

Laundering contaminated clothing

Pesticide residue is picked up on clothing worn during pesticide application. Because pesticides can enter the body through the skin, careful attention to clothing contaminated by drift or spills is required.

Researchers at Iowa State University, Ames, conducted a study to determine the best procedure for laundering the clothing worn by farmers during pesticide application. Heavy weight denim of 100 per cent cotton and a polyester/cotton blend cambray fabric were used in the study; pesticides used were atrazine (a herbicide) and Thimet (an insecticide).

Results of the study showed that normal laundering was adequate in removing the pesticides — 99.8 per cent to 99.9 per cent of the chemicals were removed from the clothing.

These laundering procedures should be used:

- * clothes worn while applying pesticides should be **washed daily** being placed directly in the washing machine or held in a plastic bag.
- * pesticide-contaminated clothes **should not** be mixed with other laundry.



- * hot water (140 degrees F), heavy duty phosphate detergent and normal laundry methods for heavily-soiled clothing will remove the pesticides.
- * any leftover pesticide should be removed from the washer by running the machine empty

through the complete laundering cycle, using detergent. This recommendation is based on preliminary data, but is a good precautionary step.

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Peach recipe contest for OMAF's birthday

Does your family have a favorite peach recipe that's been around for years? It's time to dust it off and let everyone know just how good it is.

Food is such an important part of our heritage and traditional family recipes reflect our tremendously rich and diverse history. This is your opportunity to help preserve that tradition. To mark the Ministry of Agriculture and Food's Centennial Year, Foodland Ontario is asking you to share the

best of your peach recipe collection for a chance to win one of 15 exciting prizes.

The grand prize winner will be presented with an heirloom quilt, specially commissioned and crafted by Ontario Mennonites and valued at \$1,500. Two second-place winners will each receive a \$300 gourmet Ontario food basket. And there's lots more!

To qualify, each recipe must be original, contain at least four Ontario peaches and have been in

use for at least two generations. If there's a special family history or other bits of nostalgia associated with the recipe, send your notes along.

A copy of the official contest rules can be obtained from your local ministry office or by writing: Heritage Peach Recipe Contest, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, 33 Yonge Street, Suite 800, Toronto, M7A 1A6. Entries should be sent to the same address. Entry deadline is June 3, 1988.