 full of seed with 1/3 cup of the product, add the next 1/3 of the seed and product; then add the last 1/3 of the seed and product. Gently stir each layer before adding the next. CAUTION: Do not use with seed inoculants. Not recommended for air planters. Do not use treated seed for food or feed purposes or process for oil.
	thiamethoxam (CruiserMaxx Peanut)	3.0-4.0 oz/100 lb seed	0	

## Potato Leafhopper

The potato leafhopper is a common “above ground” pest of peanuts in Virginia. This small, wedge-shaped, light green to yellow insect damages the peanut plant by feeding on the undersides of leaves in a piercing-sucking manner. The injured leaf tips first turn yellow then brown and tend to curve downward. During feeding, toxins also are passed into plants at feeding sites. If enough damage is done, the toxins can stop vine growth, resulting in reductions in yield and grade. Injury may occur at any time from early June to the middle of August or later in some years. It is important to note that although late-season damage appears worse in some years, damage done early in the season probably has a greater effect on plant vigor and yield. Systemic insecticides applied at planting time will usually control potato leafhoppers that occur early, but if no pegging-time insecticide is applied, it may be necessary to make one or two foliar applications in July or early August. Pegging-time applications of rootworm insecticides will usually control leafhoppers from that time until harvest.

Foliar treatments should be made only on a basis of need. When 25 percent of the leaves show tip yellowing typical of leafhopper damage and active adult and immature leafhoppers are seen, treat with an effective chemical. When foliar treatments are required, the first application usually is made about mid-July, and the second about the first of August (if needed). If scheduled treatments are being made for control of leafspot, insecticides may be tank mixed. Do not include insecticides with all leaf-spot treatments as a matter of course. Too many insecticide applications, or applications later in the season, could cause spider mite populations to increase, especially in dry years after adjacent corn and weedy areas have been cut. Make leafhopper applications only when problems have been identified.



Table 28. Recommended Insecticides for Potato Leafhopper Control

Treatment	Insecticide (Formulation)	Amount product per acre	Time limits: days before harvest	Remarks
Foliar	methomyl (Lannate LV) (Lannate SP)	0.75-3.0 pt 0.25-1.0 lb	21 21	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not feed treated vines.
	acephate (Orthene 97)	6.0-12.0 oz	14	Do not feed treated forage or hay to livestock or allow animals to graze treated areas.
	lambda-cyhalothrin (Warrior T) (Karate Z) (Kaiso 24WG)	1.92-3.2 oz 0.96-1.6 oz 1.0-1.67 oz	14 14 14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not apply more than 15.36 oz/A/season. Do not graze livestock in treated areas or use treated vines or hay for animal feed.
	esfenvalerate (Asana XL)	2.9-5.8 oz	21	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not feed or graze livestock on treated vines. Do not exceed 29 oz/A/season.
	zeta-cypermethrin (Mustang Max)	1.28-4.0 oz	7	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not graze livestock in treated areas. Do not use treated vines for hay for animal feed.
	fenpropathrin (Danitol 2.4EC)	6.0-10.6 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not graze or feed treated vine forage or dried hay within 14 days of the last application. Do not exceed 2.6 pt /A/season.
	beta-cyfluthrin (Baythroid XL)	1.0-1.8 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b>
	bifenthrin (Brigade 2EC)	2.1-6.4 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not feed immature plants and peanut hay to livestock.

\* **GENERAL** - Apply pegging treatments in 10- to 18-inch bands on row from the last week in June through mid-July after pegging begins and before vines close in middles. Effectiveness of treatments is increased if insecticides are covered by shallow cultivation to avoid exposure to sunlight and lateral movement with heavy rains.

Table 28. Recommended Insecticides for Potato Leafhopper Control (cont.)

Treatment	Insecticide (Formulation)	Amount product per acre	Time limits: days before harvest	Remarks
Foliar (cont.)	spinosad + gamma-cyhalothrin (Consero)	2.0-2.8 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not allow grazing of crop residue or harvest of crop residue for hay until 14 days after last application.
	beta-cyfluthrin + imidacloprid (Leverage 360)	2.8 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b>
Pegging*	chlorpyrifos (Lorsban 15G)	—	—	Lorsban 15G is not labeled for use against leafhopper but will provide suppression if applied for soil insects.
	phorate (Thimet 20G)	10.0 lb	90	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Distribute granules as a band over the fruiting zone at pegging. Work into the top few inches of soil immediately. Do not graze or feed treated hay or forage to livestock.
In-furrow	phorate (Thimet 20G)	5.0 lb	90	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Distribute granules evenly in the furrow. Do not graze or feed treated hay or forage to livestock.

\* **GENERAL** - Apply pegging treatments in 10- to 18-inch bands on row from the last week in June through mid-July after pegging begins and before vines close in middles. Effectiveness of treatments is increased if insecticides are covered by shallow cultivation to avoid exposure to sunlight and lateral movement with heavy rains.

## Southern Corn Rootworm

The southern corn rootworm, which is the immature stage of the spotted cucumber beetle, can cause extensive injury to the Virginia peanut crop. Rootworm larvae develop in the soil and feed directly on pegs and pods. Finding rootworms in the soil is very difficult and injury is often not detected until after peanuts are dug when it is too late for control measures. A preventive treatment is the best strategy. After an infestation is established, control is difficult and often ineffective. Determining the need to treat for southern corn rootworm should be done on a field-by-field basis. Decisions can be based on both adult populations and past history of peanut fields. Adult beetles can be readily detected in peanut fields. Their presence in moderate to high numbers from mid-July to early August should be a warning that a problem could develop. Adults will lay eggs that could develop into the damaging larval stage. Thus, early detection of adults can allow for timely treatment and prevention of injury.

Knowledge of the past history of rootworm injury also can be useful in determining the need for treatment. If injury has ever occurred in a field, it will likely occur in other years. Keep field records on the extent of pod and peg injury noticed at harvest time. Pay particular attention to fields with higher levels of organic matter and clay. Rootworms have a higher survival rate in those soils due to higher moisture holding capacity, and injury will typically be more severe than in "light" soils. Use the "Peanut Rootworm Advisory" (VCE Publication 444-351) to aid you in deciding which fields need insecticide treatment.

If rootworm treatments are necessary, they should be applied as 10- to 18-inch bands on the row during early pegging. Usually, this period occurs from the last week in June through mid-July. Treatment effectiveness is increased if materials are lightly incorporated using shallow cultivation. If vine growth and pegging are in an advanced stage, do not cultivate, as vine "dirting," which leads to disease development and injury to pegs, may offset the gain from insect control. Carefully calibrate equipment to deliver recommended insecticide rates. Using more than is recommended will not increase effectiveness and using less could result in a complete insecticide failure.

Table 29. Recommended Insecticides for Southern Corn Rootworm Control

Treatment	Insecticide (Formulation)	Amount product per acre	Time limits: days before harvest	Remarks
Pegging <sup>1</sup>	chlorpyrifos (Lorsban 15G)	13.0 lb	21	Do not apply more than 13.3 lb/season. Do not feed peanut forage or hay to meat or dairy animals.
	phorate (Thimet 20G <sup>2</sup> )	10.0 lb	90	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Distribute granules as a band over the fruiting zone at pegging. Work into the top few inches of soil immediately. Do not graze or feed treated hay or forage to livestock.

<sup>1</sup> **GENERAL** - Apply pegging treatments in 10- to 18-inch bands on row from the last week in June through mid-July after pegging begins and before vines close in middles. Effectiveness of treatments is increased if insecticides are covered by shallow cultivation to avoid exposure to sunlight and lateral movement with heavy rains.

<sup>2</sup> Label stipulates light soil incorporation.

## Corn Earworm and Fall Armyworm

Annual infestations of the corn earworm and fall armyworm occur in most Virginia peanut fields. Usually there is a single generation of each species per season. Worms feed on leaf tissue causing peanuts to look ragged; however, research has shown that one-third of peanut foliage can be lost at the normal time of corn earworm infestations (mid-August to early September) without loss of yield or grade. Scouting fields is the only way to determine if treatment is needed. Scout by reaching halfway across 2 row-feet of plants and shaking foliage vigorously towards the row middle. Repeat on the opposite row. Count the worms on the ground and repeat the sample in several spots in the field. Treatment is recommended if an average of 8 or more worms are found per sample, or 4 per row-foot. This number should increase to 6 per row-foot later in the season.

If treatment is necessary, apply sprays using systems that provide good canopy penetration and coverage. If spider mites are already present in the field, use of some insecticides may allow for rapid build-up. Scout fields for treatment effectiveness and for possible increases in spider mite activity soon after applications.

Table 30. Recommended Insecticides for Corn Earworm Control

Treat- ment	Insecticide (Formulation)	Amount product per acre	Time limits: days before harvest	Remarks
Foliar*	carbaryl (Sevin 4F)	2.0-3.0 pt	0	To avoid possible injury to foliage, do not apply to wet foliage or during periods of high humidity.
	(Sevin 80S)	1.25-1.87 lb	0	
	(Sevin XLR PLUS)	2.0-3.0 pt	0	
	acephate (Orthene 97)	12.0-16.0 oz	14	Do not feed treated forage or hay to livestock or allow animals to graze treated areas.
	methomyl (Lannate LV)	0.75-3.0 pt	21	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not feed treated vines.
	(Lannate SP)	0.25-1.0 lb	21	
	esfenvalerate (Asana XL)	2.9-5.8 oz	21	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not feed or graze livestock on treated vines. Do not exceed 29.0 oz/season.
	zeta- cypermethrin (Mustang Max)	3.2-4.0 oz	7	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not graze livestock in treated areas. Do not use treated vines for hay for animal feed.
	lambda- cyhalothrin (Warrior T)	2.56-3.84 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not graze livestock in treated areas, or use treated vines or hay for animal feed. Do not exceed 15.36 oz/A/season.
	(Karate Z)	1.28-1.92 oz	14	
	(Karate EC)	2.56-3.84 oz	14	
	(Kaiso 24WG)	2.0 oz	14	
	fenpropathrin (Danitol 2.4EC)	10.6-16.0 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not graze or feed treated peanut vine forage or dried hay within 14 days of the last application. Do not exceed 2.6 pt/A/season.

\***GENERAL** - Treat ONLY IF foliage loss is heavy (1/3 or more). Earworms are easier to control when they are less than 1/2 inch long.

Table 30. Recommended Insecticides for Corn Earworm Control (cont.)

Treat-ment	Insecticide (Formulation)	Amount product per acre	Time limits: days before harvest	Remarks
Foliar* (cont.)	beta-cyfluthrin (Baythroid XL)	1.8-2.4 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b>
	bifenthrin (Brigade 2EC)	2.1-6.4 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not feed immature plants and hay to livestock.
	indoxacarb (Steward EC)	9.2-11.3 oz	14	Do not feed or graze livestock on treated fields.
	spinosyn (Blackhawk)	1.7-3.3 oz	3	Do not allow grazing of crop residue or harvest of crop residue for hay until 14 days after last application.
	spinetoram (Radiant SC)	3.0-8.0 oz	3	Do not allow grazing of peanut hay.
	spinosad + gamma-cyhalothrin (Consero)	2.0-2.8 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not allow grazing of crop residue or harvest of crop residue for hay until 14 days after last application.
	beta-cyfluthrin + imidacloprid (Leverage 360)	2.8 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b>
	flubendiamide (Belt SC)	2.0-4.0 oz	3	
	<i>Bacillus thuriangiensis</i> (Dipel ES)	1.0-2.0 pt		For pyrethroid resistant corn earworm when tank mixed with a pyrethroid at labeled use rate.

\***GENERAL** - Treat ONLY IF foliage loss is heavy (1/3 or more). Earworms are easier to control when they are less than 1/2 inch long.

Table 31. Recommended Insecticides for Fall Armyworm Control

Treatment	Insecticide (Formulation)	Amount product per acre	Time limits: days before harvest	Remarks
Foliar	methomyl (Lannate LV)	0.75-1.5 pt	21	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not feed treated vines. High rates may be required for good control.
	(Lannate SP)	0.25-0.5 lb	21	
	esfenvalerate (Asana XL)	9.6 oz	21	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Suppression only. Do not feed or graze livestock on treated vines. Do not exceed 29.0 oz/season.
	zeta-cypermethrin (Mustang Max)	3.2-4.0 oz	7	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not graze livestock in treated areas. Do not use treated vines for hay for animal feed.
	acephate (Orthene 97)	12.0-16.0 oz	14	Do not feed treated forage or hay to livestock or allow animals to graze treated areas.
	lambda-cyhalothrin (Warrior T)	2.56-3.84 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not graze livestock in treated areas, or use treated vines or hay for animal feed. Do not exceed 15.36 oz/A/season.
	(Karate Z)	1.28-1.92 oz	14	
	(Karate EC)	2.56-3.84 oz	14	
	(Kaiso 24WG)	2.0 oz	14	
	fenpropathrin (Danitol 2.4EC)	10.6-16.0 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not graze or feed treated peanut vine forage or dried hay within 14 days of the last application. Do not exceed 2.6 pt/A/season.
	beta-cyfluthrin (Baythroid XL)	2.4-2.8 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b>
	bifenthrin (Brigade 2EC)	2.1-6.4 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not feed immature plants and peanut hay to livestock.
	indoxacarb (Steward EC)	9.2-11.3 oz	14	Do not feed or graze livestock on treated fields.

Table 31. Recommended Insecticides for Fall Armyworm Control(cont.)

Treatment	Insecticide (Formulation)	Amount product per acre	Time limits: days before harvest	Remarks
Foliar (cont.)	spinosyn (Blackhawk)	1.7-3.3 oz	3	Do not allow grazing of crop residue or harvest of crop residue for hay until 14 days after last application.
	spinetoram (Radiant SC)	3.0-8.0 oz	3	Do not allow grazing of peanut hay.
	spinosad + gamma-cyhalothrin (Consero)	2.0-2.8 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not allow grazing of crop residue or harvest of crop residue for hay until 14 days after last application.
	beta-cyfluthrin + imidacloprid (Leverage 360)	2.8 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b>
	flubendiamide (Belt SC)	2.0-4.0 oz	3	
	<i>Bacillus thuriangiensis</i> (Dipel ES)	1.0-2.0 pt		For pyrethroid resistant corn earworm when tank mixed with a pyrethroid at labeled use rate.

## Spider Mite

Mites, which have become more numerous during the past several years, are especially injurious during hot, dry weather. While insecticides are very valuable in controlling leafhoppers, thrips, and worms, they may be responsible for destroying some of the natural enemies of spider mites, thus promoting the build-up of mite populations. Insecticides should be used **only when needed** for insect control. Tank mixes including fungicides and insecticides are more likely to allow spider mite build-up than when either material is used separately.

Spider mites feed mainly on the undersides of the leaves. They suck the juice from the foliage and cause the leaves to turn brown and eventually drop off. Heavy infestations usually first occur around the borders of peanut fields; then they spread inward throughout the fields. Avoid mowing weedy areas next to peanut fields until peanuts are harvested. Spider mites will readily move into peanuts when corn dries down or is harvested. Be prepared to treat peanuts if adjacent corn is infested.



**IMPORTANT:** If you are going to treat, calibrate your equipment to deliver the right amount of pesticide per acre. Arrange and adjust the nozzles or spouts in a manner that will direct the chemical into the desired area to be treated. Adequate sprayer pressure (40 to 60 psi) will aid in getting chemicals in contact with the undersides of leaves and within denser foliage. Penetration of foliage with 20 to 30 gal of water per acre is very important for the control of spider mites.

**Table 32. Recommended Insecticides for Spider Mite Control**

Treatment	Insecticide (Formulation)	Amount product per acre	Time limits: days before harvest	Remarks
Foliar	propargite (Comite 6.5EC)	2.0 pt	14	Use a minimum of 20 gal/A with ground equipment or 5 gal by air. Make no more than 2 applications/year (either Comite <b>OR</b> Omite). Do not plant rotational crops within 6 months of last application. Do not feed hay to livestock.
	propargite (Omite 30W)	3.0-5.0 lb	14	
	lambda-cyhalothrin (Warrior T)	3.84 oz	14	
	lambda-cyhalothrin (Karate Z)	1.92 oz	14	
	fenpropathrin (Danitol 2.4EC)	10.6-16.0 oz	14	
				<b>RESTRICTED USE. Suppression only.</b> Do not graze livestock in treated areas or use treated vines or hay for animal feed. Do not exceed 15.36 oz/A/season.
				<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not graze or feed treated vine forage or dried hay within 14 days of the last application. Do not exceed 2.6 pt/A/season.
	bifenthrin (Brigade 2EC)	5.12-6.4 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not feed immature plants and peanut hay to livestock.

## Lesser Cornstalk Borer

Lesser cornstalk borer typically is not a problem in Virginia peanut fields. However, it does thrive under hot dry conditions and can become a problem when those conditions continue for 3 to 4 weeks. Infestations will be most severe where soils are sandy and in high, well drained areas within fields. Larvae are 0.5 to 0.75 inch long and are banded with alternating brown and blue stripes. They wiggle vigorously when disturbed. Larvae feed by burrowing into main stems, lateral limbs, plant crowns, and pods and can do extensive damage, even kill plants. Larvae produce a silk-and-sand web tube which is attached to pods or stems at the point of feeding. Evidence of web tubes is a sure sign of borer activity.

If weather conditions become favorable for borers, survey fields for damaged plants and larvae. If damage is obvious and active larvae are still present in 10 percent or more of the plants, treatment is recommended.

**Table 33. Recommended Insecticides for Lesser Cornstalk Borer Control**

<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Insecticide (Formulation)</b>	<b>Amount product per acre</b>	<b>Time limits: days before harvest</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Granular	chlorpyrifos (Lorsban 15G)	6.7-13.3 lb	21	Apply in 10- to 18-inch band on row at first sign of borer. Do not feed peanut forage or hay to meat or dairy animals. Do not apply more than 13.3 lb/season. 10.0-13.0 lb may be broadcast by air as a rescue treatment.

Table 34. Recommended Insecticides for Grasshopper Control

Treatment	Insecticide (Formulation)	Amount product per acre	Time limits: days before harvest	Remarks
Foliar	carbaryl (Sevin 80S)	1.5 lb	0	To avoid possible injury to foliage, do not apply to wet foliage or during periods of high humidity.
	(Sevin XLR PLUS)	1.0-2.0 pt	0	
	acephate (Orthene 97)	4.0-8.0 oz	14	Do not feed treated forage or hay to livestock or allow animals to graze treated areas.
	esfenvalerate (Asana XL)	5.8-9.6 oz	21	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not feed or graze livestock on treated vines. Do not exceed 29.0 oz/season.
	zeta-cypermethrin (Mustang Max)	3.2-4.0 oz	7	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not graze livestock in treated areas. Do not use treated vines for hay for animal feed.
	beta-cyfluthrin (Baythroid XL)	1.8-2.4 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b>
	bifenthrin (Brigade 2EC)	2.1-6.4 oz	14	<b>RESTRICTED USE.</b> Do not feed immature plants and peanut hay to livestock.

## Pesticide Usage Charts

Many pesticides control more than one pest. The three following tables summarize the effectiveness of some popular pesticides used at time of planting, at time of pegging, or as foliar treatments for the control of major insect pests which attack peanuts.

Table 35. Insecticide Activity of Products Applied at Time of Planting

Chemical	Pests			
	Thrips	Leafhopper	Rootworm	Spider Mite
Thimet	G	Early	P	No
Orthene	E	Early	No	No

**Table 36. Insecticide Activity of Granules Applied at Time of Pegging**

Chemical	Pests			
	Rootworm	Leafhopper	Spider Mite	Corn Earworm
Thimet	G	Aids	No	No
Lorsban <sup>1</sup>	E	G	No	No

<sup>1</sup> NOT SYSTEMIC. Do not apply in the furrow.

P=poor control, F=fair control, G=good control, E=excellent control, No=not labeled or no activity expected.

**Table 37. Insecticide Activity of Foliar Treatments Applied When Pests are Present**

Insecticide	Formulation	Pest Species Controlled						
		Thrips	Leaf-hopper	Root-worm	Corn Ear-worm	Fall Army-worm	Less Corn-stalk Borer	Spider Mite
Sevin <sup>2</sup>	4F, 80S, XLR PLUS	P	E	No	F	F	No	No
Malathion	57%EC	P	G	No	P	P	No	P
Lannate	L	P	G	No	E	G	No	No
Comite, Omite	6.5EC, 30W	No	No	No	No	No	No	E
Asana <sup>2</sup>	XL	No	E	No	E	G	No	No
Orthene <sup>2</sup>	97	E	E	No	G	F	No	No
Karate	Z	E	E	No	E	G	No	F
Danitol	2.4EC	No	E	No	E	G	No	E
Steward	1.25SC	No	No	No	E	E	No	No
Blackhawk		No	No	No	E	E	No	

There are other insecticides and other formulations which have federal registration for use on peanuts.

<sup>2</sup> Use of these insecticides may allow rapid build-up of spider mites. Use with caution during extended periods of dry weather.

P=poor control, F=fair control, G=good control, E=excellent control, No=not labeled or no activity expected.

# PEANUT DISEASES

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## Management Tools

### *Advisory Programs*

A network of weather monitors in southeastern Virginia record data for improving the efficiency of disease management. These data are collected electronically and used to produce daily advisories and reports for growers and industry workers. Included are daily weather summaries (air and soil temperature, rainfall), peanut leaf spot and Sclerotinia blight advisories, heat-unit reports for peanuts, and degree-day reports for cotton. The Peanut Frost Advisory is provided during the fall-harvest period. Each program is designed to guide growers in making decisions that maximize yield, quality, and net profit. The Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center (AREC) in cooperation with Extension agents, growers, and the industry make this information available in the following ways:

**Peanut/Cotton InfoNet:** Information from four weather monitors is available on the Internet at <http://www.ipm.vt.edu/infonet/>. Contact your local Extension agent or call, (757) 657-6450 and ask for Pat Phipps, Steve Byrum, or Barron Keeling if you need assistance in accessing or interpreting the information.

**Hotlines:** Disease advisories, heat units, and frost advisories are recorded daily at the Tidewater AREC for access by telephone. Regional advisories for Capron, Waverly, Suffolk, and Skippers are available by calling (800) 795-0700. The information is also available through local county Extension offices.

### *Clinical Services*

Diagnostic services for plant diseases are provided by the Tidewater AREC in Suffolk. Plant samples should be submitted with the required forms by unit Extension agents. A period of three to five days is needed to complete biopsy tests and Email reports. Diagnostic tests for nematodes and soil fertility problems during the season are also performed in cooperation with laboratories at Virginia Tech.

### *Predictive Nematode Assay*

This program provides data on the numbers and kinds of nematodes in the soil and recommendations on needs for control. Nematode population thresholds for damage to peanut, cotton, corn, and soybean are available on the Internet at <http://ipm-www.ento.vt.edu/states/va.html>. Soil samples must be collected in the fall no later than November 20. Local Extension offices have instructions, sample information sheets, and bags for packaging samples. A service charge of \$11 per sample is required at the time of sample submission.

## **Management Inputs**

The most effective and economical strategy for disease control combines the benefits of sanitation, crop rotation, resistant varieties, scouting, and judicious use of pesticides. For example, changing from a 2-year to a 3 year rotation of peanuts with corn or cotton can reduce diseases such as leaf spot, Sclerotinia blight, and *Cylindrocladium* black rot by as much as 50% in as few as two or three cycles. Inputs for disease control should be determined on the basis of field history, scouting, disease advisory programs, and recommendations by Virginia Cooperative Extension. This approach to disease management will enable the judicious use of chemicals while providing for a maximum return on investments.

## **Sanitation**

Soil and decayed plant debris may contain residual inoculum of disease-causing organisms. Wash equipment frequently to avoid transport of inoculum from field to field. Peanut combines should be cleaned to remove loose soil and plant material after harvesting fields with heavy infestations of soil-borne diseases. The removal and destruction of peanut vines after harvest has limited value for disease management because much of the diseased plant parts and inoculum remains intact in the field. Furthermore, this practice negates a significant part of the soil fertility benefits of peanut hay in the following year.

## **Crop Rotation**

A 4-year rotation of peanut with corn, grain sorghum, fescue, and other grass-type crops is beneficial for control of peanut diseases. Cotton is also a good rotational crop for peanuts in Virginia, but growers should not apply potash (K) in excess of recommended rates of the soil test report. Elevated levels of potash can interfere with calcium uptake and result in pod rot by fungi such as *Rhizoctonia* and *Pythium* species. Soybean and other leguminous crops share many of the common destructive diseases with peanuts and should be avoided. Where soybean is grown in a peanut rotation, double-crop soybean with wheat and follow with either cotton, corn, or another grass-type crop.

## **Tillage**

Recent research has demonstrated that strip tillage into a wheat or rye cover crop can reduce production costs without increasing the risk of soilborne diseases in peanut. Strip tillage has been most successful in sandy-textured soils, peanut production in a 3-year or longer rotation, and plantings of summer-type peanuts. This practice allows for land preparation to be completed in a single trip that can include application of Vapam for control of CBR.

## **Resistant Varieties: Virginia-Type**

No peanut varieties are immune to disease, but there is a wide range in susceptibility. Some important differences are noted below with respect to the most common diseases.

**Cylindrocladium black rot (CBR):** Bailey Sugg and Perry are partially resistant to CBR. Disease severity in susceptible varieties can be reduced by good nematode control and delayed planting to May 10 or later. Cool, wet conditions at

planting favor epidemics of CBR.

**Sclerotinia blight:** Perry is partially resistant to this disease. Early planting at seed rates of 110 lb/A or lower can reduce the susceptibility of varieties in some years. However, this practice will increase the risk of tomato spotted wilt disease.

**Early leaf spot:** Perry, Bailey, and Wilson are moderately susceptible. All other virginia-type varieties are susceptible.

**Web blotch:** Perry has good resistance, whereas CHAMPS and VA 98R are highly susceptible.

**Tomato spotted-wilt virus:** NC 7, VA98R, NC 12C, and Perry are highly susceptible. Bailey is resistant and CHAMPS, Sugg, and Gregory are moderately susceptible. Reduced plant populations and planting before May 1 sometimes increases disease incidence.

### ***Resistant Varieties: Runner-Type***

Recent releases of disease resistant runner-type varieties that mature as early as Wilson or Perry can be grown with reduced input costs and offer good disease resistance in southeastern Virginia. These varieties include:

Florida 07, Florun 107, GA 06G, GA 09B: resistant to TSWV; moderately susceptible to CBR.

Florida 07, Florun 107: susceptible to Sclerotinia.

Tifguard: resistant to root-knot nematodes.

Whenever growing runner-type peanuts, early planting is recommended to improve opportunities for achieving maturity between October 1 and 10.

### ***Scouting***

Peanut fields should be scouted once a week for disease after pegging. Scouts should use different entry and exit points as well as travel patterns across fields at each visit. After a canopy of foliage covers the soil, scouts should part the vines and look for signs of soilborne diseases on plant stems at the soil surface (e.g. Sclerotinia, Southern stem rot, and CBR).

### ***Chemicals***

A wide array of chemicals are registered for disease control in peanuts. Selection of the most effective/economical chemical requires knowledge of the target disease and other diseases in the field. Whenever the cause of disease is uncertain, plant samples should be submitted for diagnostic tests in the plant pathology clinic at the Tidewater AREC. If nematode or soil fertility problems are suspected, a 1-pt sample of soil should be submitted. The Peanut/Cotton InfoNet and Peanut Hotlines are important sources of information on timing of fungicide applications to control leaf spot and Sclerotinia blight. The following tables (38, 39, 40, and 41) provide listings of approved chemicals for control of specific disease problems.

**READ THE LABEL INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHED TO PESTICIDE CONTAINERS BEFORE APPLICATION.**

**Table 38. Seed Treatments\***

<b>Disease</b>	<b>Product and Formulation</b>	<b>Rate of Formulation</b>	<b>Method and Timing of Application</b>	<b>Precautions and Remarks</b>
Seed decay and seedling disease	Allegiance-FL or Apron 50W or Apron XL LS	0.75 fl oz 0.5-1.0 oz 0.16-0.64 fl oz	Apply as water-based slurry with commercial seed treatment equipment.	Control Pythium seed rot and damping-off. Use in combination with a broad-spectrum fungicide.
	Maxim 4FS	0.08-0.16 fl oz	Same as above.	Protects against seed decay, damping-off, and seed transmission of CBR.
	Protégé (azoxystrobin)	0.153 fl oz	Same as above	Controls Aspergillus crown rot and Rhizoctonia damping off.
	Captan 30DD or Captan 400	6.0 fl oz 3.0-6.0 fl oz	Same as above	Protects against seed decay, damping-off, and seedling blights.
	RTU-PCNB	1.75-2.5 fl oz	Same as above.	Same as above.
	42-S Thiram	3.0 fl oz	Same as above.	Same as above.
	Vitavax-30C	3.0 fl oz	Same as above.	Controls Sclerotium rot and damping-off. Use in combination with a broad-spectrum fungicide.
	Thiram 50WP	4.5 oz	Apply with dust treater.	Controls seed decay, damping-off, and seedling blights.
	Vitavax PC (captan, PCNB, Vitavax)	4.0-5.0 oz	Same as above.	Same as above.

\* All rates of seed treatments are formulated product/100 lb seed. Do not use treated seed for food, feed, or oil purposes. Bags with treated seed should bear a tag or label cautioning their use for these purposes as well as against the reuse of bags for packing feed or foodstuffs. Read use restrictions on labels and follow all labeling requirements for packaging treated seed.



Table 38. Seed Treatments\* (cont.)

Disease	Product and Formulation	Rate of Formulation	Method and Timing of Application	Precautions and Remarks
Seed decay and seedling disease (cont.)	Trilex Optimum DS (captan, trifloxystrobin, metalaxyl)	4.0 oz	Same as above.	Same as above.
	Trilex Star DS (captan, trifloxystrobin, thiophanate-methyl, metalaxyl)	4.0 oz	Same as above.	Same as above.
	Dynasty PD (azoxystrobin, fludioxonil, mefenoxam)	4.0 oz	Same as above.	Same as above, and reduces seed transmission of CBR.

\* All rates of seed treatments are formulated product/100 lb seed. Do not use treated seed for food, feed, or oil purposes. Bags with treated seed should bear a tag or label cautioning their use for these purposes as well as against the reuse of bags for packing feed or foodstuffs. Read use restrictions on labels and follow all labeling requirements for packaging treated seed.

Table 39. Foliar Fungicides\*

Disease	Product and Formulation	Rate of Formulation*	Method and Timing of Application	Precautions and Remarks
Cercospora leaf spot, web blotch, rust, leaf scorch and pepper spot	Bravo 720	1.5 pt	Apply according to leaf-spot advisory program.	<b>Caution.</b> Sclerotinia blight will be more difficult to control when these products are applied at intervals of less than 21 days.
	Bravo Ultrex	1.4 lb		
	82.5 WDG			
	Echo 720	1.5 pt		
	Echo 90DF	1.2 lb		
	Equus 720 (chlorothalonil)	1.5 pt		
	Bravo 720 + SoyOil 937	1.0-1.5 pt 0.5-1.0% V/V	Same as above.	Same as above.
Propimax EC + Echo 720	2.0 fl oz 1.0 pt	Same as above.	Same as above.	
Echo PropiMax Co-Pack (tetraconazole + cholorothalonil)	Use contents to treat 10 acres	Same as above.	Co-Pack is a mixture of Propimax and Echo.	
TILT-Bravo Twin Pack (equal to Tilt 3.6EC 2 fl oz + Bravo 720 1.0 pt/A) (propiconazole + cholorothalonil)	Same as above.	Same as above.	Twin Pack is a mixture of Tilt and Bravo. Do not add Latron AG-98 or Latron B-1956 as phytotoxicity may result.	
TILT- Bravo SE	1.5 pt	Same as above.	Same as above.	
Folicur 3.6F + surfactant or Tebuzole 3.6F 7.2 fl oz + surfactant (tetraconazole)	7.2 fl oz Use lowest rate recommended on label of surfactant	Apply according to leaf spot advisory program	Also controls stem rot and suppresses pod rot diseases. The final spray of the season must be a chlorothalonil product (e.g. Bravo) for resistance management.	

\*All rates are listed as formulated product/A. Read labels and observe all precautions and restrictions on application, pre-harvest interval, and restrictions on feeding treated hay, vines, or hulls to livestock. For best results, apply sprays according to leaf spot advisory or Sclerotinia blight advisory in a volume of 12 to 15 gal/A by ground sprayers.

Table 39. Foliar Fungicides\* (cont.)

Disease	Product and Formulation	Rate of Formulation*	Method and Timing of Application	Precautions and Remarks
Cercospora leaf spot, web blotch, rust, leaf scorch and pepper spot (cont.)	Stratego (trifloxystrobin + propiconazole)	7.0 fl oz	Same as above.	Label also allows up to 2 sprays at 14 fl oz/A for control of Rhizoctonia limb rot in addition to foliar diseases. Use chlorothalonil as final spray for resistance management.
	Abound 2.08F (azoxystrobin)	9.3-12.3 fl oz	Same as above.	Use chlorothalonil as final spray for resistance management. See label for restrictions.
	Headline 2.09EC (pyraclostrobin)	6.0-9.0 fl oz	Same as above.	Make no more than 2 sequential sprays, then follow with chlorothalonil for resistance management.
	Proline (prothioconazole)	5.0-5.7 fl oz	Same as above	Apply up to 4 sprays, then use a fungicide with different mode of action. Also controls Southern stem rot, Rhizoctonia limb rot, and suppresses CBR.
	Provost 433SC (pyraclostrobin + prothioconazole)	7.0-8.0 fl oz	Same as above.	Label allows up to 10.3 fl oz/A for suppression of CBR.
	Fontelis 1.67SC (penthiopyrad)	12.0-24.0 fl oz	Same as above	Apply up to 4 sprays, then use a fungicide with different mode of action. Also controls Southern stem rot, Rhizoctonia limb rot, and suppresses CBR.

\*All rates are listed as formulated product/A. Read labels and observe all precautions and restrictions on application, pre-harvest interval, and restrictions on feeding treated hay, vines, or hulls to livestock. For best results, apply sprays according to leaf spot advisory or Sclerotinia blight advisory in a volume of 12 to 15 gal/A by ground sprayers.

Table 39. Foliar Fungicides\* (cont.)

Disease	Product and Formulation	Rate of Formulation*	Method and Timing of Application	Precautions and Remarks
Cercospora leaf spot, web blotch, rust, leaf scorch and pepper spot (cont.)	Priaxor 4.17SC (fluxapyroxad + pyraclostrobin)	4.0-8.0 fl oz	Same as above	Apply up to 2 sprays, then use a fungicide with different mode of action. Also controls Southern stem rot, Rhizoctonia limb rot, and suppresses CBR and Sclerotinia blight
	Evito 480SC (tetraconazole)	3.8-5.7 fl oz	Same as above.	Number of sprays must not exceed one-half the total, and each spray should be followed by a non-strobilurin.
	Absolute 500SC (tebuconazole + trifloxystrobin)	3.7-7.0 fl oz	Same as above.	Do not apply more than 4 sprays and apply chlorothalonil as final season spray.
Southern stem rot, Sclerotinia blight, Rhizoctonia limb rot, and suppresses CBR.	Folicur 3.6F + <u>surfactant</u> or Tebuzole 3.6F 7.2 fl oz + <u>surfactant</u> (tebuconazole)	7.2 fl oz (Use lowest rate recommended on label of surfactant)	Apply with leaf-spot nozzles at spray volume of 15 gal/A starting at pegging.	Also controls leaf spot and suppresses pod rot by CBR. The total seasonal dose must not exceed 28.8 fl oz/A
	Artisan (equal to Tilt 4.0 fl oz + Moncut 1.2 lb/A) (propiconazole + flutoloniil)	18.5-24.6 fl oz	Apply 2 or 3 times starting 45 to 60 days after planting.	Also controls leaf spot, but always end season with chlorothalonil for resistance management.

\*All rates are listed as formulated product/A. Read labels and observe all precautions and restrictions on application, pre-harvest interval, and restrictions on feeding treated hay, vines, or hulls to livestock. For best results, apply sprays according to leaf spot advisory or Sclerotinia blight advisory in a volume of 12 to 15 gal/A by ground sprayers.

Table 39. Foliar Fungicides\* (cont.)

Disease	Product and Formulation	Rate of Formulation*	Method and Timing of Application	Precautions and Remarks
Southern stem rot, Sclerotinia blight, Rhizoctonia limb rot, and suppresses CBR. (cont.)	Moncut 70DF or Convoy 3.8F (flutoloni)	0.7-1.40lb  1 pt	Tank mix with a leaf-spot fungicide spray or band over row in spray volume of 40 gal/A.	Two or 3 applications may be necessary, depending on disease pressure, but does not control leafspots.
	Abound 2.08F (azoxystrobin)	18.5-24.6 fl oz	Make 2 applications in spray volume of 15 gal/A between 60 and 90 days after planting.	Abound also controls early leaf spot and web blotch. Do not apply within 50 days of harvest. Do not use more than 49.2 fl oz/season.
	Headline 2.09EC (pyraclostrobin)	9.0-15.0 fl oz	Make no more than 2 sequential applications, then follow with non-strobilurin fungicide for resistance management.	Also controls leaf spot and web blotch.
	Provost 433SC (tebuconazole + prothioconazole)	7.0-8.0 fl oz	Apply at beginning pod (R3) and then according to leaf spot advisories.	Apply up to 4 sprays, then use a fungicide with different mode of action. Also controls leaf spots and suppresses CBR.
	Fontelis 1.67SC (penthiopyrad)	12.0-24.0 fl oz	Same as above	Apply up to 3 sprays, then use a fungicide with different mode of action. Also controls leaf spots and suppresses CBR.

\*All rates are listed as formulated product/A. Read labels and observe all precautions and restrictions on application, pre-harvest interval, and restrictions on feeding treated hay, vines, or hulls to livestock. For best results, apply sprays according to leaf spot advisory or Sclerotinia blight advisory in a volume of 12 to 15 gal/A by ground sprayers.

Table 39. Foliar Fungicides\* (cont.)

Disease	Product and Formulation	Rate of Formulation*	Method and Timing of Application	Precautions and Remarks
Southern stem rot, Sclerotinia blight, Rhizoctonia limb rot, and suppresses CBR. (cont.)	Priaxor 4.17SC (fluxapyroxad +pyraclostrobin)	4.0-8.0 fl oz	Same as above	Apply up to 2 sprays, then use a fungicide with different mode of action. Also controls leaf spots and suppresses CBR.
	Propulse 3.34SC (fluopyram + prothioconazole)	13.6 fl oz	Same as above	Apply up to 2 sprays, then use a fungicide with different mode of action. Also controls leaf spots and suppresses CBR.
	Omega 500SC (fluazinam)	1.0 pt	Apply according to Sclerotinia blight advisory program and/ or scouting.	Apply up to 3 sprays. Also controls Sclerotinia blight, but not leaf spots
	Endura 70WG (boscalid)	8.0-10 oz	Same as above.	Apply up to 2 sprays, then use a fungicide with different mode of action. Also controls web blotch and suppresses leaf spot.

\*All rates are listed as formulated product/A. Read labels and observe all precautions and restrictions on application, pre-harvest interval, and restrictions on feeding treated hay, vines, or hulls to livestock. For best results, apply sprays according to leaf spot advisory or Sclerotinia blight advisory in a volume of 12 to 15 gal/A by ground sprayers.

Table 40. In-furrow Soil Fungicide

<b>Disease</b>	<b>Product and Formulation</b>	<b>Rate of Formulation*</b>	<b>Method and Timing of Application</b>	<b>Precautions and Remarks</b>
Cylindrocladium black rot (CBR)	Proline 480SC (prothioconazole)	5.7 fl oz	Apply to seed furrow at planting in a volume of 5 gal/A with spray nozzle or microtube)	Use for suppression of CBR in fields with low to moderate disease pressure and crop rotation of 4 yrs or longer.

\*Rate is formulated product/A.

Table 41. Nematicides and Soil Fumigants

Disease	Product and Formulation	Rate of Formulation*	Method and Timing of Application	Precautions and Remarks
Nematodes and Cylindrocladium black rot (CBR)	Metam 42%, Sectagon 42%, OR Vapam HL (metam sodium)	7.5-15 gal	Use with Bailey, Sugg or Perry in cases of severe disease pressure; plant other varieties only in cases of low to moderate CBR pressure. Apply 8 in. under rows at least 14 days pre-plant with one injector shank in front of bed shaper to mark rows. Do not mix treated soil with untreated soil after application.	Apply if soil temps are $\geq 60^{\circ}$ F at 4 in. depth and likely to be the same or warmer for 5 days. Delay application if >1 in. of rainfall is forecast in next 72 to 96 hrs.  Note: metam sodium is now a restricted use pesticide and requires growers be approved for use. See current label requirements.
Nematodes only	Telone II (1,3 dichloro-propene)	3.0-6.0 gal	Apply 8 to 12 in. under rows at least 7 days before planting.	See label for precautions and restrictions.

\* All rates are listed as formulated product/A. Read labels and observe all precautions and restrictions on application, pre-harvest interval, and restrictions on feeding treated hay, vines, or hulls to livestock.

\*\* Bayer CropScience ceased production of Temik 15G in 2010 and existing stocks at distributors must be sold by the end of 2016. Ag Logic LLC in Chapel Hill, NC received approval of their label for Meymik 15G on 22 Dec 2011 but product was not available in 2012 and continues to be uncertain for 2013.



Table 41. Nematicides and Soil Fumigants (cont.)

Disease	Product and Formulation	Rate of Formulation <sup>1</sup>	Method and Timing of Application	Precautions and Remarks
Nematodes and thrips	Temik 15G** OR Meymik 15G (aldicarb)	5.0-7.0 lb	Apply in seed furrow at planting for suppression of nematodes and thrips.	Label prohibits the use of hay, vines, or hulls from treated fields for feeding livestock. Note: aldicarb is a restricted use pesticide with new restrictions for protection of groundwater. See current label requirements.

\* All rates are listed as formulated product/A. Read labels and observe all precautions and restrictions on application, pre-harvest interval, and restrictions on feeding treated hay, vines, or hulls to livestock.

\*\* Bayer CropScience ceased production of Temik 15G in 2010 and existing stocks at distributors must be sold by the end of 2016. Ag Logic LLC in Chapel Hill, NC received approval of their label for Meymik 15G on 22 Dec 2011 but product was not available in 2012 and continues to be uncertain for 2013.

## PEANUT IRRIGATION

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Although considered to be somewhat drought resistant, peanuts exhibit a variation in drought tolerance depending upon the stage of growth and variety. There are critical times during the growth of the peanut plant that a soil moisture deficit can severely limit yields and/or diminish quality. The table below divides the peanut growing season into four stages and indicates the relative response of the plants to a lack of moisture during each stage.

### Response of Peanut Plants to Irrigation at Various Growth Stages

Plant Growth Stage (Duration)	Plant Indicators	Relative Drought Susceptibility
germination (1-2 weeks)	planting to emergence	high
early vegetative growth (5-6 weeks)	emergence to flowering/ pegging	low
nut development/fruitletting (8-9 weeks)	flowering/pegging to pod formation	high
maturation (5-6 weeks)	pod formation to harvest	moderate

While adequate moisture during the germination stage is necessary for a good, uniform stand, the mid-season nut development, or fruitletting stage, is the most critical time for irrigation if there is a shortage of rainfall. In addition to being the stage in which the peanut plant is most susceptible to drought stress, it is also the stage of maximum water use by the plant.

In Virginia, the critical part of the nut development/fruitletting period includes the latter part of July and the month of August. Irrigation in June or earlier is discouraged, unless extremely dry conditions persist, because excess moisture can trigger excessive vine growth. Irrigation of peanuts in September is also not preferred because too much moisture during the plant maturing stage can increase the severity of diseases such as CBR, Sclerotinia blight, and leaf-spot diseases. Late unnecessary irrigation can also delay maturity and promote the development of small pods. In dry years, irrigation can reduce the threat of Aflatoxin and suppress the outbreak of spider mites.

## Irrigation Scheduling Methods

### Soil Feel Method

A soil sample should be taken from several sites, representative of the predominant soil type in the field, by digging down to a 6- to 12-inch depth. To evaluate soil moisture, hold a sample of soil in the palm and fingers of the hand and squeezed to form a ball. Based on the appearance of the ball, the following table can be used to estimate plant-available water. The upper end of the ranges given should be used for coarse-textured soils, such as loamy sands, while medium-textured soils, such as sandy loams, apply to the lower end of the ranges.

### *Estimating Soil Moisture By The Soil Feel Method*

<b>Plant-available Water Remaining In Soil</b>	<b>Feel or Appearance at 6-12 Inches</b>
100%	No free water appears on soil, but wet outline of ball is left on hand
75-100%	Forms a ball that breaks easily
50-75%	Forms a weak ball that falls apart
<50%	Appears dry, will not form a ball
0%	Dry, loose, flows through fingers

In deciding whether to irrigate or not, the plant growth stages described earlier should be considered. For the germination and nut development/fruitlet stages, soil moisture should not be allowed to drop below the 50 percent to 60 percent plant-available water level, while during the early vegetative growth and maturation stages it could be allowed to drop below the 50 percent level. The amount of irrigation water which should be applied once an irrigator has determined the approximate soil moisture content will be discussed below.

### Tensiometer Methods

Tensiometers are well-suited to the light, sandy soils found in southeast Virginia. Depending upon the size of the irrigated field and the variability in soil textures, one or more tensiometer stations should be installed. A station consists of 2 tensiometers, 1 inserted to a 12-inch depth and the other at 24 inches. The shallow instrument reflects the need for irrigation while the deep one provides an indication of whether or not irrigation amounts have been adequate. If the deep tensiometer continues to dry during the season while irrigation is continuing, it indicates that insufficient irrigation water is being applied. Manufacturers' recommendations should be closely followed regarding installation and interpretation of tensiometer readings.

The following table relates tensiometer gauge vacuum reading to approximate soil moisture content. In the case of soil tension, readings differ according to soil texture.

### *Soil Water Availability at Various Tensiometer Readings*

Irrigation Trigger Point		Tensiometer Reading (Centibars)	
Peanut Plant Growth Stage	Plant-available Water Remaining in Soil (%)	Sandy loam	Loamy sand
germination	60	40	20
early veg. growth	40	60	40
nut devel./fruiting	60	40	20
maturation	40	60	40

### **Electrical Resistance Methods**

A gypsum soil block is an “electrical resistance” device which uses gypsum as a porous material in which electrodes are embedded. Electrical resistance between the electrodes varies with soil water content. Gypsum has a characteristic much like a very heavy clay with small pores. Gypsum blocks, therefore, are not recommended for the light, sandy soils of southeast Virginia.

Another electrical resistance type sensor is called the Watermark sensor. As with the gypsum block, the sensor’s resistance varies with the electrical conductivity of solution between the electrodes. Pore sizes in this matrix are larger than those of the gypsum block, thereby making it more suitable for coarse-textured soils. Unlike gypsum blocks, Watermark sensors may be reused year after year.

Watermark sensors (and gypsum blocks) come with a meter that is attached to the terminals. Some meters give an instant reading of soil water tension while others provide a digital readout which can be converted to tension using a simple chart. Irrigation should occur when sensor readings exceed a set tension level as with tensiometers. Follow manufacturer’s recommendations carefully when using this method.

### **How Much Irrigation?**

In peanut irrigation, it may be advisable to bring soil moisture back up to only 85 percent to 90 percent of plant available water-holding capacity in the event that rainfall occurs shortly thereafter. This will allow the soil to accommodate part of the rainfall and may help to reduce associated disease incidence.

The amount of water to apply depends on soil texture, root zone depth, and the plant-available water level when irrigation is begun as well as the sprinkler irrigation efficiency. The following table provides irrigation estimates considering these factors for two soil textures.

***Maximum Water Application at Various Growth Stages, Soil Moisture Levels, and Soil Textures***

Peanut Plant Growth Stage	Plant-available Water Remaining in Soil (%)	Maximum Amount of Irrigation Water to Apply (Inches)*	
		Sandy Loam	Loamy Sand
germination	60	0.33-0.50	0.25-0.33
early veg. growth	40	2.00-2.25	1.25-1.50
nut devel./fruiting	60	1.25-1.50	0.75-1.00
maturation	40	2.00-2.25	1.25-1.50

\*Acre-inch of water = 27,154 gallons.

To determine if these applications are adequate, an irrigator can evaluate the deep tensiometer readings or examine deep soil samples by the soil feel method.

## SPRAYER INFORMATION

### Information on Spray Tips for Herbicides

Tip No. 8004 is recommended for application of preplant and at-cracking herbicides.

Flat Fan Spray Tip No.	Liquid Pressure in psi (at tip)	Gallons Per Acre <sup>1</sup>		
		3 MPH	4 MPH	5 MPH
8004 <sup>2</sup> (50-mesh screen)	20	28	21	17
	25	31	24	19
	30	34	26	21
	40	40	30	24

<sup>1</sup> Values are based on a nozzle spacing of 18 inches.

<sup>2</sup> or equivalent.

### Information on Spray Tips for Soil Fungicides

Tip numbers 8008 LP, 8010 LP, TK 7.5, and TK 10 are recommended for application of soil fungicides (i.e., Terraclor 75W, Rovral 4F, Vitavax 3F). Center each nozzle directly over the row, and calibrate to deliver 40 gal of spray per acre.

Flat Fan Spray Tip No.	Liquid Pressure in at tip (psi)	Gallons Per Acre <sup>1</sup>		
		3 MPH	4 MPH	5 MPH
8008 or 11008 (no strainer)	15	26.9	20.2	16.2
	20	31.1	23.2	18.7
	30	38.1	28.6	22.9
	40	44.0	33.0	26.4
8010 or 11010 (no strainer)	15	33.7	25.3	20.2
	20	38.9	29.2	23.3
	30	47.6	35.7	28.6
	40	55.0	41.3	33.0
TK 7.5 (no strainer)	10	41.3	30.9	24.8
	20	58.3	43.8	35.0
	30	71.4	53.6	42.9
	40	82.5	61.9	49.5
TK 10 (no strainer)	10	55.0	41.3	33.0
	20	77.8	58.3	46.7
	30	95.3	71.4	57.2
	40	110.0	82.5	66.0

<sup>1</sup> Values are based on a nozzle spacing of 36 inches.

Flat Fan Spray Tip No.	Pressure (psi) required to achieve 40 Gallons per acre 36" Row Spacing		
	3 MPH	4 MPH	5 MPH
8008 or 11008 (no strainer)	33 psi	59 psi (NR) <sup>1</sup>	92 psi (NR)
8010 or 11010 (no strainer)	21 psi	38 psi	59 psi (NR)
TK7.5 (no strainer)	9 psi (NR)	17 psi	26 psi
TK 10 (no strainer)	5.3psi (NR)	9psi (NR)	15 psi

<sup>1</sup> NR - Not recommended, outside of the operating pressure for the nozzle.

## Information on Spray Tips for Leaf-Spot Fungicides

Orifice disc number D<sub>2</sub> or D<sub>3</sub> and core number 13 or 23 are routinely used to spray leaf-spot fungicides. Three nozzles per row, a minimum of 50 lb spray pressure, and a spray volume of 15 gal/A are recommended.

Combination Disc and Core No.	Liquid Pressure (at tip) (psi)	Gallons Per Acre - 36" Row Spacing Using 3 Nozzles Per Row		
		3 MPH	4 MPH	5 MPH
D <sub>2</sub> -13	40	13.1	9.8	7.9
	60	16.4	12.3	9.9
	80	18.1	13.7	10.9
D <sub>2</sub> -23	40	16.5	12.3	9.9
	60	20.5	15.4	12.3
	80	23.3	17.3	13.9
D <sub>3</sub> -23	40	19.4	15.5	11.7
	60	23.3	17.3	13.9
	80	26.6	19.8	16.0

NOTE: Consult a commercial spray guide and/or your Extension agent for selection of suitable tips to achieve special low- or high-volume spray needs.

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Using three nozzles per row, a minimum of 560 psi spray pressure, and a spray volume of 15 gal/A are recommended. The following tables shows the speed needed to achieve 50 psi and 15 gal/A.

Combination Disc and Core No.	Speed (MPH) required to achieve 15 Gallons Per Acre @ 50 psi Using 3 Nozzle Per Row
D <sub>2</sub> -13	3 MPH
D <sub>2</sub> -23	3.7 MPH
D <sub>3</sub> -23	4.4 MPH

## Calibration of Boom Sprayers

Be sure to calibrate your sprayer properly. NEVER exceed the labeled rate. Using too much pesticide is illegal and may injure your crop. Using too little may result in little or no pest control. Pressure, nozzle orifice size, spacing of nozzles, and speed all affect the application rate. Be sure that all of your spray equipment is in good working order and your sprayer is configured properly.

### ***Large-area Method of Calibration***

1. Measure and stake off one acre (43,560 sq ft) in the field to be treated.
2. Fill sprayer tank with water.
3. Maintain constant pressure and speed while spraying the acre. Mark pressure, throttle, and gear settings.
4. Measure the amount of water used. The amount of water necessary to refill the tank is equal to gallons per acre applied.
5. Make up the spray solution with the correct amount of chemical, based on the amount of water applied per acre.
6. Make the application at pressure, throttle, and gear settings used in calibrating.

### ***“Ounce” Calibration Method***

1. Mark off a test course, based on the chart below. (Measure nozzle spacing for booms; row spacing for directed and band rigs.)
2. Set the throttle for spraying and operate the equipment as you drive the measured distance. Operate under field conditions. Fill your tank half full (average weight). Get a running start. Drive the measured distance several times while operating the equipment, recording driving times (# of seconds).
3. Calculate the average time in seconds required to drive the measured distance.



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4. Run the equipment for the average time it took to drive the course, using the same settings (RPM5, pressure). Catch output during that time in a container marked in ounces. (If you are using a boom sprayer, catch the output from one nozzle. If you are using a directed/band rig, catch the spray from all nozzles per row for the prescribed time.)
5. Output in ounces = gallons per acre (GPA) applied.

**“Ounce” Method Distances Row Width or Nozzle Spacing**

Spacing (inches)	Distance (feet)
40	102
38	107
36	113
30	136
28	146
24	170
20	204
18	227

This method works because the test course is 1/1 28th of an acre, and 128 ounces in a gallon - the proportions are the same.

**A word of caution:** If you use the “ounce” method, your calibration check is based on only one nozzle. Be sure your calibration check is based on the right nozzle (and pressure) for the job - and that the nozzle is in good condition. This method is valid ONLY if the output from each nozzle (or sets of nozzles) is uniform! So, you should check ALL nozzles (or sets of nozzles, in the case of banding/directed applications) to be sure the output from each one (or each set) is the same. You can do this by using a flow meter, or by catching the output from each for a short time (ex. 10 seconds). Replace any nozzles that do not match the pattern and flow rate of the one(s) you used in the calibration test.

For more information concerning the “Ounce” calibration method review: “Fine Tuning a Sprayer with the “Ounce” Calibration Method.” Virginia Cooperative Extension, Publication 442-453, <http://www.ext.vt.edu/pubs/bse/442-453/442-453.html>

For information and/or for guidance on calibration methods for other types of equipment, contact your local Extension agent.

## Travel Speed Chart

Miles per hour	Time required to travel <sup>1</sup>		
	88 feet	176 feet	352 feet
1	1 minute	2 minutes	4 minutes
2	30 seconds	1 minute	2 minutes
3	20 seconds	40 seconds	1 minute 20 seconds
4	15 seconds	30 seconds	1 minute
5		24 seconds	48 seconds
6			40 seconds
7			34 seconds

<sup>1</sup> 1 MPH = 88 feet per minute; 1 MPH = 1.466 feet per second

## Measure Equivalency Tables

### Land Measure

16.5 feet = 5.5 yards OR 1 rod

66 feet = 4 rods OR 1 chain

272.25 square feet = 30.25 square yards OR 1 square rod

4,356 square feet = 16 square rods OR 1 square chain

43,560 square feet = 160 square rods OR 10 square chains OR 1 acre

### Length of Row Required for One Acre

Row spacing	Length or distance
24 inches	7260 yards = 21,780 feet
30 inches	5808 yards = 17,424 feet
32 inches	5445 yards = 16,335 feet
34 inches	5125 yards = 15,374 feet
36 inches	4840 yards = 14,520 feet
38 inches	4585 yards = 13,756 feet
40 inches	4356 yards = 13068 feet

**Measurement Equivalency Chart**

A teaspoon or tablespoon throughout this table refers to a level, standard measuring teaspoon or tablespoon.

<b>80 drops</b>	=	1 teaspoon or about 1/6 fluid ounce
	=	5 milliliters or cubic centimeters (cc)
<b>1 tablespoon</b>	=	3 teaspoons
		15 milliliters (ml) or cubic centimeters (cc)
		1/2 fluid ounce
<b>1 cup</b>	=	16 tablespoons
		8 fluid ounces
		236.6 milliliters (ml) or cubic centimeters (cc)
		1/2 pint
<b>1 pint</b>	=	16 fluid ounces
		(NOTE: 1 pint or quart dry measure is about 16 percent larger than 1 pint or 1 quart liquid measure.)
		473.2 milliliters (ml) or cubic centimeters (cc)
<b>1 fluid ounce</b>	=	2 tablespoons or 29.6 milliliters (ml) or cubic centimeters (cc)
<b>1 U.S. gallon</b>	=	4 quarts
		8 pints
		3,785 milliliters (ml) or cubic centimeters (cc)
		8.3 pounds (lb) water
<b>1 milliliter</b>	=	1 cubic centimeter (cc)
	=	0.2 teaspoon
<b>1 liter</b>	=	1,000 milliliters (ml) or cubic centimeters (cc)
		1.08 quarts (1 quart + 1 fluid ounce)
<b>1 pound</b>	=	16 ounces
		453.59 grams
<b>1 kilogram</b>	=	1,000 grams, approximately 2 pounds 3 ounces
<b>1 ounce</b>	=	28.4 grams
<b>1 bushel of soil</b>	=	1.25 cubic feet
<b>1 mile</b>	=	5,280 feet
		320 rods
		1,609.4 meters
<b>1 acre</b>	=	43,560 square feet
		160 square rods
		0.4047 hectare
<b>10 millimeters (mm)</b>	=	1 centimeter (cm)
		0.3937 inch
<b>100 centimeters</b>	=	1 meter (m)
		39.37 inches

# ESTIMATED CROP PRODUCTION COSTS

*Mike Roberts, Southeast District Farm Management Agent*

Based on 3,000 pound per acre yield.

<u>Variable Costs</u>	Costs Per Acre - Your Farm
Seed	
Fertilizer, Lime, Landplaster	
Chemicals	
Machinery	
Miscellaneous	
Interest	
<b>Total Variable Costs</b>	
<u>Fixed Costs</u>	
Machinery	
Labor	
<b>Total Fixed Costs</b>	
<b>Total Costs (excluding land)</b>	

Notes:

1. Costs per acre for producing peanuts will vary from farm to farm depending in many factors. Calculating your actual costs is important. Typical production costs in Virginia range from \$500- \$600+ per acre. This worksheet is provided for you to calculate your costs and returns in order to evaluate the peanut enterprise as a profit center for your farm.
2. The Farm Business Management agent is available to assist you. Contact Eric Eberly at (434) 292-5331 or [eeberly@vt.edu](mailto:eeberly@vt.edu).
3. You may also use this guide as a template for notes during the Extension Peanut production meetings.



## Agronomic



*Lenticels: structures due to excessive soil Moisture (courtesy Texas AgriLife Extension)*



*Chemical burn on leaf margins (courtesy Texas AgriLife Extension)*



*Nitrogen deficiency and inoculation failure in peanut: normal plant (left) and N-deficient (right)*



*Calcium deficiency showing unfilled pods or "pops".*



*Manganese deficiency in peanut (courtesy Walt Mozingo)*

# Agronomic cont.

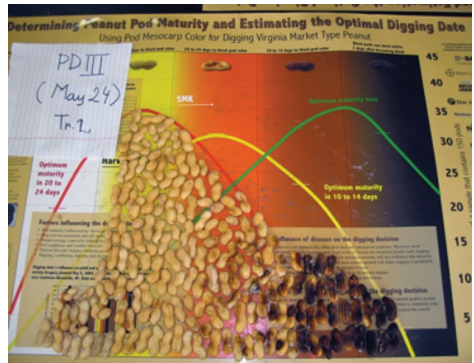


Germination failure due to Ca (left) and B (right) deficiency (courtesy Walt Mozingo)



Drought sensitive (left) and tolerant (right) varieties

Disease susceptible (left) and resistant (right) varieties



Variety ready to harvest (left) and 3 weeks from optimum harvest (right)

# Weed Control



*Ragweed, young and mature plants*



*Sicklepod*



*Cocklebur*



*Morning glories: Pitted*



*Ivyleaf*



*Tall*



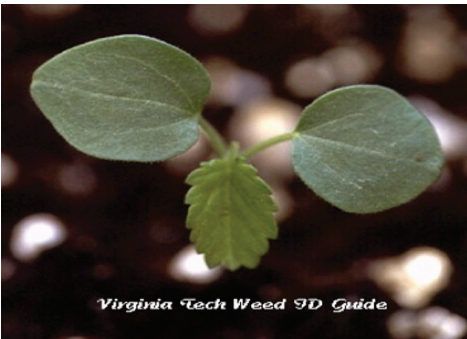
# Weed Control cont.



*Velvet leaf*



*Crabgrass*



*Prickly sida*



*Eclipta*



*Bermudagrass*



*Nuttall sedge*

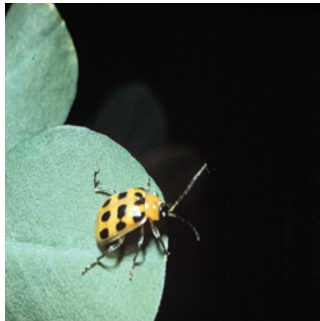
## Insect Control



*Thrips damage on peanut; adult and larvae feeding on leaves.*



*'Hooper burn' injury on peanut; adult and nymph are colored in bright green to yellow.*



*Pod damage by corn rootworm larvae; adults are also presented.*

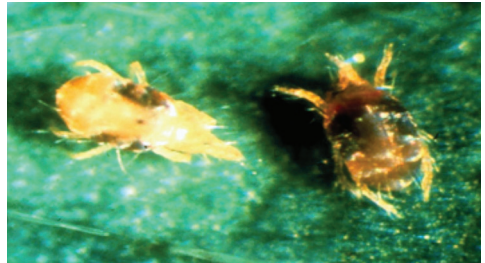
## Insect Control cont.



*Larvae of corn earworm feeding on leaves*



*Tobacco budworm (left) and fall armyworm (right)*



*Spider mites on peanut leaves; larvae and adult feeding on the plants*



*Lesser cornstalk borer damage on peanut pods; larvae feeding on the pods.*

# Disease Control



*Early Leaf Spot*



*Early (Brown) and Late (black) Leaf Spot*



*Web Blotch*



*Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus on the peanut leaves*



*Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus showing stunted plants (courtesy Texas AgriLife Extension)*



*Seed of Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus infected plants (courtesy Texas AgriLife Extension)*

# Disease Control cont.



*Cylindrocladium black rot (CBR)*



*Red fruiting bodies of CBR*



*Root and pod rot caused by CBR*



*Speckled seed with CBR*



*Southern stem rot (white mold)*



*Sclerotinia blight (bleached)*



*Root knot nematode galls*