

CALIBRATION WORKSHEET FOR SPRAYERS WITH BOOMS

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Sprayer Information

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____
 Gear: _____ and engine RPM: _____ Speed: _____ (if available)
 Pressure: _____ Nozzle type/model: _____

Step 1

Measure the distance (in inches) between nozzles.

Nozzle spacing: _____ in

Step 2

Determine the length of the course you'll need for calibration. See Table 1 on Page 13 of Purdue Extension publication PPP-104, available from the Education Store, www.the-education-store.com.

Distance to travel: _____ ft

Step 3

Fill the tank at last halfway with water.

Step 4

Time how long it takes to travel the calibration course.

First Pass	Second Pass	Average Time
_____	_____	_____

Step 5

Collect water from each nozzle for the average time measured in Step 4.

Nozzle 1	_____ fl oz
2	_____ fl oz
3	_____ fl oz
4	_____ fl oz
5	_____ fl oz
6	_____ fl oz
Total	_____ fl oz

Step 6

Add up the total amount of water you collect over the calibration course and divide that amount by the number of nozzles.

Average output: _____ fl oz

Step 7

Check the nozzle output. Did any individual nozzle output vary by more than 10 percent of the average? If no, proceed to Step 8. If yes, check to see if the nozzles or screens are partially plugged. After cleaning or replacing, go back to Step 5, and recalculate the average nozzle flow.

Step 8

Determine the sprayer's output in gallons per acre. It's the same number from Step 6.

_____ gals/A

Step 9

If you need to determine sprayer output for 1,000 square feet, then divide the number from Step 8 by 43.56.

_____ (from Step 8) ÷ 43.56 = _____ gals/1,000 ft²

If you prefer to know how many fluid ounces to use per 1,000 square feet, multiply the answer above by 128.

_____ (gals/1,000 ft²) x 128 = _____ fl oz/1,000 ft²

Step 10

Determine whether sprayer output meets your specifications. If not, change your nozzle size, pressure, or travel speed.

Step 11

If you make any adjustments in Step 10, repeat the calibration process until the ride-on is calibrated to your specifications.

Remember

Some booms have less than six nozzles. If your container measures in milliliters, convert to fluid ounces by dividing by 29.57.