

Adjuvant product information: summary reports vs. county UDC files

Chemical information for adjuvant products is considered “confidential business information” and could lead to the disclosure of an adjuvant product’s formulation. Adjuvant products include defoamers, spreader/stickers, pH modifiers, etc. and are used to aid or enhance the activity or performance of another registered pesticide product such as an herbicide, insecticide, desiccant, pool product, etc. California law defines adjuvants that are packaged and sold separately as pesticide products that require registration. (They are not registered by the U.S. EPA.)

Because of the confidential nature of adjuvants, beginning with the 2003 pesticide use reporting year, DPR no longer includes reported use of the chemical components of adjuvants in the county UDC files on the CD. All chemical summary data can be found on the printed state and county reports; therefore, if you calculate the total pounds of active ingredients used in a county from the county UDC file, it will be less than the total pounds stated on the printed summary report for that county. However, the total pounds of product should be the same in the summary report and the UDC files.