



## Section 18 Emergency Exemption

### STATE RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE

**WHEN USED IN NORTH CAROLINA, APPLICATIONS CAN ONLY BE MADE BY LICENSED/CERTIFIED APPLICATORS OR BY PERSONS UNDER THEIR DIRECT SUPERVISION AND ONLY FOR THOSE USES COVERED BY THE LICENSED/CERTIFIED APPLICATORS CERTIFICATION.**

**Mertect® 340-F  
EPA File Symbol No. 21NC01**

**Effective Date: 07/02/2021  
Expiration Date: 07/02/2022**

**For Postharvest Treatment of Sweet Potato for Control of Blackrot**

#### **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

- It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.
- All applicable restrictions, precautions and Worker Protection Standard requirements and directions for use on the EPA Section 3 label must be followed.
- These directions for use must be in the possession of the user at the time of application.

#### **Environmental Hazards**

This pesticide is toxic to fish. Do not apply directly to water, to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters.

#### **Additional Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)**

In addition to the PPE specified on the EPA Section 3 label, applicators must also wear chemical-resistant gloves such as nitrile or butyl rubber gloves.

#### **Specific Application Instructions**

Mist washed roots on a conveyor line, with tumbling action, before packing with 0.42 fl oz of Mertect® 340-F to each 2,000 lb of roots in sufficient water for complete coverage. Or dip the roots for 20 seconds in a solution containing 0.42 fl oz of Mertect 340-F per gal of water. Ensure roots are dry before packing.

Mertect 340-F for sweet potatoes should be used as part of an Integrated Management Program, which includes prevention of wounding during harvest and maintaining proper storage sanitation, temperature, and humidity.

**Maximum number of applications:**

- One application during packing.

**Pesticide Disposal**

Improper disposal of unused pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal law. Wastes resulting from the use of this product must be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility, in accordance with Federal, State, or local procedures under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The runoff and wastes from a treatment operation should not be discarded in a drainage which could contaminate public water systems. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwater or rinsate.

Any adverse effects resulting from the use of Mertect 340-F (EPA Reg. No. 100-889) fungicide under this emergency exemption must be immediately reported to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

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