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PREFACE

The Desert Locust plague of 1986-89 and the subsequent upsurges in the 1990s demonstrate the continuing capacity of this historic pest to threaten agriculture and food security over large parts of Africa, the Near East and southwest Asia. They emphasize the need for a permanent system of well-organized surveys of areas that have recently received rains or been flooded, backed up by control capability to treat hoppers and adults efficiently in an environmentally safe and cost-effective manner.

The events of 1986-89 showed that, in many instances, the existing strategy of preventive control did not function well, for reasons including the inexperience of the field survey teams and campaign organizers, lack of understanding of ultra low volume spraying, insufficient or inappropriate resources and the inaccessibility of some important breeding areas. These reasons were compounded by the general tendency to allow survey and control capacity in locust-affected countries to deteriorate during locust recession periods. To address this, FAO has given high priority to a special programme, the Emergency Prevention System for Transboundary Animal and Plant Pests and Diseases (EMPRES), that will strengthen national capacities.

Given the certainty that there will be future Desert Locust upsurges, FAO produced a series of guidelines primarily for use by national and international organisations and institutions involved in Desert Locust survey and control. The guidelines comprise:

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| 1. Biology and behaviour | 4. Control |
| 2. Survey | 5. Campaign organization and execution |
| 3. Information and forecasting | 6. Safety and environmental precautions |

Appendixes (including an index) are provided for easy reference by readers.

This second edition has been produced to update sections on technology and techniques that have undergone changes in the seven years since first publication, to modify presentation of the material, to make it easier to understand and to facilitate updates in the future. The revision was carried out by K. Cressman of FAO and H.M. Dobson of the Natural Resources Institute, United Kingdom, with input from many locust and locust-related specialists around the world. This edition will be available in the three key languages of the locust-affected countries, English, French and Arabic.

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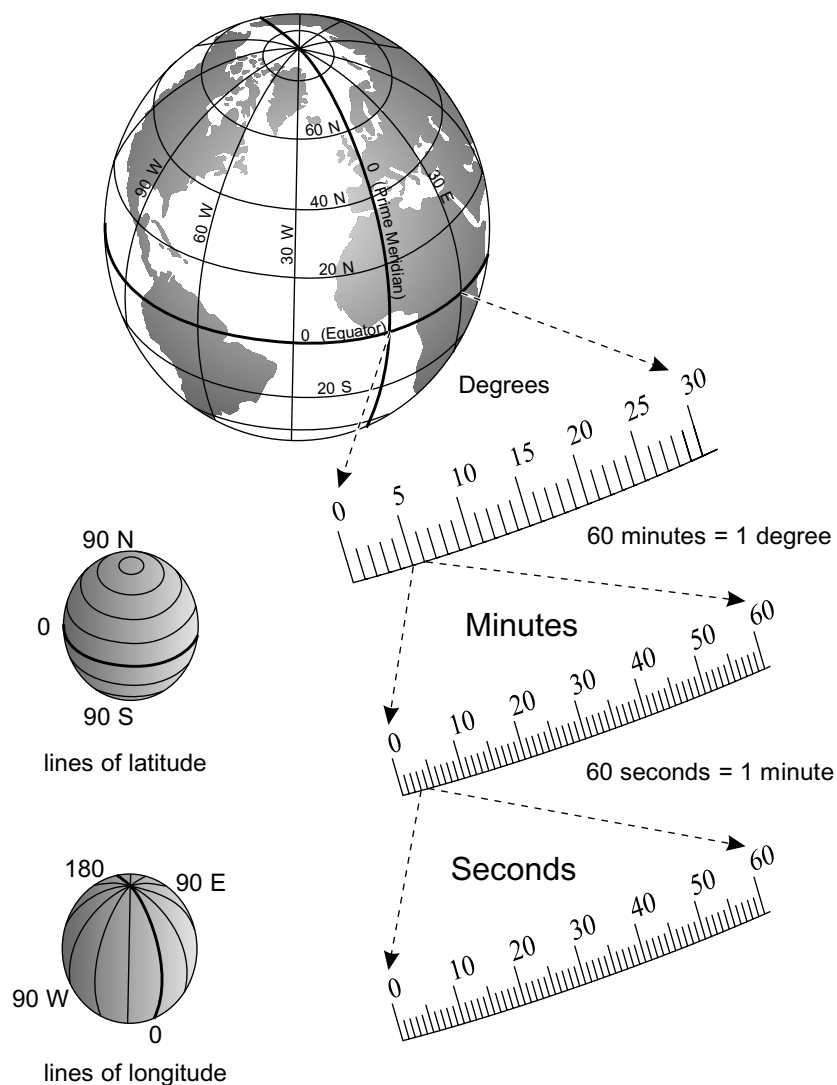
Appendix 1

Techniques and equipment

Summary of latitude and longitude:

- coordinates are reported as latitude / longitude
- every position on earth has a unique latitude and longitude

Figure 1 . Degrees, minutes and seconds of latitude and longitude.



1.1 LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE CONCEPTS (DEG/MIN/SEC)

On a map or in an atlas, it is very common to see a number of horizontal and vertical lines. These lines are used as reference points to assist the user in locating a position on the map. The horizontal lines are referred to as latitude and extend east-west; the vertical lines are called longitude, extending north-south.

The entire earth has been divided by lines of latitude and longitude. From the equator (the half-way point between the North and South Pole, known as 0°) to the North Pole is 90°; from the equator to the South Pole is 90°. Therefore, the lines of latitude extend from 0° to 90°N and from 0° to 90°S. Similarly, lines of longitude that extend from the North Pole to the South Pole encircle the earth for 360° (the number of degrees in a circle). If you take one point on the earth, the point exactly on the opposite side of the world will be 180° away from the first point. For convenience, an arbitrary point has been defined as 0° longitude. This is referred to as the Prime Meridian. It runs roughly north and south over Greenwich (UK) and Gao (Mali). Its counterpart, 180° away, is known as the International Date Line which is over the Pacific Ocean. Longitude lines from east of the Prime Meridian to west of the International Date Line are indicated as East; and those from west of the Prime Meridian to east of the International Date Line are indicated as West.

Each line is divided into degrees; each degree is divided into minutes, and each minute is divided into seconds (see Fig. 1). There are 60 seconds in one minute and 60 minutes in one degree. In most locust-affected countries, one degree is about 100-110 km, one minute is about 1.8 km and one second is about 30 metres.

Using this coordinate system of degrees, minutes and seconds of latitude and longitude, any point on the earth can be identified to within about one metre. For example, the coordinates of the Locust Outpost in Pasni, Pakistan is 25°15'47"N/63°28'26"E, or 25 degrees, 15 minutes, 47 seconds North (latitude) and 63 degrees, 28 minutes, 26 seconds East (longitude). Sometimes this can be written as 25°15'47"N/63°28'26"E. Note that the latitude coordinates are always written first, then the longitude.

	minutes	seconds	distance
1 degree =	60	3 600	100-110 km
1 minute =		60	1.8 km
1 second =			30 m

Tip: many computer mapping programmes use decimal degrees rather than degrees, minutes and seconds. In this case, the minutes and seconds are expressed in tenths of a degree. For example,

$$18^{\circ}50'20''N / 20^{\circ}10'30''E = 18.8388N/20.1750E$$

Figure 2. Determining the latitude and longitude of a point on a map.

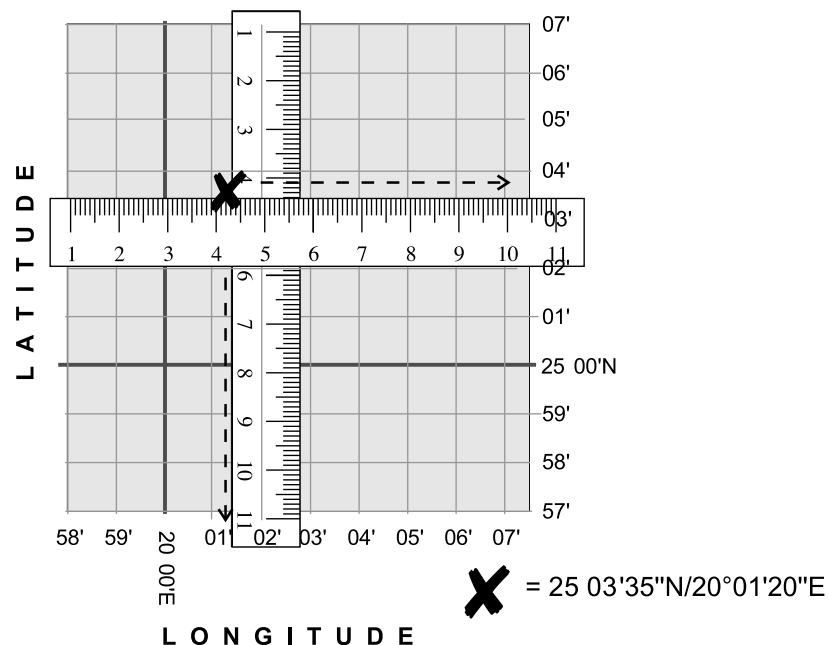
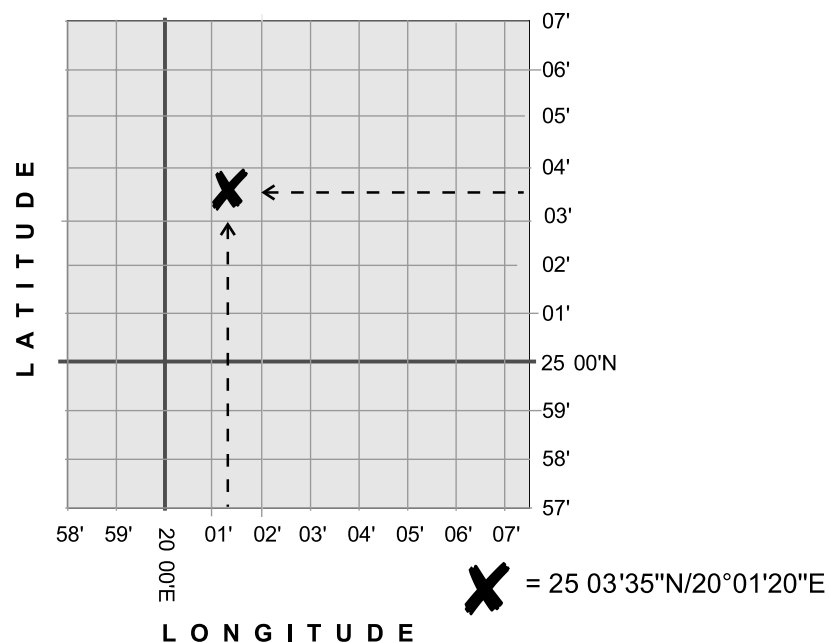


Figure 3. Plotting coordinates on a map.



1.2 MAP READING

Maps can be a powerful and useful tool for the survey officer because they contain a lot of information. All maps have information in common, regardless of the type of map or area of coverage. For example, most maps contain a legend that explains the meaning of the symbols used on that map; maps usually have a scale that shows the distance and units of measurement (miles, kilometres); horizontal and vertical lines of latitude and longitude; scales with the degrees (and sometimes minutes and seconds) listed on the right and left sides for latitude and at the top and bottom for longitude; north on most maps is at the top and it is indicated usually by a symbol.

To determine the latitude and longitude of a point on the map (see Fig. 2)

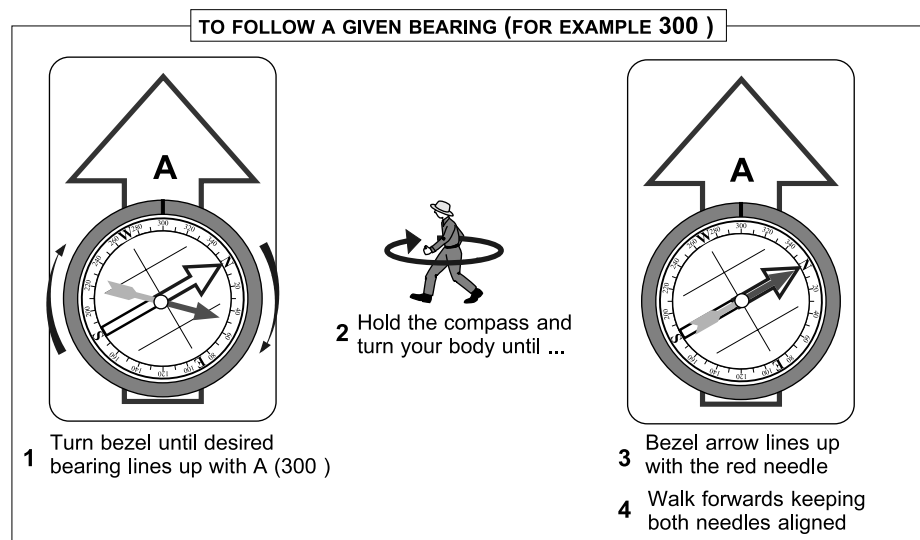
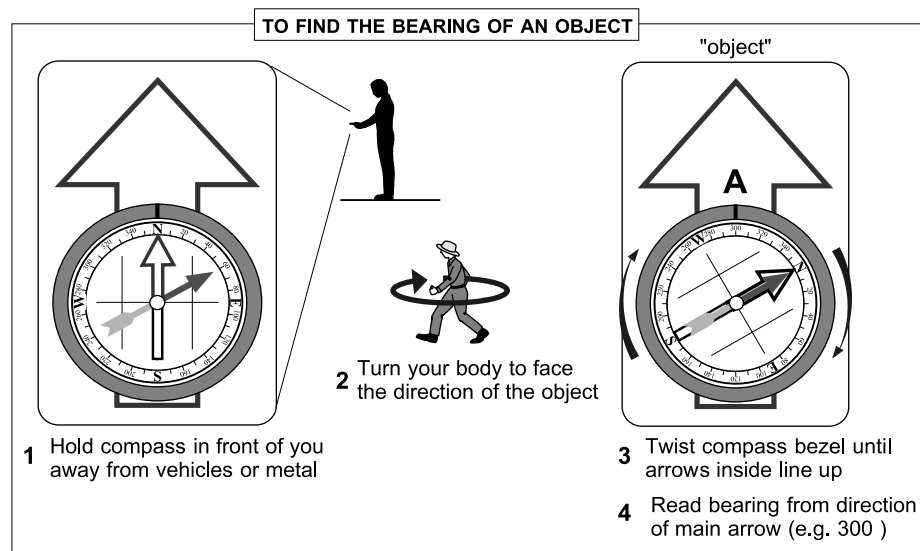
1. Lay a long ruler or a straight edge horizontally on the map to line up the point with the latitude scale on the right and left side to determine the latitude.
2. The ruler should be placed vertically to line up the point with the longitude scale on the top and bottom to determine the longitude.

If you know the latitude and longitude of a certain point and want to determine where on the map it is (see Fig. 3)

1. Find the latitude (degrees, minutes, seconds) on the right and left side scale and draw a horizontal line using a ruler or straight edge.
2. Then find the longitude (degrees, minutes, seconds) at the top and bottom scale and draw a vertical line using a ruler or straight edge.
3. Where the two lines cross is the position of the point.

Tip: it will not be possible to read seconds accurately from maps of greater than 250 000 scale.

Figure 4. Two common ways of using a compass.



Tip: do not try to use a compass in a car, or with the compass resting on the car bonnet. The metal in the car body or the magnetic fields caused by the car's electrical system can cause serious compass errors. It is best to stand at least 5 m from the car before taking a compass reading.

1.3 COMPASS

A compass is useful for navigating, giving other people directions and for recording direction of the wind or swarms. The floating needle of the compass will always turn so that the red end points towards magnetic north. This constant factor means that people can orientate themselves in relation to north.

Tip: you can give people or aircraft directions by telling them to travel, for example, southwest or east northeast, but it is much more accurate to give a compass bearing and a distance. Compass bearings range from 0 (north) through 90 (east), 180 (south), 270 (west) and back through 359 (north again).

Procedure for finding the bearing of an object in the distance or the direction of the wind or a moving object such as a swarm (see Fig. 4)

1. Position the compass so that the base plate arrow points directly away from you – it can help if you rest the compass base on your stomach.
2. Turn your body together with the compass so that you are facing in the direction for which you want the bearing. Do not turn the compass base – turn your body instead.
3. Twist the compass bezel until the bezel arrow lines up with the red needle.
4. Read the bearing off the bezel at the line marked A on the diagram.

Procedure for following a given compass bearing (see Fig. 4)

1. Turn the compass bezel so that the desired compass bearing lines up with the line marked A in Figure 4.
2. Position the compass so that the base plate arrow points directly away from you – it can help if you rest the compass base on your stomach.
3. Turn your body together with the compass until the bezel arrow lines up with the red needle
4. Pick an object in the distance that lines up with the base plate arrow direction and start walking towards it.

Tip: when following a compass bearing, do not look at the compass while walking because it will be very difficult to walk in a straight line or in the right direction. It is better to use the compass to select a distant object in the desired direction, then put the compass away while walking. When you reach the object, use the compass again to select another distant object on the right compass bearing, and so on.

Using GPS in locust operations:

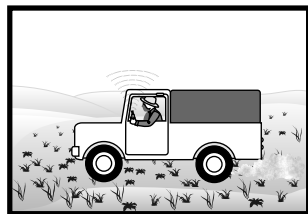
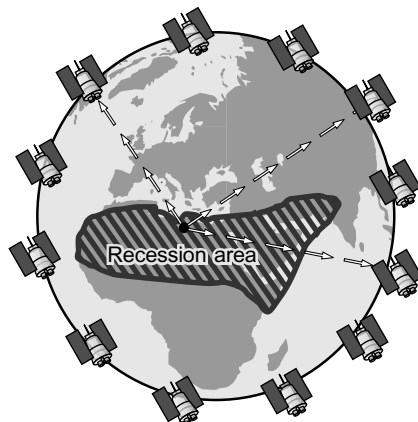
- ground and aerial survey/control teams can determine exactly where they are and follow a route even in terrain without features such as hills or wadis
- ground survey teams can give an exact location of favourable breeding areas or a swarm or hopper bands (when maps are not available or when they are not accurate) so that an aircraft can find them and spray the target
- ground teams can accurately describe the edges of a large spray block to a pilot or drivers by giving the coordinates of the corners
- with signal error correction, aircraft can spray accurate track spacings without the need for ground markers

Figure 5. Using a handheld Global Positioning System (GPS).

The GPS navigation system consists of 24 low-orbiting satellites. This allows worldwide coverage during the day and night, even in cloudy weather.

Your GPS must make contact with at least three of these satellites in order to determine your position in the field.

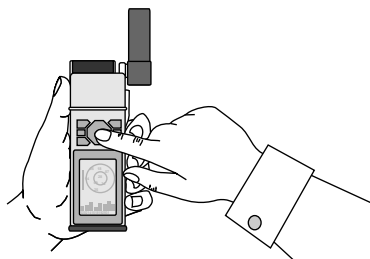
The accuracy is usually within about 10 m.



If you are in a vehicle, hold the GPS outside the window.



Hold the GPS outside in clear view of the sky away from obstacles such as buildings and trees.



You can store your location or enter new coordinates in the memory of the GPS which can be recalled at a later time for use.

1.4 GPS

A Global Positioning System (GPS) is a device that picks up signals from any of 24 low-orbiting satellites and calculates its position (latitude/longitude and height above sea level) from their relative position (see Fig. 5). Civilian units can tell where they are anywhere in the world to an accuracy of around 10 m. If there is a ground station or a subscription to a satellite correction signal, primarily for Differential GPS equipment, the accuracy increases to less than a metre. A GPS also has a memory so that the coordinates of a current position can be captured or someone else's coordinates entered manually. From these basic capabilities comes the ability to do several other things such as calculating speed and direction of the unit if it is mounted in a car, boat or aircraft and giving navigation information such as instructions to go left or right to keep on track when heading for a stored position, and to predict the time to reach a programmed location.

Aircraft-mounted GPS units in combination with other equipment can store and output a record of the exact spray path and how much was sprayed (see the next Appendix).

Exact operating details vary between manufacturers, but some general principles apply (see Fig. 5):

- GPS units must be able to see the satellites, i.e. they must be used in the open air, and not too close to tall buildings and trees. They are not affected by cloud so they can be used in any weather.
- You may need to initialize the GPS if it is being used for the first time, after moving more than 500 km since last use, or if the batteries have gone flat and position data have been lost. You can do this by leaving the GPS switched on for several minutes while it searches the sky. Alternatively, you can enter a rough latitude and longitude of where you are, or on some units you can select the country where the unit is being used.
- You should make sure that in the setup options for latitude and longitude, degrees/minutes/seconds have been selected, not decimal degrees or minutes.
- After switching on, you must wait for the GPS to find enough satellites before it can calculate the position. The minimum number of satellites to give a position fix is three but, if altitude is also required, a minimum of four are required.
- All GPS units have the ability to mark the current position as a waypoint. This means that the latitude and longitude of your current position are stored in the GPS memory. This waypoint can be given a name and added to a list of other waypoints.
- Most GPS units have a GOTO facility which can guide you to any of the stored waypoints or to any coordinates entered manually.

Other features of some GPS units are map displays, the facility to download coordinates to a computer and the ability to create waypoints manually at specific distances from other waypoints.

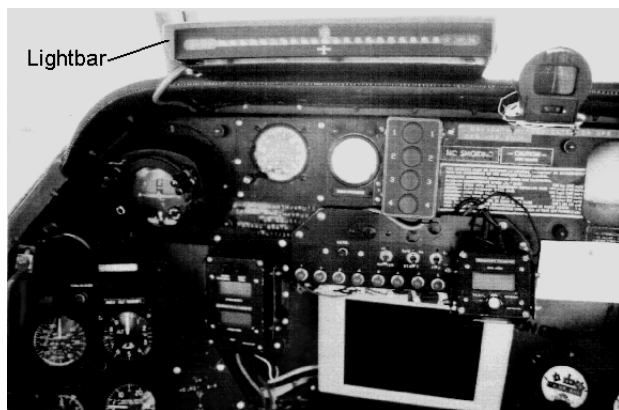


Figure 6. Aircraft cockpit showing lightbar at top.

Figure 7. Map of part of southern Madagascar showing some of the areas sprayed in 1999 (black) and ecologically sensitive zones (other shades).

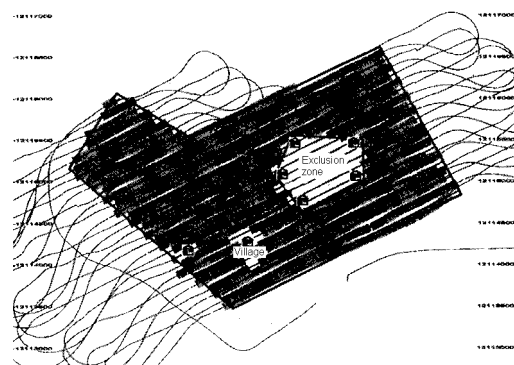
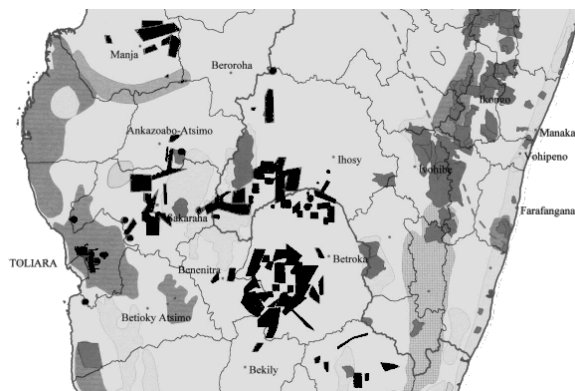


Figure 8. Aircraft trace showing result of an active spray system where GPS switched off sprayer pumps when overflying exclusion zones.

1.5 SATELLITE NAVIGATION AIDS FOR AERIAL USE

Special GPS receivers are available for aircraft (see Appendix 5.7 for addresses). When one of these is integrated with a computer and graphics display with specialized spraying software, it can perform several additional useful functions for aerial spraying:

- automatically calculate the GPS coordinates of the ends of spray tracks for a given track (or barrier) spacing and display them on a cockpit monitor
- display the real-time position of the aircraft on this monitor which helps to guide the pilot during turning on to the start of the next spray pass
- once a new spray pass is started, guide the pilot along it with a left/right guidance arrow or a lightbar, without the need for ground marker teams (see Fig. 6)
- display and record the trace (actual path flown) for the entire flight together with intended spray path for later analysis and archiving

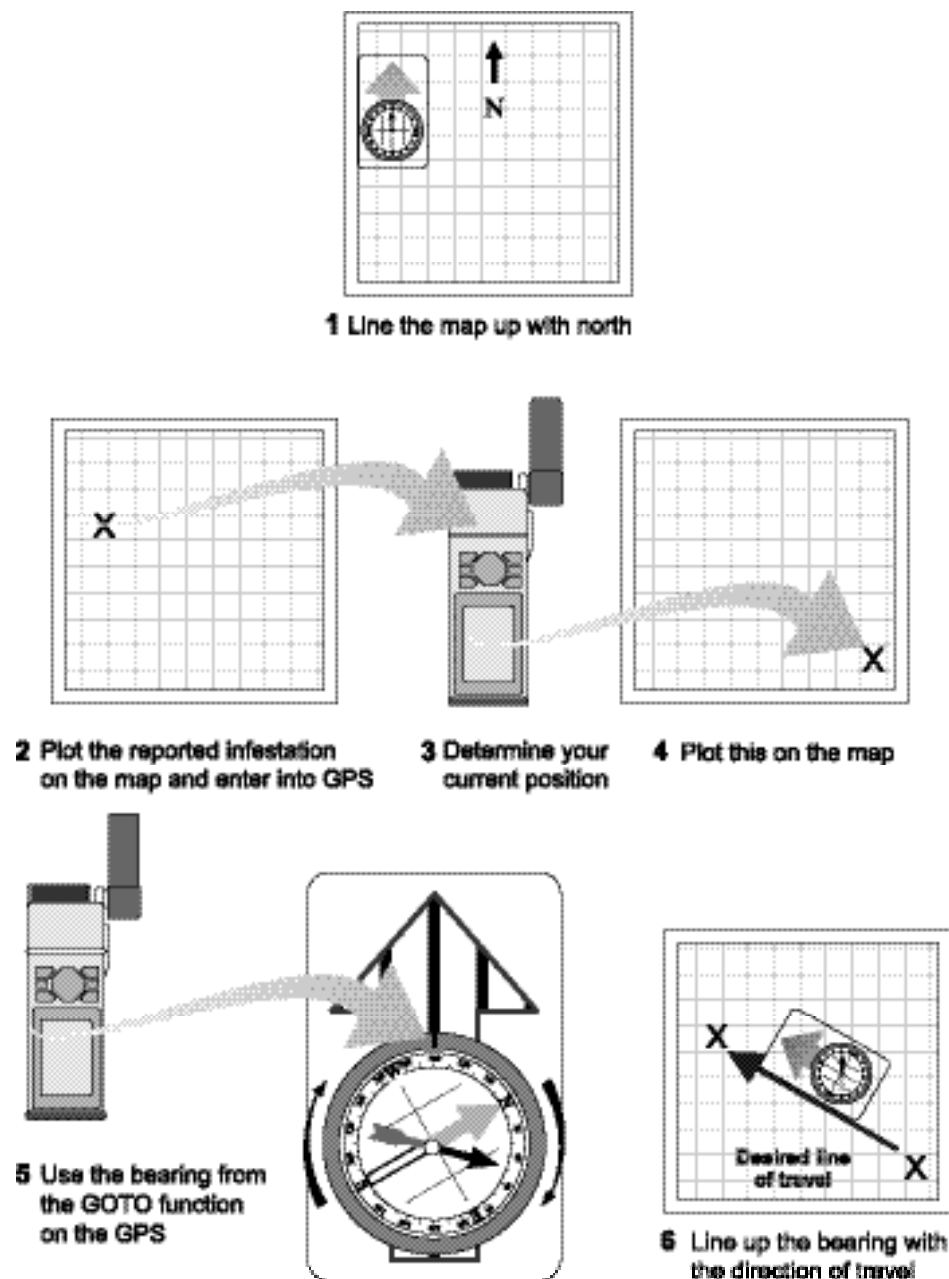
GPS systems can produce an archive of application locations that will assist with identifying areas that have been sprayed more than once, or any instances of spraying habitations or ecologically sensitive zones (see Fig. 7). When such GPS systems are coupled with equipment to monitor flow rate and forward speed, pesticide doses can be calculated at the sprayed locations.

Active spray systems are an additional level of technology that promise even greater application accuracy and are likely to be adopted on a large scale in the future. Instead of the GPS simply guiding the pilot, it can also actively control the spraying equipment based on where the aircraft is and how it is flying. Active spray systems can regulate the flow rate to compensate for varying forward speed and track spacings. They can also switch off the pump at the end of spray runs and as the aircraft overflies water bodies, habitations or other sensitive zones. Figure 8 shows an active spray system in action, switching off automatically over a water body. However, these systems were developed for high-volume spraying and the dark stripes are not necessarily where the small ULV droplets are actually depositing. Appropriate buffer zones are necessary around the exclusion areas to allow for drift.

The problems of refinding marked targets, navigating accurate spray passes, applying the correct dose and avoiding sensitive areas are applicable equally to vehicle spraying, albeit on a smaller scale. Although pioneered for aerial spraying, it is likely that these GPS, track guidance and active spray technologies will be transferred to vehicle-mounted spraying systems in the coming years.

The accuracy of GPS signals has recently increased so that positional error has been reduced from about 100 m to about 10 m. It is possible to subscribe to a corrected GPS signal that, with the right equipment, can reduce the positional error still further to about 1 m. This system is known as differential GPS (DGPS). For locust operations, positional errors of up to 10 m are acceptable and the recent increase in non-DGPS signal accuracy may make it sufficiently precise for track guidance. This still needs to be validated under field conditions.

Figure 9. Using a map, compass and GPS together.



1.6 USING A MAP, COMPASS AND GPS TOGETHER

During survey and control operations, the field officer should always carry a map, compass and GPS. These three items can be used together for estimating locations and directions when navigating in the field (see Fig. 9). Although navigation using this equipment is more accurate in the air or on the sea where you can travel in straight lines, it can also be used on the ground with reasonable success.

Finding the location of a previously reported locust infestation

Assume that you have received a report of a locust infestation at a specific coordinate location and you want to go to the location by vehicle. The problem is that you do not know in what direction you must travel and for how many kilometres. You can determine this by using a map, compass and a GPS.

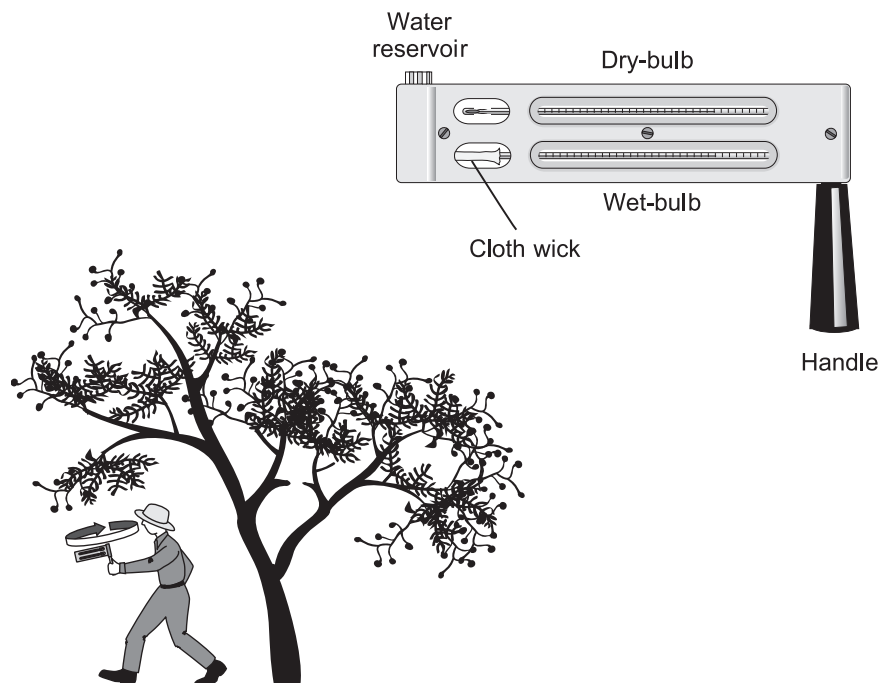
1. Orient the map to north
(find the north on the map – this is usually the top of the map; turn compass bezel to 0° (N), place compass on map edge along the latitude scale or longitudinal lines, and turn map and compass together until bezel arrow and red needle are on top of each other).
2. Plot the position of the locust infestation using the reported coordinates on the map (if these are already in your GPS, go to step 4).
3. Enter these coordinates in the GPS.
4. Use the GPS to determine your current coordinate position.
5. Plot this position on your map (you now have two positions plotted).
6. Use the GOTO function on the GPS to navigate from your current position to the reported locust infestation.
7. The GPS will indicate a bearing and a distance (in a straight line) from your current location to the infestation.
8. Place the compass on the map and rotate the compass bezel until the GPS bearing is at the indicator mark.
9. Rotate the compass itself until the bezel arrow and red needle are on top of each other.
10. A straight line from the direction the compass is pointing indicates the direction of the locust infestation. The distance will usually be a little greater than indicated on the GPS because it is difficult to drive in a straight line if the terrain is rough or uneven.

This same method can be used to travel to known reference points such as hilltops, villages and other landmarks. It can also be used to guide aircraft pilots to control targets.

Using a whirling hygrometer:

- whirl the hygrometer in the shade (use your body to shade it if necessary)
- whirl the hygrometer for at least one minute
- always read the wet bulb first (before it starts to warm up to air temperature again), then the dry bulb

Figure 10. A whirling hygrometer and its use.

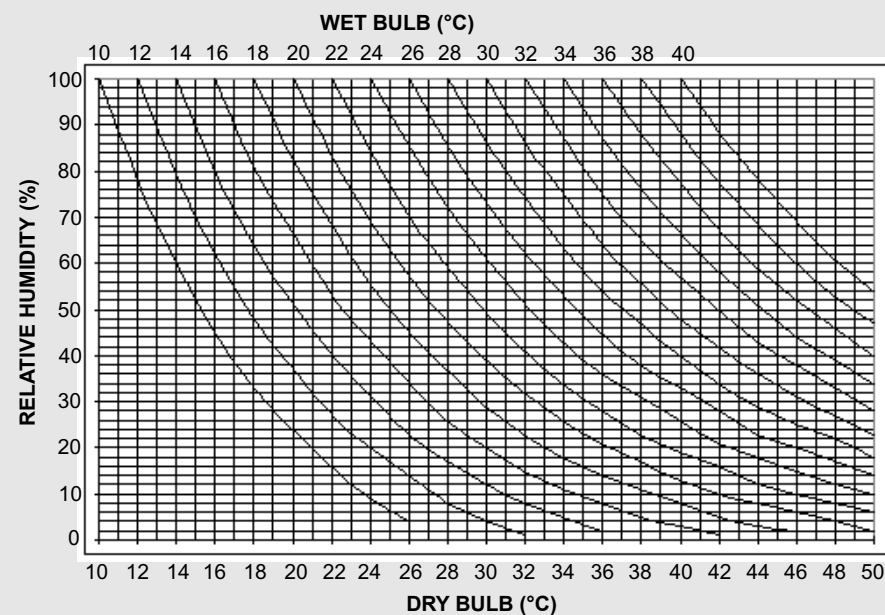


Tip: although humidity is not very important in control operations, air temperature is important because it affects locust target behaviour and distribution of the spray droplets. However, a static thermometer will always read more than the air temperature even if it is in the shade, because of heat radiating from sunny areas and conduction of heat from surfaces that have been warmed by the sun. Using a whirling hygrometer is a simple way of getting a more accurate reading of air temperature.

1.7 WHIRLING HYGROMETER

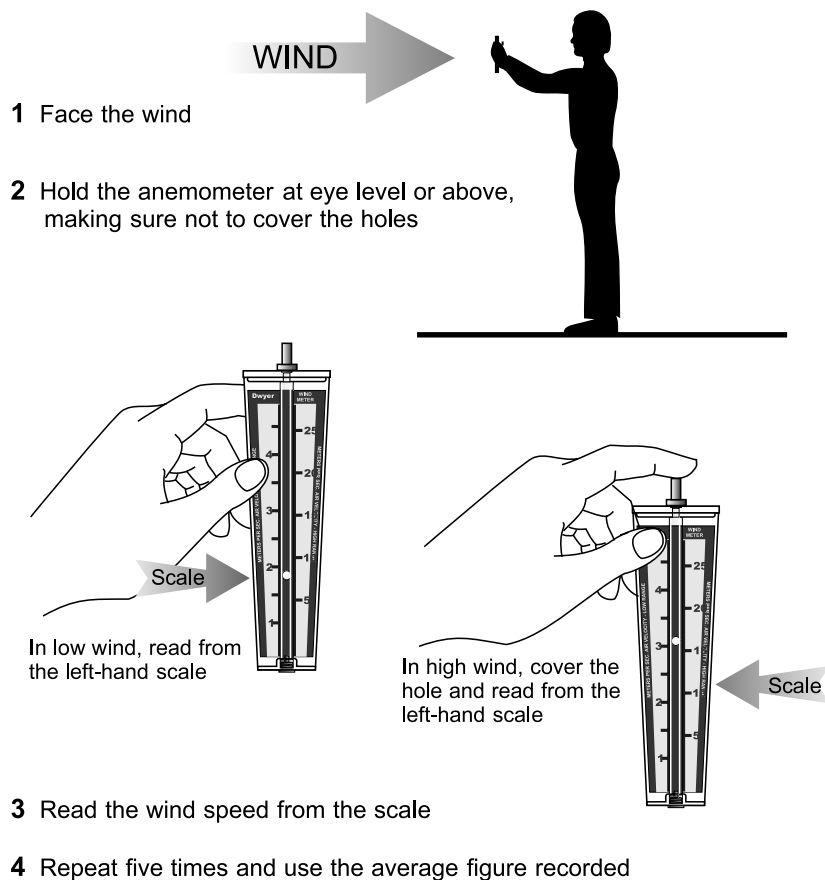
A whirling hygrometer is used to measure the air temperature and the relative humidity. It has two thermometers – one dry and one wet (see Fig. 10). The dry bulb gives the air temperature, and the difference between that and the wet bulb is used to derive the humidity, using conversion tables. The smaller the difference, the higher the humidity.

- Step 1. Put water into the reservoir and make sure the wick is wet and covers the wet thermometer bulb properly.
- Step 2. Find some shade, for example under a tree or behind a vehicle. If there is no shade nearby, use your body to shade the hygrometer.
- Step 3. Whirl the hygrometer rapidly in the shade for at least one minute and read the wet bulb temperature and then the dry bulb temperature.
- Step 4. Use the wet and dry temperatures and the calibration table, the slider or the table below to determine the relative humidity.



Instructions: read the dry bulb temperature from the bottom scale and the wet bulb temperature from the corresponding curve inside the graph (using the top scale). Where the two cross, determine the relative humidity from the scale on the left.

Figure 11. Using a pith ball anemometer.



Tip: after using an anemometer regularly, it is possible to estimate the wind speed reasonably accurately, but it is worth keeping one with you to check your estimates from time to time.

1.8 ANEMOMETER

Anemometers are used for measuring wind speed. The most common types are pith ball anemometers and spinning cup anemometers.

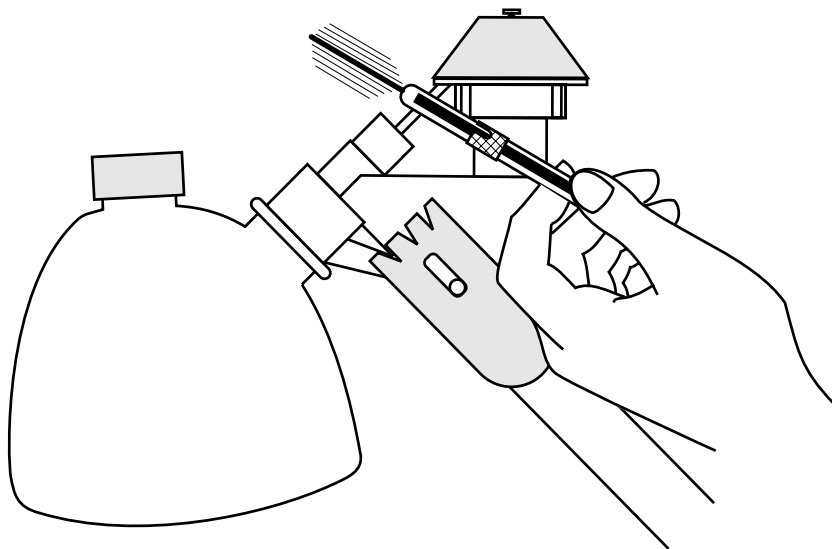
Whichever type of anemometer you use, hold it at a height of around 1.5 m above the ground and use it away from buildings, trees and vehicles (see Fig. 11).

If the anemometer does not have an electronic averaging facility, take around five readings and calculate the average.

Tips:

- do not stand near any buildings or trees
- hold the anemometer towards the wind direction and at eye level or above. With the small round hole facing the wind, read the wind speed from the left-hand scale
- if the wind is very strong, put your finger over the top hole and read from the right-hand scale

Figure 12. Using a Vibratak vibrating tachometer to check rotational speed of a spinning disc.



Tip: do not press the needle itself on the atomizer – it is the tachometer body which should be pressed firmly onto the vibrating surface.

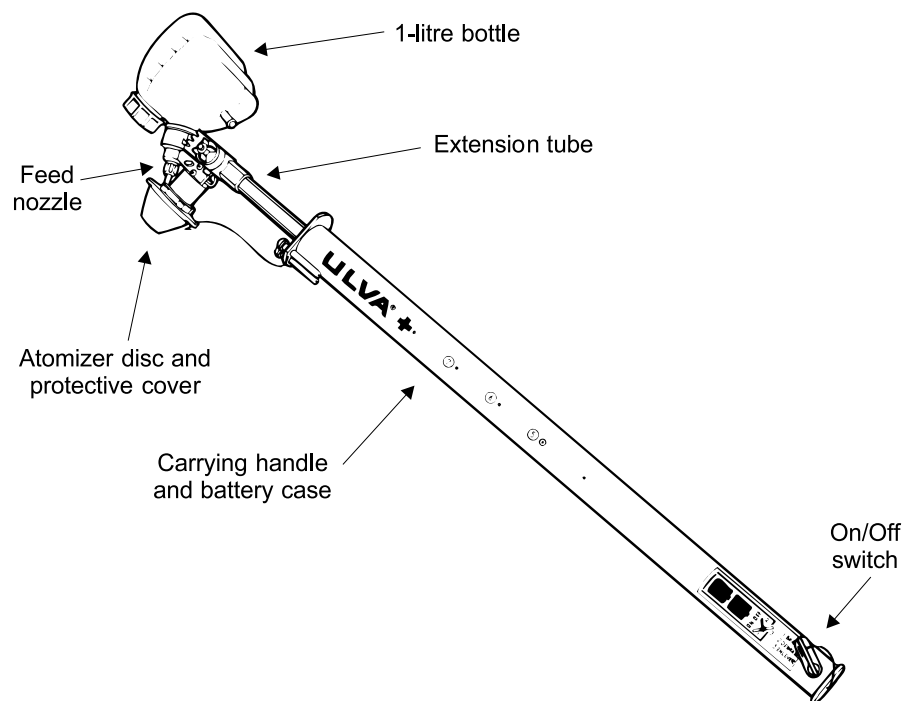
1.9 VIBRATING TACHOMETER

A vibrating tachometer is a device for measuring the rotational speed of a motor (see Fig. 12). It is useful for checking the battery level of handheld spinning disc sprayers and for checking that the settings on vehicle-mounted sprayers are producing the right atomizer rotational speed.

- Step 1. Start the motor or atomizer to be tested. With the needle fully retracted, press the tachometer handle on any firm part of the motor or atomizer to be tested (but not the spinning disc/cage itself).
- Step 2. Slowly begin to push the tachometer needle out of the handle, keeping the handle pressed firmly on the equipment.
- Step 3. Watch the needle closely – when it begins to vibrate it is near to the correct length. Move the needle in and out slowly until the point of maximum vibration is achieved.
- Step 4. Read the number from the tachometer body that is in line with the top of the moving slider and multiply by 1 000 to get the rotational speed of the atomizer in revolutions per minute (rpm).

Tip: the rpm will be slightly lower for any rotary atomizer when there is liquid passing through it. However, it is difficult to check rpm during spraying without being contaminated so the dry rpm is usually used.

Figure 13. Micron Ulva + handheld spinning disc sprayer.

**Tips:**

- *some spinning disc sprayers have teeth on the edge of the disc to help produce a good droplet spectrum. Take care not to damage these teeth and do not remove the disc with a screwdriver for cleaning. Either unscrew the disc fixing screw and pull off the disc or, if there is no screw, remove the disc by pulling on the central spindle with a pair of pliers. Always put the protective cap back on after use*
- *keep the screw thread on the pesticide bottle clean because air passes up through this to replace the pesticide which is coming out of the nozzle. If the thread is clean and the nozzle is not blocked, the flow rate will remain constant as the bottle empties*

1.10 SPRAYERS

This Appendix contains descriptions of some of the most commonly used types of locust sprayers and some tips on use and sprayer care. It is not intended as a substitute for the manufacturer's handbooks, which contain details on assembly, installation, settings, operation and servicing; a copy should be kept with each sprayer. If a manufacturer's handbook has been lost, a new one should be obtained from the manufacturer (addresses at the end of this section). Information on calibration and use of ULV sprayers is provided in Appendixes 2.3 and 5.3. See Appendix 5.4 for performance evaluation of some locust sprayers.

ULV sprayers (with rotary atomizers)**Portable sprayers**

Handheld spinning disc sprayers. Examples of such sprayers are Micron Sprayers Micro-Ulva and Ulva+, Berthoud C5 and Goizper.

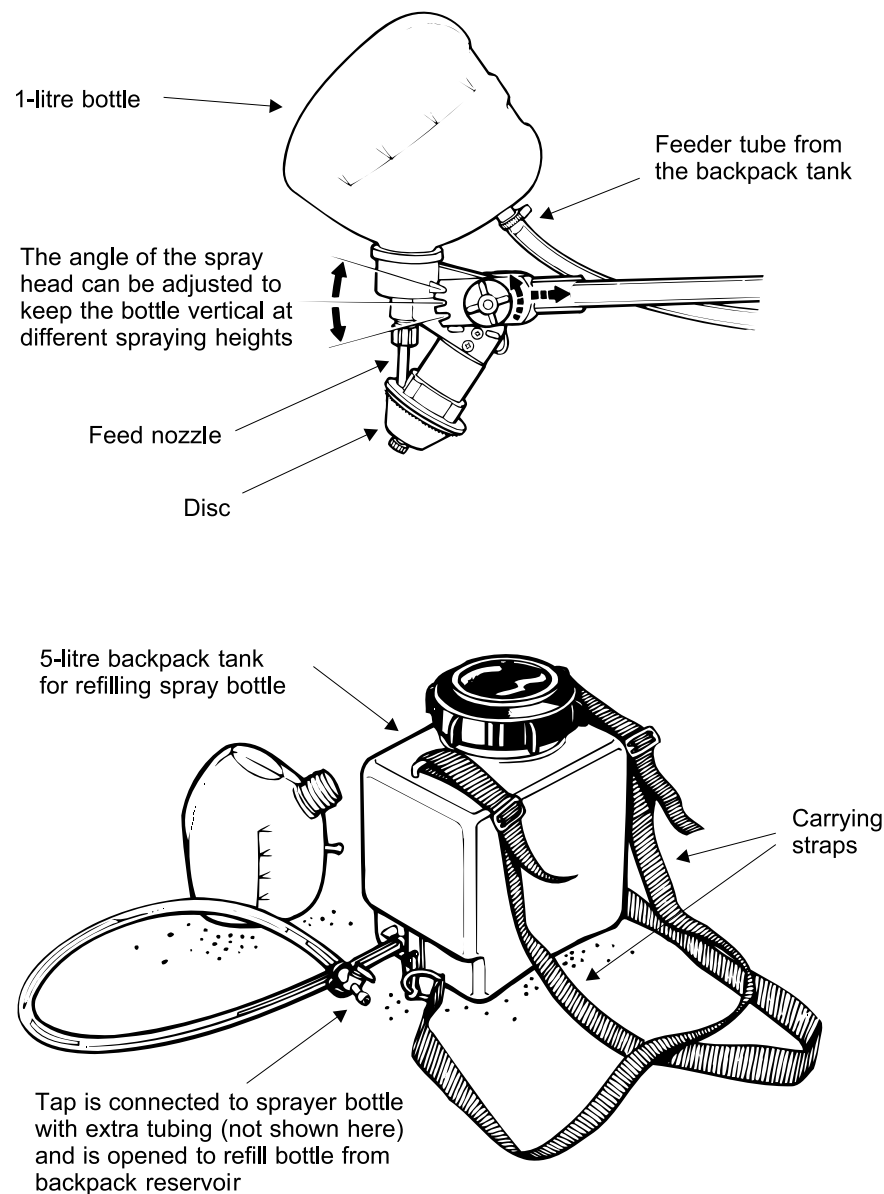
These are lightweight devices that are carried by hand. They consist of an atomizer disc spun by an electric motor, a handle containing the batteries and a bottle to hold the pesticide (see Fig. 13). They produce a narrow droplet spectrum. They can be used singly, or up to four units can be used simultaneously by a team. Some models can be used with a larger backpack tank as a reservoir to reduce the time and effort spent filling the sprayer (see Fig. 14).

Some models can also be used for very low volume spraying (VLV) which means using a mixture of emulsifiable concentrate (EC) pesticide with a small quantity of water, to give a volume application rate (VAR) of between 10 and 20 l/ha. This method is not usually used for locust control.

Pesticide is fed by gravity on to the disc and the flow rate is controlled by different coloured restrictors that have different hole diameters. It is important to use a filter when filling the pesticide bottle otherwise the restrictor can become blocked. The filter also keeps the thread joining the bottle to the spray head clean since air has to pass up through this to replace pesticide coming out.

Droplet size is determined by disc speed (and to a lesser extent by the flow rate). The disc speed is determined by the number of batteries and their condition (voltage). Consult the manufacturer's handbook to check how many batteries to use. Cheap batteries should last for at least three days if used for two hours per day. They last longer if used in short spells. Long-life alkaline batteries should last up to 20 hours. A Vibratak tachometer should be used to check the rotational speed of the disc (see Appendix 1.9). When this has dropped to two-thirds of the original speed, the batteries should be changed because the sprayer will be producing much larger droplets that will not be so effective. A voltage meter can be used instead to check the batteries directly, or they can be put into a torch. If the bulb glows only dimly, the batteries are exhausted.

Figure 14. Micron Ulva + spray head and optional backpack tank for refilling.



The spray height can be varied according to wind conditions. If the wind speed is very low, the spray head can be held above head height to ensure that the spray is carried a sufficient distance by the wind. If the wind is very strong, the spray head can be held at knee height to ensure that the spray is not carried out of the target area.

After spraying, the sprayer bottle should be washed with diesel or kerosene. A small amount of the wash liquid should then be sprayed off over waste ground to remove pesticide left in the restrictor and under the disc. The handle and spray head should be wiped down with a piece of rag soaked in diesel or kerosene. The spray head must not be immersed in wash liquid as this may interfere with electrical connections. The snap-on cover should then be replaced to protect the disc in transit and storage.

Tips:

- *flow rate should really be checked with the disc spinning since the liquid flows slightly faster than when the disc is stationary. This means using the loss technique, but the collection technique will give an approximate measure of flow rate. See the Control guideline for more details*
- *as with all ULV sprayers, the sprayer should always be held downwind of the operator's body to avoid contamination during spraying*

Figure 15. Knapsack mistblower fitted with Micronair AU8000 rotary cage atomizer.

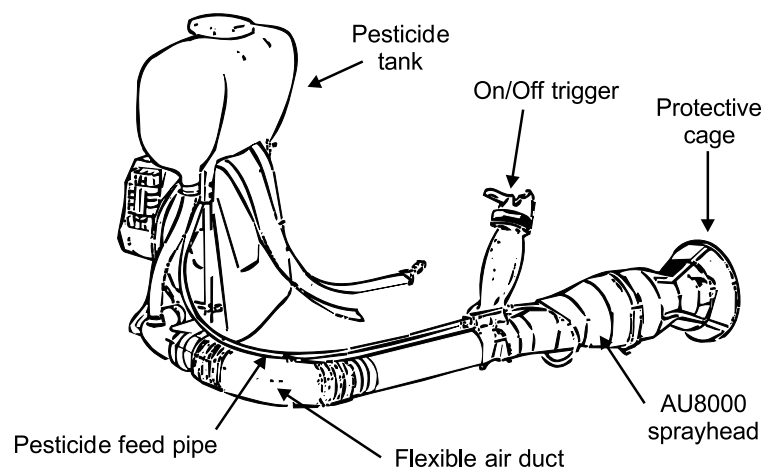


Figure 16. Operator using Micronair AU8000 on a knapsack mistblower.

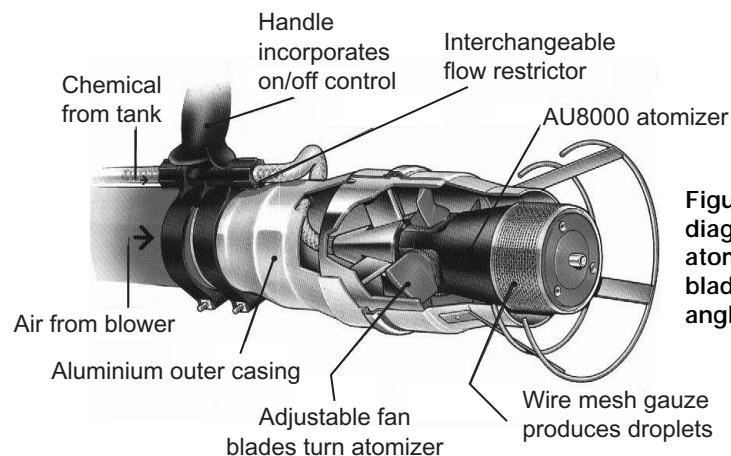


Figure 17. Cutaway diagram of the AU8000 atomizer showing fan blades with adjustable angles.

Knapsack mistblower ULV sprayers. Examples of these sprayers are Micronair AU8000, Jacto P50 and Solo 423.

These types of sprayers are carried on the back and consist of an engine-driven fan, a pesticide tank and a nozzle mounted in the airblast (see Fig. 15). Pesticide is delivered to the nozzle either by a mechanical pump or by pressure in the tank (see Fig. 16). Most of these sprayers are designed for higher volume application and are not well suited to ULV spraying, e.g. they may not be able to produce a low enough flow rate, they may not have pipes resistant to ULV pesticide and they may have simple air shear nozzles that produce a wide droplet spectrum. However, some are specifically designed for ULV spraying and have rotary nozzles and some have special ULV conversion kits to reduce the flow rate. Some knapsack mistblowers can also be used for dusting after special dusting attachments have been fitted.

Flow rate control can either be in the form of a tap that varies the diameter of an orifice in the pesticide pipe, or by different sized restrictors that are fitted in the pesticide feed pipe.

Droplet size can be controlled on some of these sprayers; e.g. the blade angles of the rotary atomizer can be changed on the Micronair AU8000 (see Fig. 17). On other models, if the throttle is reduced, the airblast speed will be reduced and the droplets will be a slightly larger.

Emission height and direction of airblast can be varied by holding the air delivery tube higher or lower. When it is held higher, the flow rate on most sprayers varies because the liquid pressure at the nozzle is reduced. Some models have a mechanical pesticide pump to overcome this problem.

These sprayers are sometimes preferred when locusts are densely packed at roosting sites, especially if they are in dense vegetation. The airblast should help the pesticide penetrate to all locusts. However, the airblast should not be considered a substitute for suitable wind to carry the spray, and it should never be directed upwind e.g. if locusts are roosting on the downwind sides of bushes. The most efficient way to use these sprayers is to walk across the wind, directing the airblast downwind in a slightly upward direction.



Never spray upwind, for example if locusts are resting on the downwind side of bushes. The airblast will take the spray away from operators at first, then the wind will carry the spray back on to them.

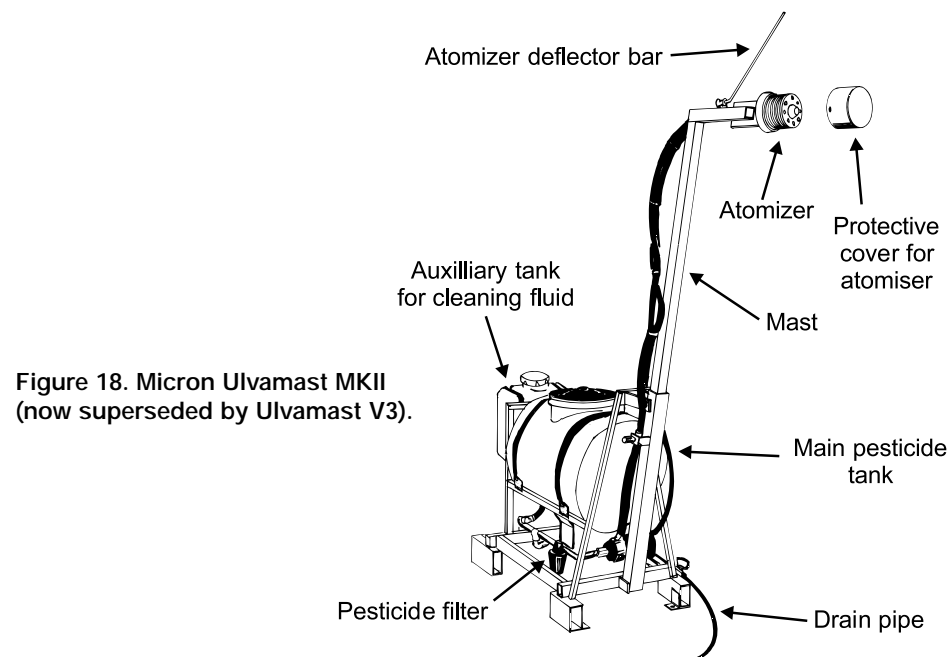


Figure 18. Micron Ulvamast MKII (now superseded by Ulvamast V3).

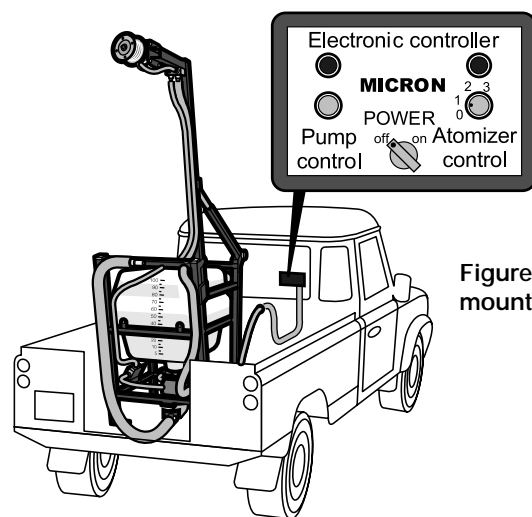


Figure 19. Micron Ulvamast V3 mounted on a pick-up truck.

Figure 20. Micronair AU7010 mounted on a pick-up truck (model discontinued).



Vehicle-mounted ULV sprayers

Vehicle-mounted passive-drift ULV sprayers. Examples of such sprayers are the Micron, Ulvamast V3 (which supersedes Ulvamast MKII) and Micronair AU7010 (now discontinued).

These sprayers consist of a rotary atomizer with stacked discs or cages powered by an electric motor, a pesticide tank and an electric pump which deliver the pesticide to the spray head (see Figs. 18-20).

Drop size can be controlled on some models by altering the speed of rotation of the atomizer either by adjusting the motor voltage at the control box, or by switching to different drive belt pulleys (see manufacturers handbook for details)

Flow rate is controlled either by a needle valve, a variable restrictor in the pesticide feed line, or in the Ulvamast V3 by dialling in a preset flow rate at the electronic controller. Emission height cannot be adjusted.

Some models have a small extra tank in addition to the main pesticide tank. If this is filled with cleaning fluid such as diesel fuel or kerosene, it is easy to flush and clean the pipes and atomizer at the end of the spraying day.

Tips:

- *all vehicle-mounted sprayers should be mounted on vehicles with an enclosed driver's cab – an open jeep is not safe because the wind may shift and blow spray on to the driver*
- *on sprayers with electric pumps, flow rate measurements should be carried out with the vehicle engine running so that the electric pump receives the operating voltage (around 13.5V) rather than the voltage of the battery at rest (around 12V). During this process, point the vehicle upwind so that any drips are not blown onto it*
- *always disconnect the cable plug from the control box in the vehicle cab when the sprayer is not in use. This prevents either the pump or the atomizer being switched on accidentally. Also lower the spray head to avoid the chance of it colliding with a tree or building*

Figure 21. Micronair AU8115 mounted on a pick-up truck (which supersedes the Micronair AU8110).



Figure 22. AU8110 atomizer head showing adjustable angle blades.

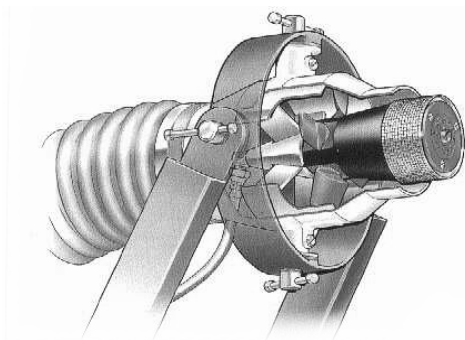
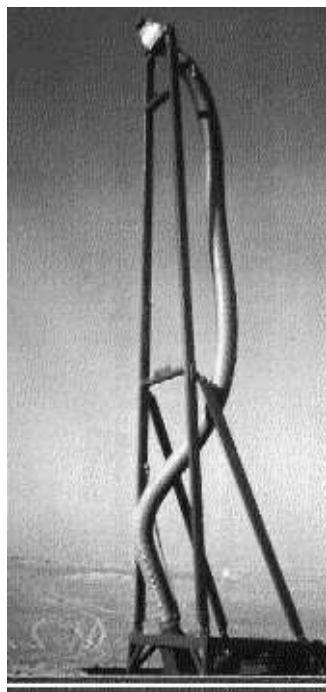


Figure 23. Optional high reach atomizer head for treatment of settled swarms in bushes and trees.



Vehicle-mounted ULV airblast sprayers. An example of such sprayers is Micronair AU8115 (which supersedes the Micronair AU8110).

These consist of a rotary atomizer with windmill blades, driven by the airblast from a large fan, a pesticide tank and an electric pump or airblast pressure to deliver pesticide to the spray head (see Figs. 21-22).

Flow rate is controlled by a variable restrictor unit (VRU) which allows easy selection of different sized restrictor holes, together with the adjustment of pressure.

Drop size can be changed by adjusting the angle of the blades, which in turn will alter the atomizer rotational speed (see Fig. 22).

The emission height cannot be adjusted directly, but the airblast can be directed at an angle upwards, or even straight upwards so that the spray cloud is carried up a few metres before the wind takes over in distributing the spray downwind. It is incorrect to assume that the airblast can replace the wind as the agent of dispersal of the spray and that the sprayer can be used with no wind. The 5 m or so throw by the airblast is negligible when compared with the swath width of over 100 m required to permit the use of a track spacing of 50 m.

However, the airblast has the advantage that a wider track spacing can be used with these sprayers than with passive-drift vehicle sprayers. Also, since the pesticide is initially thrown away from the vehicle by the airblast, operators are less likely to be contaminated during operations.

There is an extended version of the Micronair AU8115 with the spray head mounted on a 4 m extension frame which allows spraying to be carried out at about 5 m above the ground (see Fig. 23). This can be useful if swarms are roosting in trees up to around 10 m height. However, if the ground is bumpy, the sprayer should be used with the vehicle stationary, i.e. the vehicle needs to be moved after each short burst of spraying.

Tip: always make sure that any vehicle-mounted sprayer is firmly mounted on the vehicle with bolts – if the sprayer is loosely fitted or is only tied on with rope, it will quickly be damaged when travelling over rough ground.

Figure 24. Micronair AU5000 atomizer mounted on a boom.

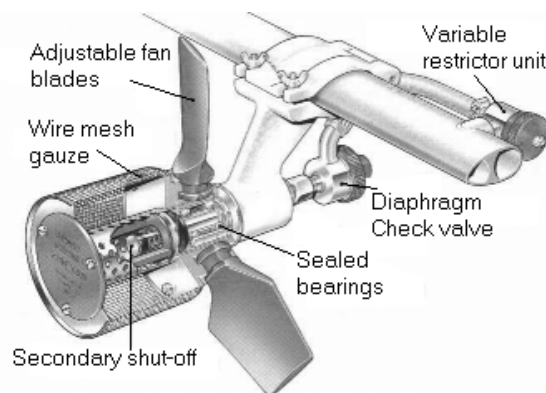


Figure 25. Close-up of atomizer body showing blade angle markings. In this example the blades are set to 35 degrees.

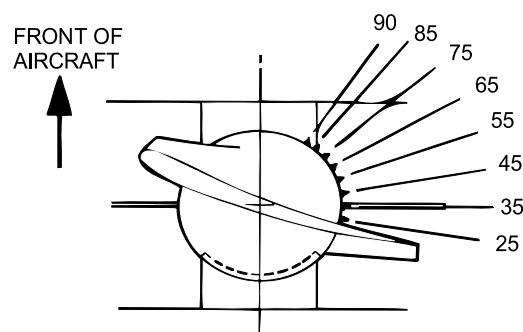
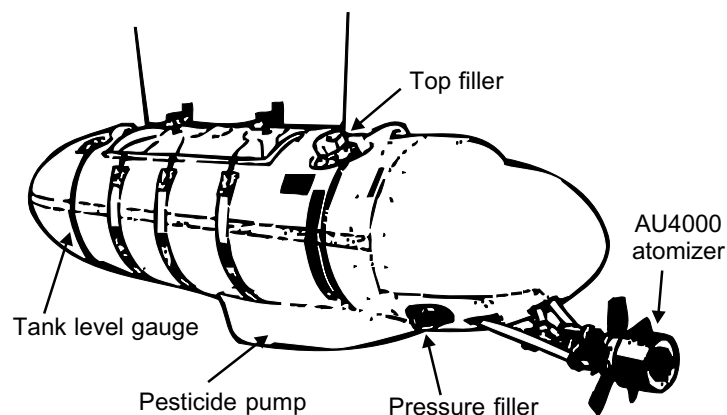


Figure 26. Micronair self-contained spray pod system.



Aircraft-mounted ULV sprayers

Examples of aircraft-mounted sprayers are Micronair AU4000, AU5000 and AU7000.

These consist of a rotary cage atomizer, a pesticide tank and an electric or propeller-driven pesticide pump (see Fig. 24). The spray cloud is produced by a mixture of rotary atomization and air shear at the surface of the cage, caused by the aircraft airspeed. The atomizer is usually driven by windmill blades in the slipstream of the aircraft, but there are versions of the AU5000 that are driven by an electric motor. These are particularly useful for mounting on helicopters where forward speed is less than on a fixed-wing aircraft.

The flow rate is adjusted with a variable restrictor unit (VRU) and by varying the pump pressure. Some installations have a flow meter which means that the flow rate can be checked in flight. Manual flow rate checks should also be made from time to time to check that the flow meter is working properly. These should be done with the aircraft engine running, if possible, so that the pump receives the full operating voltage. Droplet size is adjusted by altering the angle of the blades on the atomizer (see Fig. 25). Further details can be found in the manufacturer's handbook.

A version of the Micronair is available which is incorporated in a pesticide pod to form a self-contained streamlined unit for mounting under the wings of an aircraft (see Fig. 26). Installation requires hard points on the aircraft wings. An aircraft such as a Britten-Norman Islander or a De Havilland Beaver can then be converted from passenger to spray use (and back again) very quickly. It is possible to use the aircraft to transport goods and people with the pods in position, but load capacity and cruising speed are reduced. Two pods can hold a pesticide load of about 380 litres, which is less than would be carried in a normal spray tank.

Tips:

- *care must be taken with blade angle settings – the system differs on the AU4000 and the AU5000 so the correct manufacturer's handbook should be consulted*
- *the blade angle settings given in the Micronair AU4000 manual are for boom-mounted units, but the atomizers on the pod system are somewhat shielded from the airstream and rotate less quickly for a given blade angle setting. Compensation must be made for this and a slightly finer blade angle used in order to maintain the required rpm*

Figure 27. Lever-operated knapsack (LOK) sprayer.

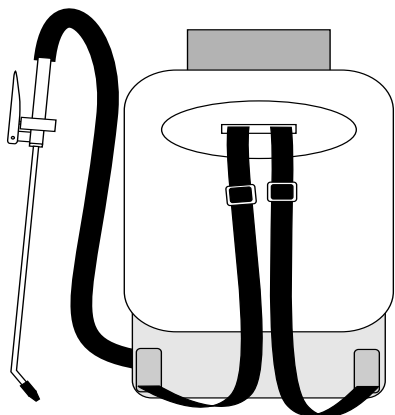
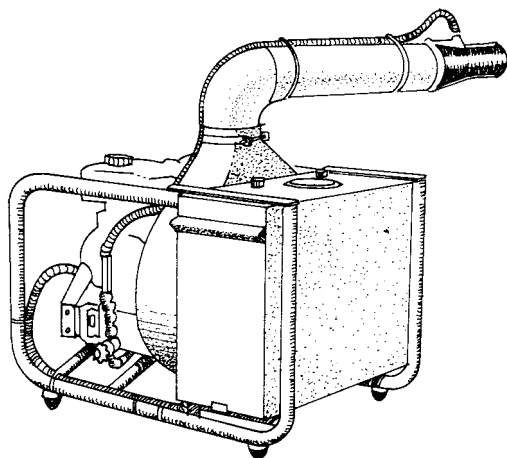


Figure 28. A Berthoud cannon sprayer.



Other sprayers used for locust control (usually without rotary atomizers)

Some other sprayers are used for locust control. They are usually sprayers designed for pest control in field crops with high-volume water-based sprays, but are sometimes used for locust control (either ULV or higher volumes) when true ULV sprayers with rotary atomizers are not available.

Portable sprayers

Lever-operated knapsack sprayers. These are simple devices made by a number of manufacturers which consist of a tank, a lever-operated pump and a hydraulic nozzle (see Fig. 27). Hollow cone nozzles are better than flat fan nozzles for knapsack sprayer use since they usually produce finer spray and the cone of spray gives good coverage on uneven surfaces such as bushes.

These sprayers are slow and inefficient for locust control when using the high volumes for which they were designed because of the small track spacing and the time wasted in frequent refilling. They are sometimes fitted with a very small nozzle in an attempt to make small droplets and used to apply oil-based ULV formulations. However, this is strongly discouraged because the droplet spectrum is very poor, making them extremely inefficient and even ineffective.

Vehicle-mounted sprayers

Cannon-type sprayers. These are airblast sprayers which consist of a pesticide tank, a pump or air pressure to deliver the pesticide to the nozzle, and a large fan which blows air across a simple nozzle to atomise the pesticide (see Fig. 28).

The droplet spectrum is poor and it is sometimes difficult to set a flow rate low enough for ULV spraying. Most cannon sprayers are designed for high-volume spraying. Like the airblast ULV sprayers, the airblast cannot be used as a substitute for a good crosswind. The throw of the spray in zero wind conditions is only a few metres.

This type of sprayer can also be used to treat settled swarms on low vegetation but, because of the droplet spectrum, is not very efficient with pesticides.

Figure 29. Exhaust nozzle sprayer (ENS).

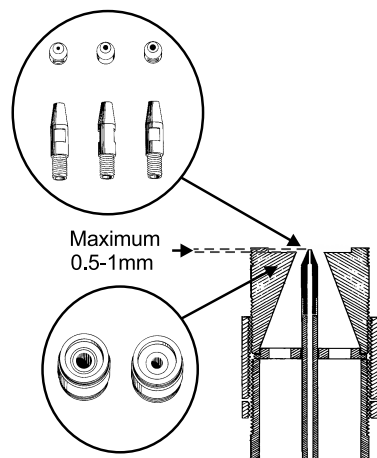
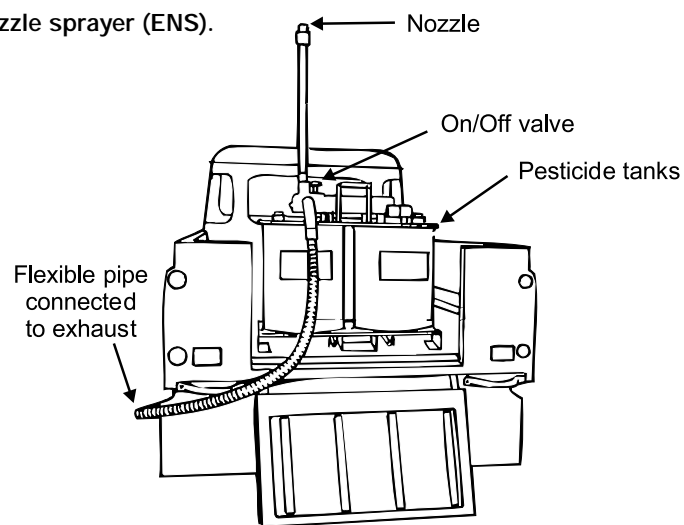
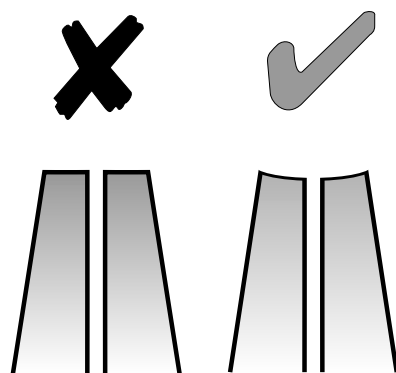


Figure 30. Diagram of ENS nozzle showing alternative pesticide restrictors (developed in Tunisia) and exhaust restrictors. Also shown is the recommended pesticide nozzle clearance above the exhaust restrictor. If it is more (or less), the droplet spectrum is even worse than normal.

Figure 31. The nozzle with a slightly concave (curved inwards) top gives a better droplet spectrum than the flat-topped one.



Exhaust nozzle sprayer (ENS). This type of sprayer was developed in the 1950s specifically for ULV locust control, long before the development of rotary atomizers. As a result it has been used as a simple, robust field sprayer for locust control for many years. The original model was produced by Francome Fabrications in the United Kingdom, but modified versions have also been made in several countries including India, Yemen and the Islamic Republic of Iran (see Fig. 29).

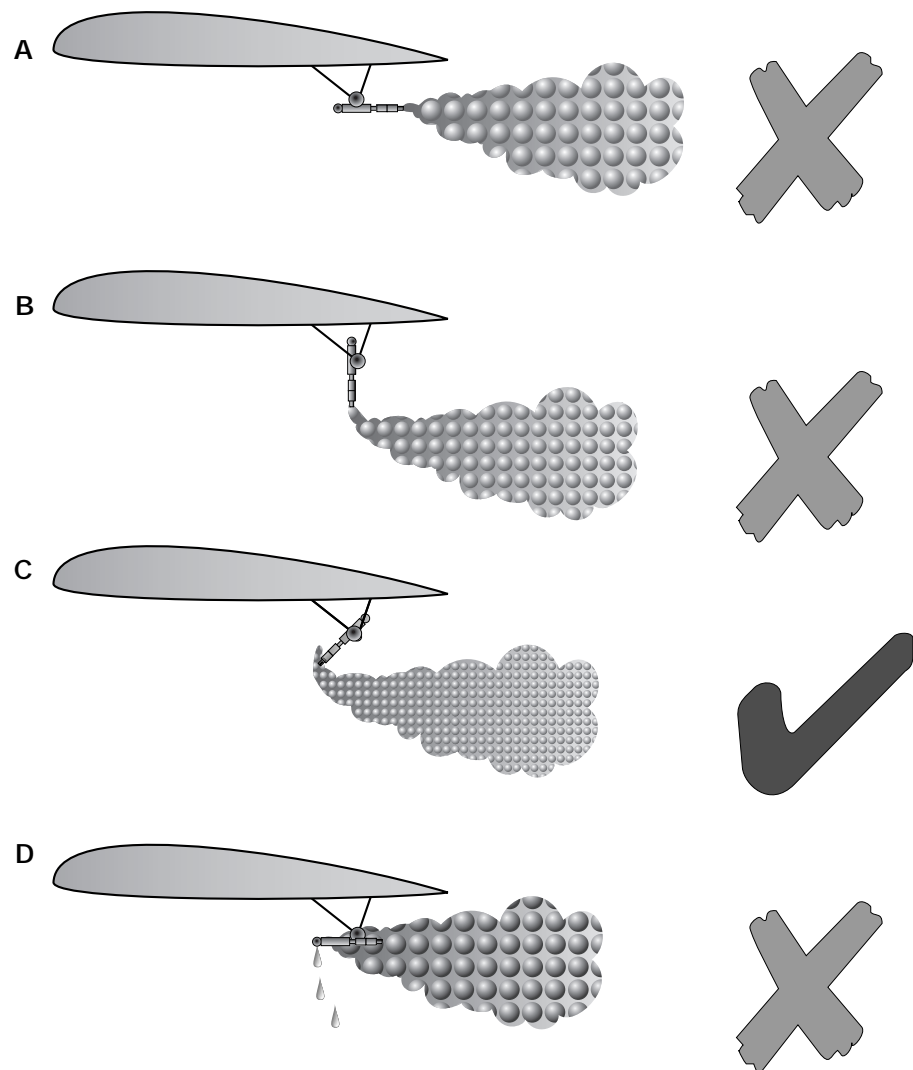
This sprayer uses the engine exhaust gases to deliver the pesticide to the nozzle and also to atomize it. No other power source or pump is required. However, the sprayer produces a relatively poor droplet spectrum with droplets as small as 10 μm and as large as 200 μm diameter and is therefore not very efficient. Also, flow rate cannot be adjusted satisfactorily and, in any case, is likely to fluctuate under working conditions as the vehicle throttle setting is varied. Experienced users say that the back pressure on the exhaust gases causes damage to the vehicle exhaust and engine. It is also not possible to switch the sprayer off from the cab at the end of each spray pass, other than using a different gear so that exhaust pressure is less.

The sprayer consists of a tank (or two tanks) which are pressurised by the exhaust gases, an exhaust restrictor which allows the gases to escape at high speed, and a pesticide nozzle which lets the pesticide out into this high speed airstream (see Fig. 30). Different types of vehicle and engine type (diesel or petrol) produce different volumes and pressures of exhaust gas, so the exhaust gas restrictors have to be chosen to suit the vehicle being used for spraying. Generally, flow rates are too high (and very variable) although some countries have made smaller nozzles to reduce the flow rate. A gear should be chosen to give a comfortable forward speed for the terrain – usually between 5 and 10 km/h – while providing an exhaust pressure of 0.3 kg/cm² or more.

After spraying, the tank and nozzle should be cleaned by flushing with a few litres of kerosene or diesel fuel and spraying it over fallow land. Water should never be used to clean the ENS as this can cause corrosion of the steel components.

Tip: the nozzle should be set up to protrude from the exhaust restrictor by 0.5-1.0 mm, otherwise a very poor spectrum will be produced (see Fig. 30). The droplet spectrum is also improved when the nozzle has a concave top (see Fig. 31). Flat-topped nozzles should be modified in the workshop.

Figure 32. If the only equipment for applying ULV pesticide is boom and nozzle, it must be fitted with very small nozzles and they should be angled forward as in C below in order to get a fairly small drop size.



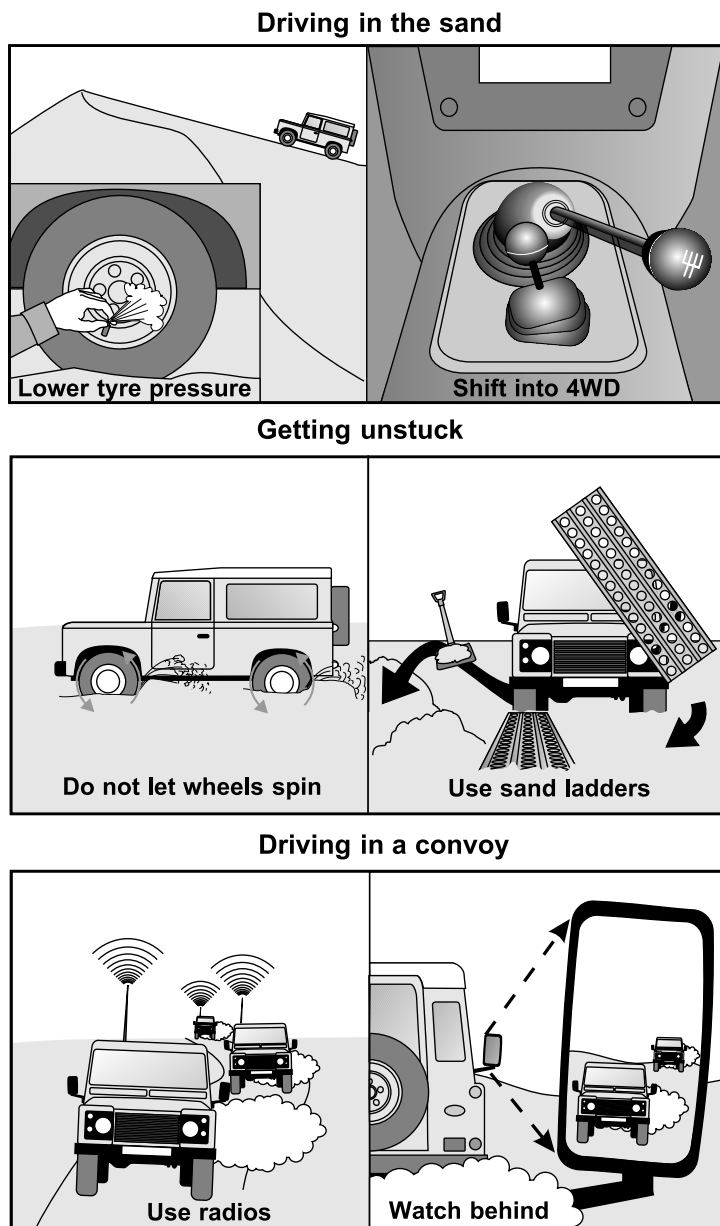
Aircraft-mounted boom and nozzle sprayers

Locusts can be controlled with high-volume EC sprays, but the slow work rate (narrow track spacing and amount of time spent on ferrying and refilling) means that they are not very efficient for spraying locusts.

Sometimes the only aerial spray equipment available is a conventional boom and nozzle sprayer. This consists of a pesticide tank, an electric or propeller-driven pump and numerous hydraulic nozzles mounted on a boom under the wing (see Fig. 32). The hydraulic atomization process is assisted by some airblast effects caused by the speed of the aircraft through the air, but the droplet spectrum is still usually too wide to use ULV pesticides efficiently.

If aerial spray teams have ULV pesticides but only high-volume boom and nozzle spraying equipment is available, small nozzles must be fitted to provide a low flow rate and the equipment must be operated at high pressure to produce a small droplet size. The nozzles must be set up as shown in Figure 32C in order to obtain the smallest drops and narrowest spectrum possible. It may be necessary to block some of the nozzles to achieve a flow rate that is low enough.

Figure 33. Some tips for driving in the sand.



1.11 DRIVING TIPS

There are several techniques and tips that can be used when driving in sandy areas. These are listed below as well as shown in Figure 33.

In the sand

- Lower tyre pressures far below the normal minimum.
- Shift into 4WD.
- Keep in as high a gear as possible (to give maximum torque) and keep your speed up but drive gently.
- Do not accelerate quickly, otherwise wheels will dig into the sand instead of floating on top.
- Avoid sharp rocks, if possible, when the tyres are deflated.
- In soft sand, do not use the brakes; instead, allow the car to coast to a stop.
- Drive slowly and cautiously when the sun is behind you because it will be more difficult to see patches of soft sand, dune slopes and previous tracks.
- If you accidentally go over the edge of a dune, it is better to accelerate to reach the bottom rather than brake which will cause the front of the vehicle to dig in and cartwheel to the bottom.
- Be careful when crossing other vehicle tracks because they will have created a small patch of soft sand and you may become stuck.
- Pump up the tyres once a hard-surfaced road is reached.

Getting unstuck in sand

- As soon as forward movement stops and before the wheels start to dig into the sand, depress the clutch pedal and stop.
- Do not allow the wheels to spin which will only dig the car deeper into the sand.
- Use sand ladders and place them in front of the front wheels.
- Engage in 4WD low ratio and drive forward and out.
- If you are stuck in deep sand, first dig the sand out so the vehicle body is not resting on the sand and then use the sand ladders.
- Keep the front wheels straight.

In a convoy

- Before starting out, decide upon the order of the vehicles for each day and do not vary this.
- Leaders should watch the vehicles behind and not lose them; if they get too far ahead, they should wait for the other vehicles.
- Each vehicle should have a mobile HF and UHF radio so everyone can keep in contact.

Fixed-wing aircraft for survey and control

Manufacturer model	Hopper capacity (litres)	Fuel ¹			Take-off distance (metres)	Ferry range (km)	No. of seats
		Type	Capacity (litres)	Consumption (litres/hr)			
Air Tractor							
AT-401B, 402A-B	1 514	A	477	151	401	724	1
AT-502B	1 893	K	644	189	236-347	998	1
AT-802A/B	3 028	K	1 438	250-322	610	982/1 287	1/2
Antonov							
An-3	2 200	A	?	?	?	?	?
Ayers Turbo Thrush ²							
400	1 515	?	515	133-178	366	725	2
510	1 930	?	863	133-178	366	1 238	2
660	2 500	?	863	170-283	457	966	2
Brit Norman							
Islander BN2B-26	600	?	492-814	95	189	704-1 156	?
Islander BN2B-20	600	?	492-814	110	215	617-1 021	?
Islander BN2T	600-1 000	?	814	172	255	710	?
Islander BN21A	500	?	522	113	500	1 111	?
Defender 4000	600-1 000	?	1 131	200	356	905	?
Cessna							
185		A	246-333	?	?	870-1 194	6
188 AgTruck	280	?	204	?	?	537	1
Croplease Fieldmaster							
NDN6	2 000	K	924	170	354	1 296	2
de Havilland							
DHC-2 Beaver	400	A	522	79	381	833	4
DHC MK III	500	?	?	?	250	741	?
Fletcher							
no information available							
Grumman/Schweizer							
Ag Cat ³	?	?	?	?	277	?	?
Pacific Aerospace							
no information available							
Piper							
Brave	1 041	A	341	66	488	861	1
Pawnee C235	568	A	144	53	244	435	1
Super Cub 135	416	A	136	29	61-93	926	2

¹ A = AVGAS, K = kerosene (JET A1); fuel consumption at cruising speed of each aircraft.

² Turbo Thrush take-off distance at 4 218 kg (400 model), 4 400 kg (510 model), 5 670 kg (660 model). Ferry range at 45 percent power and 217 km/h at 2 286 m (400 and 510 model), 50 percent power and 265 km/h at 3 658 m.

³ Ag-Cat is a biplane.

1.12 AIRCRAFT SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications for aircraft commonly used in Desert Locust survey and control operations are presented in two tables: fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. The information presented in these tables is that currently available. FAO does not assume any responsibility for inaccurate or missing data. Manufacturers are encouraged to contact FAO with more complete information to allow the tables to be updated.

Helicopters for survey and control

Manufacturer model	Hopper capacity (litres)	Fuel		Ferry range (km)	No. pilots + passengers
		Capacity (litres)	Consumption (litres/hr)		
Aerospatiale					
SA-315B Lama ¹	?	452	217	515	1+4
Bell ²					
47	455	125	?	520	2+1
205	1 759	?	?	511	2+12
206 ³	635	344	106	721	2+3
212	2 268	818	375	420	2+13

¹ Suitable for high altitude work, up to 12 442 m.

² Hopper capacity in kg.

³ Ferry range at sea level with takeoff weight of 1 179 kg and long-range cruise speed.

Figure 34. Satellites relevant to locust work, navigation and research.

Satellite	Owner	Type	Coverage	Resolution ¹	Frequency
Used operationally by FAO DLIS for planning and forecasting					
<i>Cloud detection and rainfall estimation (visible, infrared, water vapour imagery)</i>					
Meteosat	EUMETSAT	geostationary	Africa	2.5 x 2.5 km 5 x 5 km	30 minutes 30 minutes
<i>Vegetation detection (NDVI imagery)</i>					
SPOT VGT ²	Europe	polar orbit	global	1 x 1 km	daily
MODIS ²	USA	polar orbit	global	250 m-1 km	1-2 days
Used for navigation in the field					
NAVSTAR	USA	circular orbit	global	ca. 10 m	continuous
Used for research purposes ³					
<i>Meteorological (visible, infrared, water vapour imagery)</i>					
GOES	USA	geostationary	N. America	2.5 x 2.5 km 5 x 5 km	30 minutes 30 minutes
INSAT	India	geostationary	India	2.5 x 2.5 km 5 x 5 km	30 minutes 30 minutes
<i>Meteorological and environmental monitoring (thematic maps)</i>					
NOAA	USA	polar orbit	global	1.1 x 1.1 km	12 hours
<i>Earth resource mapping and environmental monitoring (thematic maps)</i>					
LandSat 7	USA	polar orbit	global	15 x 15 m	16 days
SPOT	France	polar orbit	global	10 x 10 m	26 days
RADARSAT	Canada	polar orbit	global	8 x 8 m	24 days
RESURS 01	Russia	polar orbit	global	170 x 170 m	21 days
IRS-1A	India	polar orbit	global	36 x 36 m	22 days
ERS1	ESA	polar orbit	global	26 x 26 m	35 days

¹ Maximum spatial resolution (or size of pixel).² Currently being evaluated for operational use.³ Some of the more common satellites; the list is not meant to be exhaustive.

1.13 SATELLITES RELEVANT TO LOCUST WORK

Data and images obtained by satellite can be used for locust monitoring and forecasting. Their operational use will depend on practical characteristics such as spatial coverage, time (repeat frequency) and cost (see Fig. 34). You should also consider how reliable a product is and how easy or difficult it is to interpret. At present, Meteosat and NDVI (normalized difference vegetation index)-based imagery are used, primarily by DLIS.

Meteosat

The Meteosat satellite is positioned 36 000 km above Africa where the equator and the Prime Meridian meet. As this is a fixed position, Meteosat imagery covers Africa, most of Europe, the Near East to about 55°E, and the eastern portion of South America.

Meteosat imagery shows clouds and other features such as dust storms at all levels between the satellite and the earth. For locust purposes, visible and infrared images are examined to identify those clouds that may produce rainfall. A derived product, cold cloud duration (CCD) image, consists of a composite of ten days of infrared images showing only those clouds below a certain temperature threshold (e.g. -40°C) which are thought to be cold enough to produce rainfall. For example, cumulo-nimbus clouds that reach high in the atmosphere and get very cold tops are often associated with convective storms that normally produce rain. CCDs can give a relatively good approximation of rainfall during the summer but not during the winter or spring, especially along the Red Sea, when rainfall is associated with warmer clouds.

Most national meteorological services have Meteosat receivers.

SPOT-VGT and MODIS

The only operational satellite products that have potential for the continual monitoring of ecological conditions in locust habitats are those based on the NDVI. Currently, these are derived from SPOT-VGT (vegetation) and MODIS data. Global coverage, a spatial resolution of 250 m to 1 km, high frequency and relatively low cost of the data counterbalance any shortcomings in interpretation and reliability. The imagery is being evaluated at DLIS but is expected to have increased applications within locust-affected countries for planning surveys and delimiting the relatively large areas that must be checked by survey teams. Studies are in progress to improve the reliability of the data when used for monitoring desert areas and to provide rapid transmission of images to affected countries.

There are several other satellites that are primarily used for research purposes for detailed mapping of the earth's resources such as land use, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, geology and oceanography; for environmental monitoring such as hydrology, forest fires and pollution; and for cartography. The high cost, low repetition and relatively small spatial coverage of many of these make them unsuitable for the regular monitoring of locust habitats.

Appendix 2

Procedures and tasks

Figure 35. FAO Desert Locust Survey and Control Form: survey and ecology.

FAO DESERT LOCUST SURVEY AND CONTROL FORM

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1 SURVEY STOP	1	2	3	4	5
1-1 date	29.07.99	29.07.99	30.07.99	31.07.99	31.07.99
1-2 name	Wadi Hamid	Benika	Khor Amer	Bir Bou Ali	Shardi
1-3 latitude (N)	210255	210544	203149	200411	200159
1-4 longitude (E or W)	331218	340122	342402	335512	334536
2 ECOLOGY					
2-1 area (ha) of survey	100	250	20	100	200
2-2 habitat (wadi, plains, dunes, crops)	wadi	dunes	wadi	plains	plains
2-3 date of last rain	15.07.99	2 weeks ago	12.07.99	about 1 month	13.07.99
2-4 rain amount (mm, Low Moderate High, ?)	(L) M H ?	L (M) H ?	L (M) H ?	L M H (?)	(L) M H ?
2-5 vegetation (dry, greening, green, drying)	greening	green	green	drying	greening
2-6 vegetation density (Low Medium Dense)	(L) M D	L M (D)	(L) M D	(L) M D	(L) M D
2-7 soil moisture (wet/dry)	(W) D	(W) D	(W) D	(W) D	(W) D
3 LOCUSTS					
3-1 present or absent	P (A)	(P) A	P (A)	(P) A	(P) A
3-2 area infested (ha)	100	100	100	200	200
4 HOPPERS					
4-1 hopper stages (H123456F)	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F
4-2 appearance (solitary, transients, gregarious)	S T G	S T G	S T G	S T G	S T G
4-3 behaviour (isolated, scattered, groups)	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G
4-4 hopper density (/site, /m2, Low Med High)	L	L	L	L	L
5 BANDS					
5-1 band stage (H12345F)	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F
5-2 band density (/m2 or Low Medium High)					
5-3 band sizes (m2 or ha)					
5-4 number of bands					
6 ADULTS					
6-1 maturity (immature, mature)	I M	I M	I M	I M	I M
6-2 appearance (solitary, transients, gregarious)	S T G	S T G	S T G	S T G	S T G
6-3 behaviour (isolated, scattered, groups)	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G
6-4 adult density (/transect, /ha, L M H)					
6-5 breeding (copulating, laying)	C L	C L	C L	C L	C L
7 SWARMS					
7-1 maturity (immature, mature)	I M	I M	I M	I M	I M
7-2 swarm density (/m2 or Low Medium High)					
7-3 swarm size (km2 or ha)					
7-4 number of swarms					
7-5 breeding (copulating, laying)	C L	C L	C L	C L	C L
7-6 flying (direction, time passing)					
7-7 flying height (Low Medium High)	L M H	L M H	L M H	L M H	L M H
8 CONTROL					
8-1 pesticide name & formulation					
8-2 application rate (l/ha or kg/ha))					
8-3 quantity (l)					
8-4 area treated (ha)					
8-5 ground or air	G A	G A	G A	G A	G A
8-6 estimated % kill					
9 COMMENTS					
		area between Hamid & Benika is dry with no DL habitats	swarm seen by farmer flying southwest 2 days ago in the early morning	see attached Spray Monitor Form	adults seen in sorghum crops; no DL outside of crops
					good DL habitat which should be checked after 1 week

Was a GPS used to determine locations? ☒ yes ☐ noIs a brief interpretation or analysis of the results included? ☒ yes ☐ no

Country: Sudan

Locust Officer: Mohamed Abu El Hassan

date: 31.7.99

cleared by: Ben Osman El Kif

date: 1.8.99

2.1 COMPLETING THE FAO DESERT LOCUST SURVEY AND CONTROL FORM

When to use

This form should be used during Desert Locust recession, upsurges and plagues to report results of surveys and control operations. The form should also be used to report survey results where no locusts were found.

How to use

The results of the first survey stop should be recorded in the first column, the second stop in the second column and so on.

Survey stop (see Fig. 35)

Date write the day / month / year of the survey
 Name write the name of where you have stopped (? = name unknown)
 Latitude (N) degrees / minutes / seconds north; use a GPS
 Longitude (E or W) degrees / minutes / seconds west or east; use a GPS

Ecology (see Fig. 35)

Area of survey estimated area of survey at the stop in ha (this can be based on the estimated area of green vegetation at the site)
 Habitat describe the survey stop (wadi, plains, dunes, crops, etc.)
 Date of last rain write the day / month / year (if known), or estimate (i.e. 2 days, 3 months, etc.), or ? if unknown
 Rain amount write the exact amount (mm), or circle L for low (1-20 mm), M for moderate (21-50 mm), H for heavy (50+ mm), or ? if unknown
 Vegetation write dry, greening (becoming green), green (already green), drying (becoming dry)
 Vegetation density circle L for low (more bare ground than vegetation), M for medium (same amount of bare ground and vegetation), D for dense (more vegetation than bare ground)
 Soil moisture circle W for wet (if the soil is moist to about 10-15 cm), D for dry

Figure 36. FAO Desert Locust Survey and Control Form: locusts, hoppers and bands.

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2 ECOLOGY					
2-1 area (ha) of survey	100	250	20	100	200
2-2 habitat (wadi, plains, dunes, crops)	wadi	dunes	wadi	plains	plains
2-3 date of last rain	15.07.99	2 weeks ago	12.07.99	about 1 month	13.07.99
2-4 rain amount (mm, Low Moderate High, ?)	(L) M H ?	(L) (M) H ?	(L) (M) H ?	(L) M H ?	(L) M H ?
2-5 vegetation (dry, greening, green, drying)	greening	green	green	drying	green
2-6 vegetation density (Low Medium Dense)	(L) M D	L M (D)	(L) M D	(L) M D	(L) M D
2-7 soil moisture (wet/dry)	(W) D	(W) D	(W) D	(W) D	(W) D
3 LOCUSTS					
3-1 present or absent	P (A)	(P) A	P (A)	(P) A	(P) A
3-2 area infested (ha)	100	100	100	200	200
4 HOPPERS					
4-1 hopper stages (H123456F)	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F
4-2 appearance (solitary, transiens, gregarious)	S T G	(S) T G	S T G	S T G	S T G
4-3 behaviour (isolated, scattered, groups)	I S G	(I) S G	I S G	I S G	I S G
4-4 hopper density (/site, /m2, Low Med High)	L	L	L	L	L
5 BANDS					
5-1 band stage (H12345F)	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F
5-2 band density (/m2 or Low Medium High)				5/m2	
5-3 band sizes (m2 or ha)				10 m2	
5-4 number of bands				5	
6 ADULTS					
6-1 maturity (immature, mature)	I M	I M	I M	I M	I M
6-2 appearance (solitary, transiens, gregarious)	S T G	S T G	S T G	S T G	S T G
6-3 behaviour (isolated, scattered, groups)	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G
6-4 adult density (/transect, /ha, L M H)				25/300x4m	
6-5 breeding (copulating, laying)	C L	C L	C L	C L	C L
7 SWARMS					
7-1 maturity (immature, mature)	I M	I M	I M	I (M)	I M
7-2 swarm density (/m2 or Low Medium High)				50/m2	
7-3 swarm size (km2 or ha)				1 ha	
7-4 number of swarms				1	
7-5 breeding (copulating, laying)	C L	C L	C L	C (L)	C L
7-6 flying (direction, time passing)					
7-7 flying height (Low Medium High)	L M H	L M H	L M H	L M H	L M H
8 CONTROL					
8-1 pesticide name & formulation				Feni ULV	
8-2 application rate (l/ha or kg/ha)				0.4	
8-3 quantity (l)				25	
8-4 area treated (ha)				100	
8-5 ground or air	G A	G A	G A	(G) A	G A
8-6 estimated % kill				80	
9 COMMENTS					
		area between Hamid & Berika is dry with no DL habitats	swarm seen by farmer flying southwest 2 days ago in the early morning	see attached Spray Monitor Form	adults seen in sorghum crops; no DL outside of crops
					good DL habitat which should be checked after 1 week

Was a GPS used to determine locations? ☒ yes ☐ no

Is a brief interpretation or analysis of the results included? ☒ yes ☐ no

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Locusts (see Fig. 36)

- Present or absent circle P if any stage of locusts is present or A if locusts are absent
- Area infested (ha) write the estimated number of hectares that contain locusts at the survey stop

Hoppers (see Fig. 36)

(If individual hoppers or groups are present, give details. Refer to the Survey guideline for more instructions)

- Hopper stages circle which instars (1,2,3,4,5,6), hatchlings (H) or fledglings (F) are present
- Appearance circle S for solitary (greenish colour), T for transiens (green/black), G for gregarious (black or yellow/black)
- Behaviour circle I for isolated (individual hoppers), S for scattered (several hoppers), G for groups (clumping together)
- Hopper density examine at least ten samples of 1 m² each (or 10 bushes) and record the lowest and highest number seen or, if you make a rough estimate, write L for low, M for medium, H for high

Bands (see Fig. 36)

(If hopper bands are present, give details. Refer to the Survey guideline for more instructions)

- Band stage circle which instars (1,2,3,4,5), hatchlings (H) or fledglings (F) are present
- Band density number of hoppers per bush or m² (e.g. 30/m²) or write L for low (more bare ground or vegetation visible than band), M for medium (same amount of bare ground and band), D for dense (more band than bare ground)
- Band sizes write the estimated size of band in m² or indicate the minimum and maximum sizes
- Number of bands write the number of bands present at the survey site

Figure 37. FAO Desert Locust Survey and Control Form: adults and swarms.

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1-4 longitude (E or W)	331218	340122	342402	335512	334536	331514
2 ECOLOGY						
2-1 area (ha) of survey	100	250	20	100	200	50
2-2 habitat (wadi, plains, dunes, crops)	wadi	dunes	wadi	plains	plains	dunes
2-3 date of last rain	15.07.99	2 weeks ago	12.07.99	about 1 month	13.07.99	15.07.99
2-4 rain amount (mm, Low Moderate High, ?)	(L) M H ?	(L) M H ?	(L) M H ?	(L) M H ?	(L) M H ?	(L) M H ?
2-5 vegetation (dry, greening, green, drying)	greening	green	green	drying	green	greening
2-6 vegetation density (Low Medium Dense)	(L) M D	(L) M D	(L) M D	(L) M D	(L) M D	(L) M D
2-7 soil moisture (wet/dry)	(W) D	(W) D	(W) D	(W) D	(W) D	(W) D
3 LOCUSTS						
3-1 present or absent	P (A)	(P) A	P (A)	(P) A	(P) A	P (A)
3-2 area infested (ha)		100		100	200	
4 HOPPERS						
4-1 hopper stages (H123456F)	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F
4-2 appearance (solitary, transiens, gregarious)	S T G	(S) T G	S T G	S T G	S T G	S T G
4-3 behaviour (isolated, scattered, groups)	I S G	(I) S G	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G
4-4 hopper density (/site, /m2, Low Med High)		L				
5 BANDS						
5-1 band stage (H12345F)	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F
5-2 band density (/m2 or Low Medium High)				5/m2		
5-3 band sizes (m2 or ha)				10 m2		
5-4 number of bands				5		
6 ADULTS						
6-1 maturity (immature, mature)	I M	I M	I M	I M	(I) M	I M
6-2 appearance (solitary, transiens, gregarious)	S T G	S T G	S T G	S T G	(S) T G	S T G
6-3 behaviour (isolated, scattered, groups)	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G	(I) S G	I S G
6-4 adult density (/transect, /ha, L M H)					25/300x4m	
6-5 breeding (copulating, laying)	C L	C L	C L	C L	C L	C L
7 SWARMS						
7-1 maturity (immature, mature)	I M	I M	I M	I (M)	I M	I M
7-2 swarm density (/m2 or Low Medium High)				50/m2		
7-3 swarm size (km2 or ha)				1 ha		
7-4 number of swarms				1		
7-5 breeding (copulating, laying)	C L	C L	C L	C (L)	C L	C L
7-6 flying (direction, time passing)						
7-7 flying height (Low Medium High)	L M H	L M H	L M H	L M H	L M H	L M H
8 CONTROL						
8-1 pesticide name & formulation				Feni ULV		
8-2 application rate (l/ha or kg/ha))				0.4		
8-3 quantity (l)				25		
8-4 area treated (ha)				100		
8-5 ground or air	G A	G A	G A	(G) A	G A	G A
8-6 estimated % kill				80		
9 COMMENTS						
		area between Hamid & Berika is dry with no DL habitats	swarm seen by farmer flying southwest 2 days ago in the early morning	see attached Spray Monitor Form	adults seen in sorghum crops; no DL outside of crops	good DL habitat which should be checked after 1 week

Was a GPS used to determine locations? (yes) no

Is a brief interpretation or analysis of the results included? yes (no)

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Adults (see Fig. 37)

(If individual adults or groups are present, give details. Refer to the Survey guideline for more instructions)

Maturity

circle I for immature, M for mature, or both if present; try to estimate the percentage of each maturity and record in the Comments section

Appearance

circle S for solitary (brown colour), T for transiens (brownish/pink or brownish/yellow), G for gregarious (pink or yellow)

Behaviour

circle I for isolated (individual hoppers), S for scattered (several hoppers), G for groups (clumping together)

Adult density

count the number of adults when walking about 250-400 m (and indicate the length and width of the foot transect) or estimate the number of adults per hectare. (e.g. 4/1000 m² or 20/ha) or write L for low, M for medium, H for high

Breeding

circle C for copulating, L for laying

Swarms (see Fig. 37)

(If swarms are present, give details. Refer to the Survey guideline for more instructions)

Maturity

circle I for immature, M for mature, or both if present; try to estimate the percentage of each maturity and record in the Comments section

Swarm density

number of adults per bush or m² or write L for low (more bare ground or vegetation visible than swarm), M for medium (same amount of bare ground and swarm), D for dense (more swarm than bare ground)

Swarm size

write the estimated size of the swarm in km², m² or ha

Number of swarms

write the number of swarms present at the survey site

Breeding

circle C for copulating, L for laying

Flying

the direction swarms are flying FROM and TO, the time (hours, minutes) that they took to pass overhead

Flying height

estimated height of flight or write L for low (less than 100 m), M for medium (100-500 m), H for high (500+ m)

Figure 38. FAO Desert Locust Survey and Control Form: control and comments.

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2-2 habitat (wadi, plains, dunes, crops)	wadi	dunes	wadi	plains	dunes
2-3 date of last rain	15.07.99	2 weeks ago	12.07.99	about 1 month	13.07.99
2-4 rain amount (mm, Low Moderate High, ?)	(L) M H ?	L (M) H ?	L (M) H ?	L M H (?)	(L) M H ?
2-5 vegetation (dry, greening, green, drying)	greening	green	green	drying	greening
2-6 vegetation density (Low Medium Dense)	(L) M D	L M (D)	(L) M D	(L) M D	(L) M D
2-7 soil moisture (wet/dry)	(W) D	(W) D	(W) D	(W) D	(W) D
3 LOCUSTS					
3-1 present or absent	P (A)	(P) A	P (A)	(P) A	(P) A
3-2 area infested (ha)		100		100	200
4 HOPPERS					
4-1 hopper stages (H123456F)	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F
4-2 appearance (solitary, transiens, gregarious)	S T G	(S) T G	S T G	S T G	S T G
4-3 behaviour (isolated, scattered, groups)	I S G	(I) S G	I S G	I S G	I S G
4-4 hopper density (/site, /m2, Low Med High)		L			
5 BANDS					
5-1 band stage (H12345F)	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F
5-2 band density (/m2 or Low Medium High)				5/m2	
5-3 band sizes (m2 or ha)				10 m2	
5-4 number of bands				5	
6 ADULTS					
6-1 maturity (immature, mature)	I M	I M	I M	I M	I M
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6-3 behaviour (isolated, scattered, groups)	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G
6-4 adult density (/transect, /ha, L M H)				25/300x4m	
6-5 breeding (copulating, laying)	C L	C L	C L	C L	C L
7 SWARMS					
7-1 maturity (immature, mature)	I M	I M	I M	I (M)	I M
7-2 swarm density (/m2 or Low Medium High)				50/m2	
7-3 swarm size (km2 or ha)				1 ha	
7-4 number of swarms				1	
7-5 breeding (copulating, laying)	C L	C L	C L	C (L)	C L
7-6 flying (direction, time passing)					
7-7 flying height (Low Medium High)	L M H	L M H	L M H	L M H	L M H
8 CONTROL					
8-1 pesticide name & formulation				Feni ULV	
8-2 application rate (l/ha or kg/ha)				0.4	
8-3 quantity (l)				25	
8-4 area treated (ha)				100	
8-5 ground or air	G A	G A	G A	(G) A	G A
8-6 estimated % kill				80	
9 COMMENTS					
		area between Hamid & Benka is dry with no DL habitats	swarm seen by farmer flying southwest 2 days ago in the early morning	see attached Spray Monitor Form	adults seen in sorghum crops; no DL outside of crops
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Was a GPS used to determine locations? ☒ yes ☐ no

Is a brief interpretation or analysis of the results included? ☒ yes ☐ no

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Control (see Fig. 38)

(if control was carried out, give details)

Pesticide write, for example, MAL for Malathion, FEN for fenitrothion and formulation (ULV, EC, dust, bait)

Application rate write the number of litres or kg used per ha

Quantity write the total number of litres or kg used

Area treated write the total number of hectares sprayed or covered

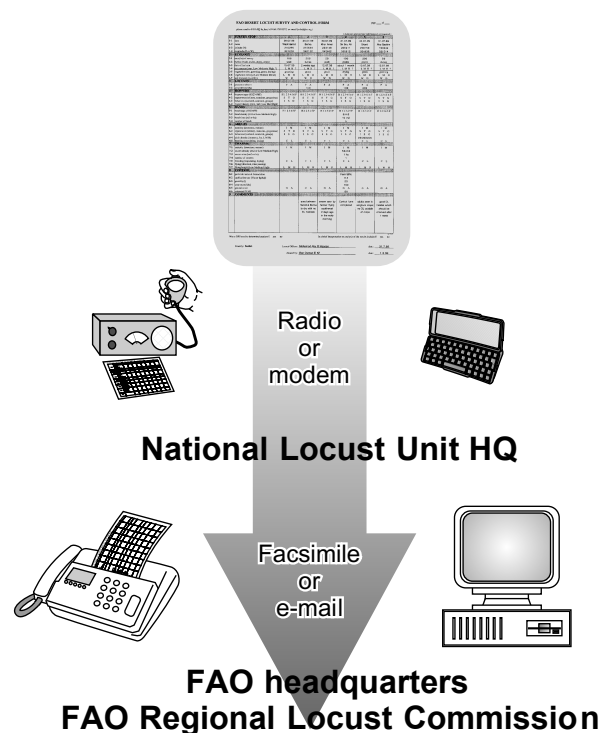
Ground or air circle G for ground or A for aerial control

Estimated % kill estimate the number of locusts killed out of 100. Examine several 1 m² samples. Note how long after spraying the estimate was made.

Comments (see Fig. 38)

Use this section to indicate important information that could not be written above. For example, if there were more of one type of locusts present than another (such as more transiens than solitary or more fifth instar hoppers than second); if you tried to estimate the percentage of immature and mature adults present; if crops are present; what was the ecology between survey stops; unconfirmed reports from nomads, etc.; if you know the time of swarm departure or arrival; and if it was a ground or aerial survey.

Figure 39. How to transmit the FAO Desert Locust Survey and Control Form.



Version	Language ¹	What to do	How to send to DLIS
PDF ²	E/F/A	1. Print hard copy of form 2. Fill in form at the survey stop	fax: +39 06 570 55271
MS Excel	E/F	1. Save to computer 2. Open file in MS Excel application 3. Enter data and save file	e-mail: eclo@fao.org ⁴
Handheld ³	E/F	1. Save to handheld computer 2. Enter data while at the survey stop 3. Save and export to computer or RAMSES	e-mail: eclo@fao.org

Notes:¹ E = English, F = French, A = Arabic² The free Adobe Reader software must be installed on your computer in order to view, print and save PDF files. You can obtain this software on the Internet at: www.adobe.com³ A handheld computer used by locust officers in the field⁴ If e-mail is not available, the form can be faxed to FAO DLIS**How to use this form by radio or e-mail**

This form can be used to transmit information by radio or telephone. You can refer to each section by the appropriate number. For example, "1-5-1 = 1,2,3" indicates that first, second and third instar hoppers were seen at survey stop number one (1 = survey stop number one, 5 = development section, 1 = instar or fledgling, 1,2,3 = hopper instars).

What to do with this form after completion (see Fig. 39)

The information on this form should be transmitted from the field to the National headquarters and to FAO DLIS, Rome. If you are filling out the form by hand, the information can be sent by radio or the form can be sent by fax to the National headquarters directly from the field. If you are using a handheld computer and entering the information directly into this at each survey location, you can send the data directly to the computer at the National headquarters if you have access to an HF radio modem. From the National headquarters, the data should be sent to FAO DLIS and, if possible, to the appropriate FAO Regional Locust Commission within two to five days of the end of the survey. A short interpretation should be sent with the form suggesting what the results mean to you, which is your opinion based on your experience. You should keep a copy for your records.

Questions and problems

If you have any questions and problems or require additional forms, please contact the Desert Locust Information Service (DLIS) at FAO headquarters:

telephone: +39 (06) 570 52420
 fax: +39 (06) 570 55271
 e-mail: eclo@fao.org

You may also wish to contact the secretariat of your regional locust commission.

Where to obtain the latest form

The latest version of the FAO Desert Locust Survey and Control Form can be requested from DLIS (see above) or downloaded directly from the internet at:

www.fao.org/news/global/locusts/pubs1.htm

Figure 40. Calibrate your pace length by counting the number of paces required to walk along a marked 100 m line.

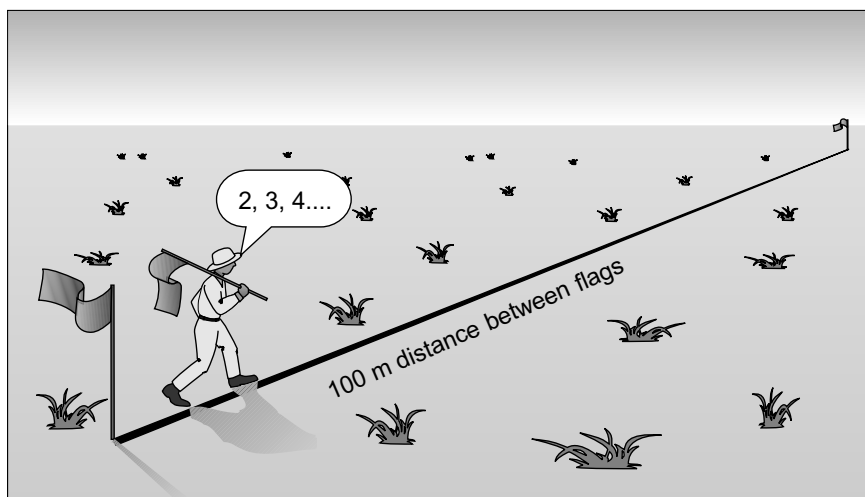


Figure 41. Table for making calculations after counting paces.

Name	Distance covered (m) (A)	Number of paces (B)	Length of pace (m) (A/B)
	Average		

2.2 CALIBRATING PACE LENGTH

For control with all types of sprayer, even aircraft, it is necessary to calibrate the length of the operator/flag person's pace so that track spacings can be estimated fairly accurately (see Fig. 40). Some people assume that a person's pace length is always 1 m, but most people's pace length is between 70 and 90 cm.

- Step 1. Measure out a distance (suggested distance 100 m) using a tape measure and plant flags or other markers at each end. Enter the distance in the table in Figure 41.
- Step 2. Walk along the distance between the flags at normal walking speed and count the number of steps you use. Enter this number in the table opposite. Repeat the walk twice more so that you have three numbers of steps entered in the table.
- Step 3. Calculate the length of your pace ($A \text{ divided by } B$) for each of the three figures, then calculate the average of the three pace lengths by adding them and dividing by three.

Tips:

- *it is much easier and more accurate to measure distances in the field with a calibrated pace length, than it is to try to walk with strides exactly 1 m long*
- *most track spacings will be multiples of 10 m so it is useful to calculate the number of paces to walk 10 m. For most people, this will be 11-15 paces*

Figure 42. Table for calculating sprayer speed.

Name	Distance (m) (A)	Theoretical time to walk or drive 100 m (s)	Actual time taken to walk or drive 100 m (s) (B)	Actual speed (m/s) (A/B)

2.3 CALIBRATING SPRAYER SPEED

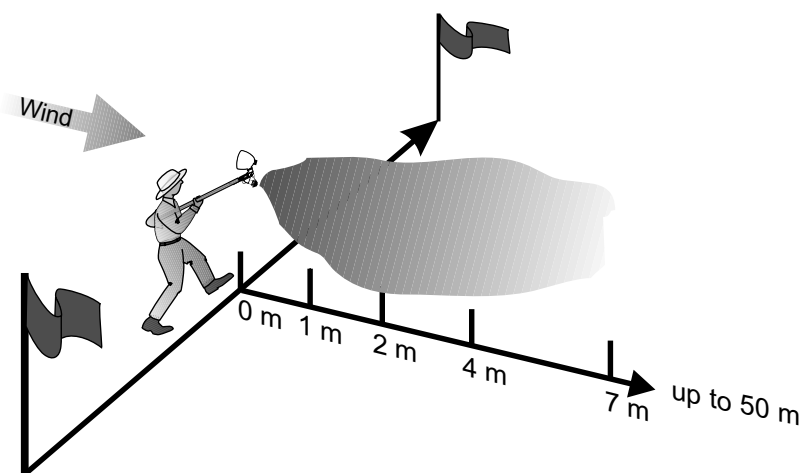
For any sprayer, speed has a direct effect on dose applied. Aircraft usually have good airspeed indicators, but operators of ground equipment are often not sure what speed they are driving or walking at.

The procedure is very similar for portable or vehicle-mounted sprayers.

- Step 1. Calculate the desired forward speed to achieve the correct VAR and dose. Calculate the time it should take to travel 100 m if you are travelling at the correct speed.
- Step 2. Using a measured distance of 100 m marked out with flags, try to walk or drive between the two flags at the estimated correct speed and record the time taken. In a vehicle note the gear used and the engine speed (if the vehicle is fitted with a tachometer).
- Step 3. Enter the data in to the table in Figure 42 and calculate the actual speed you were travelling.
- Step 4. If the speed is not correct, adjust your speed and try again. Carry on with this trial and error technique until you can easily move at the required speed.

Tip: when an operator has done the exercise once for a particular speed, it only has to be done again if a different speed is required or occasionally to check that the speed is still being estimated fairly accurately.

Figure 43. Spraying a single swath and sampling the spray downwind.



2.4 MEASURING SWATH WIDTH OF ULV SPRAYERS

The swath is the spray deposition downwind at right angles to a crosswind spray run. It is useful to test the swath width for a sprayer under a variety of different conditions. This is done by collecting droplets on samplers placed at different distances downwind (see Fig. 43).

Samplers do not behave like locusts, so sampling the spray will only give an estimate of deposition on locusts. However, with small ULV drops, narrow samplers (1 cm wide) positioned vertically will collect droplets more effectively than wide samplers or samplers placed horizontally, e.g. on the ground.

The most convenient types of samplers are oil-sensitive papers. When an oily ULV spray droplet lands on this type of paper, it leaves a dark mark. It is important to check that the pesticide being used does in fact mark the paper since there are some that do not. Others produce marks that fade quite quickly so analysis must be carried out soon after spraying. Another method is to use white photographic paper as a sampler, but this means that a coloured dye needs to be put into the spray liquid so that the droplets show up on the surface.

These sampling papers can be mounted vertically, facing into the wind, on narrow sticks positioned downwind. These sticks should be 1 cm or less in diameter and around 50 cm long. The total length of the spray sampling line will vary with the type of sprayer – usually up to 75 m for a portable sprayer, 250 m for a vehicle sprayer and 600 m for aircraft. Samplers should be closer together near the sprayer since the deposit changes most near to it.

If a handheld spinning disc sprayer is being used, for example, samplers can be set at distances of 0, 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 and 50 m downwind.

Figure 44. Template for counting droplets on sampling surfaces.

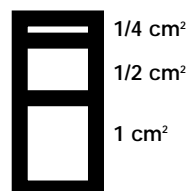


Figure 45. Graph axes for drawing sprayer deposition profile.

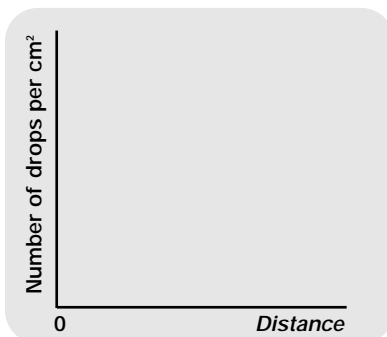


Figure 46. Layout of data template for droplet counting.

Distance downwind (m)	Area used (1/4, 1/2 or 1 cm²)	Number of drops (four counts)				Average number of drops	Average number of drops per cm²

Procedure for measuring swath width

- Step 1. Find the direction of the wind and, using flags, mark out a spray line at right angles (90 degrees) to the wind direction. The length of this spray line should be at least the intended length of the line of samplers.
- Step 2. Put out a line of sampling sticks running downwind from the spray line as described above.
- Step 3. Attach a piece of oil-sensitive paper in a vertical position, facing upwind near the top of each of the sticks, using sticky gum or glue. Care must be taken with this paper because it can easily be marked if handled roughly and fingerprints can make counting drops difficult. Handle the paper only by the ends of the strips and do not touch the middle.
- Step 4. Spray along the spray line using the normal sprayer height and forward speed. Measure the wind speed, wind direction, temperature and humidity during spraying. Record the sprayer settings for flow rate and for droplet size.
- Step 5. Collect the papers, label them with their downwind distance from the spray line and stick them on to a sheet of A4 paper. Do not allow anything to touch the surface of the papers as the drops may get smudged and be difficult to count. Analyse the papers as soon as possible after exposure since the marks from some pesticides fade quickly after impact.
- Step 6. Use a counting template as shown in Fig. 44 to count the number of drops on the papers. If there are many drops, count the number seen in the 0.25 cm² window and multiply by four to give the number of drops/cm². If there are very few drops, use the 1 cm² template and no mathematical correction is necessary to give number of drops/cm². Record these data in a table (see Fig. 46).
- Step 7. Plot a graph of the number of drops/cm² (on the vertical or y axis) against distance downwind (on the horizontal or x axis) (see Fig. 45).

Tip: equipment required for setting flow rate of ULV sprayers:

- *notebook*
- *pen*
- *stop watch or watch with a second hand*
- *measuring cylinder*¹
- *bucket*
- *protective clothing*
- *soap and water*
- *sprayer*
- *plastic bags to put over aircraft atomizers*
- *insecticide with label*

¹ *100 ml, 500 ml or 2 litres depending on the type of sprayer*

2.5 MEASURING FLOW RATE ON AIRCRAFT

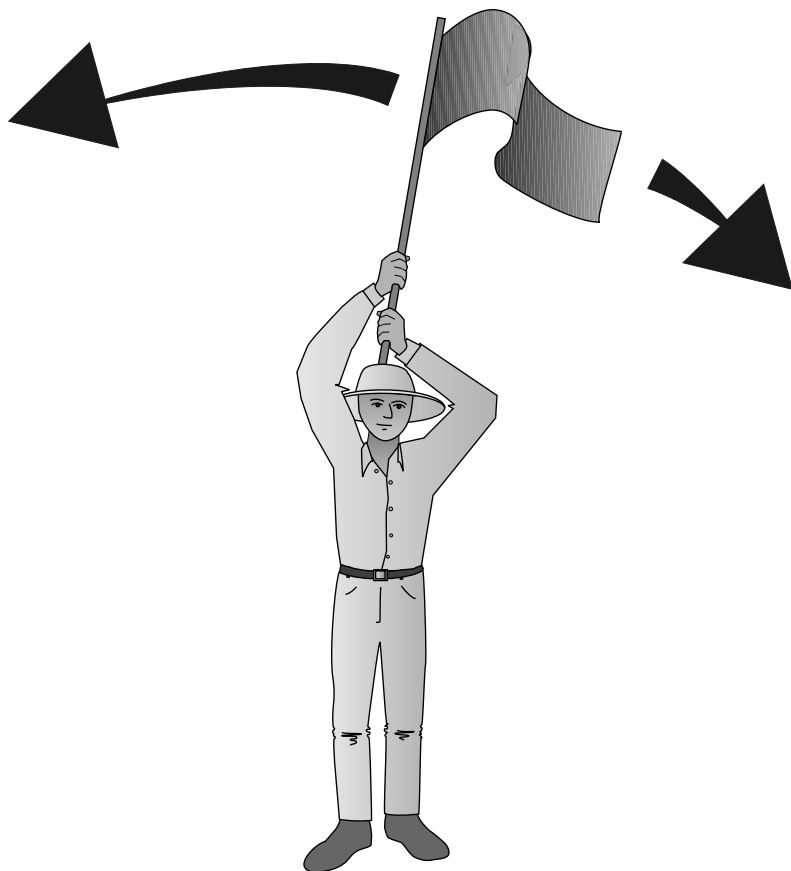
Measuring the flow rate from an aircraft is much easier if the spray system is fitted with an electric pump. In this case, the flow rate can be checked by using the collection technique i.e. measuring the amount of liquid emitted over a timed period with the aircraft on the ground (see the Control guideline for tips).

Aircraft with windmill-driven pumps cannot usually develop sufficient pump pressure while they are on the ground so they have to be calibrated in flight by using the loss technique (see the Control guideline). Accurate flow-rate checks can only be carried out with the pesticide itself. If pesticide is used, efforts should be made to make productive use of it by carrying out the calibration over locust targets. If this is not possible, the calibration spraying should be carried out at altitudes of over 1 000 m to reduce the risk to humans, livestock and the environment on the ground. If calibration is carried out with water, diesel fuel or other liquid, different flow rates will be obtained and these figures can only be converted to pesticide flow rate if a correction factor has previously been established.

The procedure for aircraft flow-rate measurement in flight is as follows:

- Step 1. *Calculate the desired flow rate from the aircraft*
Calculate the volume of pesticide that should be emitted per minute in order to apply the correct dose (see the Control guideline).
- Step 2. *Set the approximate flow rate*
Use the sprayer manufacturer's literature to set the flow rate. This will be an initial setting based on tables in the user's handbook.
- Step 3. *Prime the pipework in the spraying system*
The pipework in an aircraft spray system can contain up to 30 litres of liquid so it is important to ensure that the pipes are full before trying to measure the flow rate. Put around 50 litres of spray liquid (see notes above) into the spray tank. Take off and spray, but switch off the spray and land as soon as the pump pressure begins to fall.
- Step 4. *Measure the flow rate*
Put the volume of spray liquid that should be emitted per minute into the spray tank. Take off, start spraying and use a stop watch to record the time taken before the pump pressure begins to fall again, i.e. how long it takes to spray the amount put in. The time taken should be exactly one minute. If there is more than a 5 percent difference from this, the flow rate should be adjusted and checks repeated until there is less than a 5 percent error.

Figure 47. The flag person should hold the flag high in the air and wave it quickly from side to side so that the pilot can easily see it from the air.



2.6 GROUND TEAM PROCEDURES DURING AERIAL SPRAYING (if in-flight track guidance instrumentation is not available)

The job of the ground team is very important. It must give support and guidance to the pilot so that he can do a safe and efficient spray job. Ideally the ground team would have two vehicles, GPS, vehicle HF radio (for communicating with the locust base and airstrip), VHF radio (for communicating with the flying aircraft), large flags, signalling mirrors, compass, anemometer and whirling hygrometer.

If a swarm or block of bands has been found by the survey team and a GPS reading taken (or a good description given) of its exact position, the basic procedure for the ground team is:

- Step 1. Go to the target before the aircraft has taken off. If long-range radio communication is available, send a message to the airstrip confirming that the target is still at the given location and that meteorological conditions are suitable for spraying.
- Step 2. Drive around the target, marking with a GPS the corners of the target.
- Step 3. Determine the wind direction and go to the downwind edge of the target.
- Step 4. Give some indication of the wind direction for the benefit of the pilot. This can be done by lighting a smoky fire with tyres or wood and fresh vegetation, or by positioning a vehicle facing into the wind (agree on this with the pilot beforehand).
- Step 5. Position flag people at the ends of the first spray track at the downwind edge of the target (see Fig. 47).
- Step 6. When the aircraft arrives, if communication is possible by radio with the pilot, communicate the bearing of the wind direction, the size of the target and confirm that the ground party is ready for the spraying to start.
- Step 7. The two flag people should wave their flags in the air at the ends of the first spray line. Remember, flags always look very small from the aircraft so they should be held high and moved quickly from side to side, making sure that the cloth does not get tangled around the pole. When the aircraft is about 100 m away from any of these flag people and the pilot has obviously seen the flag, the flagman should move quickly upwind to avoid being sprayed.
- Step 8. As soon as the aircraft has passed the first flag, the person should pace out (or drive and measure on the vehicle odometer) 100 m track spacing upwind and get into the next position.
- Step 9. When the aircraft has passed the second flag, this person should move quickly on foot or by vehicle 100 m upwind to mark the start of the second spray track. This marking should continue until the end of the spray block.
- Step 10. If radio communication is possible, give the pilot feedback on any problems, e.g. flying height, navigation, changing weather conditions.
- Step 11. When the spray block has been completed, the flag people should roll up their flags and keep them low so that the pilot knows that the job is done.
- Step 12. Collect any marker flags left in the field, put out any fires and return to base or to the next spray target.

Recommendations on aerial spraying equipment

All aircraft carrying out ULV locust spraying should be fitted with:

- Micronair AU5000 rotary atomizers to provide a narrow droplet spectrum. User's handbooks should also be available for engineers and locust staff assisting with calibration;
- an electrically powered pesticide pump, since windmill-driven pumps make calibration difficult;
- a flow meter – once it has been calibrated it is a quick way to monitor flow rate and total volume used;
- an application monitor with mini-printer (linked to the flow meter) to record and print out date, time, spray duration and pesticide volume used;
- a tachometer on at least one of the atomizers to measure the rotational speed. This should also be linked to the application monitor and will give an indirect check and record of droplet size;
- a global positioning system (GPS) with flow metre and track guidance equipment including lightbar in order to guide the pilot. The system should include a datalogger to provide a record (trace) of the path of the aircraft. It must have a demonstrated position accuracy of 10 m or better 95 percent of the time and a velocity accuracy of 95 percent. Differential GPS units can provide this accuracy and conventional GPS units may now also be sufficiently accurate although field validation is still underway. Such a system will allow checking of parameters such as volume applied and track spacing. The data should be downloadable in some form, either floppy disk or computer card, so that it can be put into an archive of control information¹;
- a spray system which is linked to the GPS track logging equipment so that there is an indication of the trace where spraying was taking place and where not;
- An audible warning system which is triggered by proximity to exclusion zones (coordinates previously entered);
- VHF radios (in addition to any other standard radio equipment) so that suitably equipped ground teams can communicate with the aircraft;
- a first-aid kit containing supplies with which to treat any cases of pesticide poisoning among aircrew or ground-support staff.

¹ All spray information from aircraft should be given to the National Locust Unit at the end of each spray day.

2.7 PILOT AND ENGINEER BRIEFING FOR AERIAL SPRAYING

Instructions to pilots and engineers involved in aerial spraying of locusts using the ULV technique

You will receive a briefing from a senior PPD staff member before you carry out any locust control spraying. The briefing will be based on the Control guideline and on the accumulated experience of the National Locust Unit. This summary sheet is being distributed to all pilots and engineers for their reference during control operations. If there are any points you do not understand, or instructions you do not agree with, discuss with PPD staff during the briefing and BEFORE any spraying is carried out.

Operational instructions

Most Desert Locust control uses ultra low volume (ULV) insecticide formulations applied by aircraft. The success of any large campaign depends on carrying out this aerial spraying efficiently and effectively. ULV spraying uses a different technique from normal crop spraying in that it uses widely spaced crosswind spray runs, relying on the wind to spread the pesticide and overlap the swaths. Unless the correct technique and equipment settings are used, the campaign may be a failure and/or large quantities of pesticide will be wasted, resulting in financial loss and unnecessary risk of environmental damage.

It is important that the pilot and engineer understand how the National Locust Unit requires them to carry out the control operation. These notes summarise the technique and equipment settings required to spray locusts with ULV insecticide in a safe and effective way. Discuss the sprayer settings and techniques with a Locust Field Officer before operations start so that everyone is in agreement on how things should be done.

Size of target

ULV spraying is a drift technique for use over relatively large targets (>25 ha). Spot treatment of small areas by aerial ULV spraying is not possible without wastage of pesticide. Small targets should be treated from the ground using vehicle-mounted or handheld equipment.

Application technique

Weather conditions

ULV spraying requires a steady wind of at least 2 m/s at 2 m height from the ground otherwise the spray will not be carried far enough across the swath to give an even cover. It also requires the relatively cool weather of morning or late afternoon spraying because upward currents of hot air (convection) can remove the spray from the target area. In practice this usually means that ULV spraying can only be carried out between 0800 and 1100 hours and possibly between 1600 and 1800 hours, although these

times may vary according to country and weather conditions. In the absence of a ground team to give the go-ahead, the pilot must use his own judgement.

Flight pattern

Always start at the downwind edge of the target area, fly crosswind, i.e. at 90 degrees to the wind direction, and move upwind at the end of every spray pass. Use a track spacing of 100 m as standard. If the wind is very light, this can be reduced to half i.e. 50 m, but the flow rate must then also be adjusted to half the standard figure to keep the same volume application rate and dosage. If the aircraft is not fitted with a suitable GPS track guidance system, a ground party with flags and/or materials for making smoke should be used to help the pilot locate the target and to mark the correct track spacing. Even if the aircraft has GPS track guidance, a ground party should be present to help delimit the target and check on spray performance and efficacy.

Flying height

Unless otherwise instructed, fly at a height of between 5 and 15 m. At less than 5 m the pesticide is not carried over a wide enough swath and over 15 m it may be carried out of the target area as drift. Higher flying may be required for some specialized treatments such as barrier or swarm spraying, but in these cases specific instructions will be given.

Speed

Flying speed should be around 100 mph (160 km/h) where possible.

Equipment settings

Blade angles

Micronair atomizers should be set to give a volume median diameter droplet size of around 75-100 µm. This means that an AU4000 should spin at around 7 000 rpm and an AU5000 at around 8 000 rpm. Assuming an air speed of around 100 mph and standard blades, this means setting the blade angles to 35 degrees for the AU4000 and 40 degrees for the AU5000. If it is not possible to achieve an air speed of 100 mph, consult the manufacturer's Operator's Handbook, copies of which are with the PPD Director, and arrange for a supply of longer blades designed for slower fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. If airspeed is greater than 100 mph consult the manufacturer's handbook to determine how much blade angles should be increased to achieve the right droplet size.

Flow rate

Flow rate must be set so that at the chosen track spacing and speed, the FAO recommended dose of insecticide for Desert Locusts is applied. To calculate this, use the formulae on the next page.

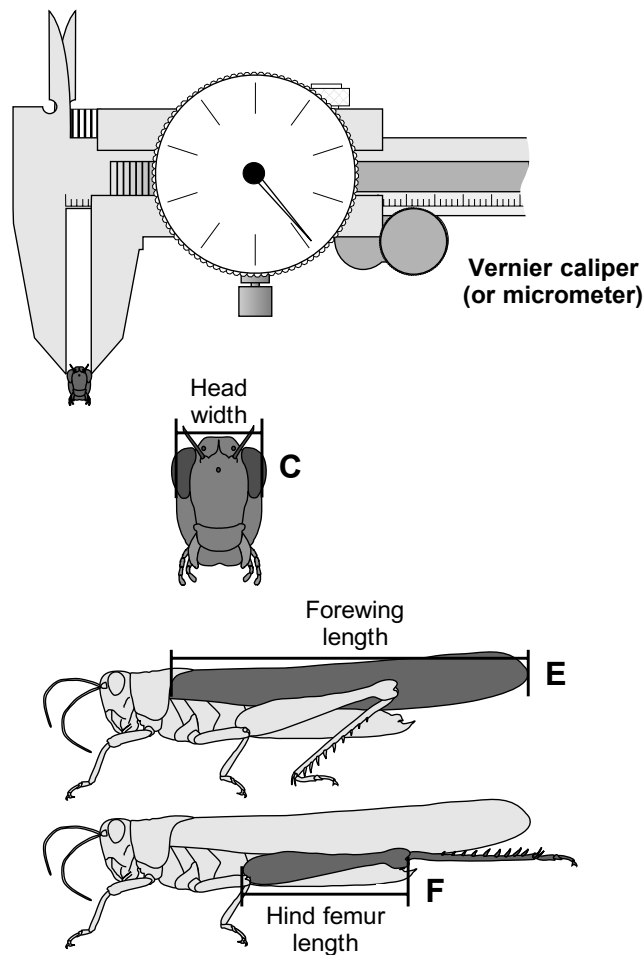
$$\text{Required VAR (l/ha)} = \frac{\text{recommended dose (g a.i./ha)}}{\text{formulation concentration (g a.i./l)}} \quad \text{Formula 1}$$

$$\text{Flow rate (l/min)} = \frac{\text{VAR (l/ha)} \times \text{speed (km/h)} \times \text{track (m)}}{600} \quad \text{Formula 2}$$

Monitoring/reporting

Complete a copy of the FAO Spray Monitoring Form at the end of every spraying and submit to the Locust Unit ground staff so that there is a record of how the control was carried out (see Appendix 4.2 for the form).

Figure 48. Use an accurate tool to measure the width of the head, the length of the forewing, and the length of the hind femur of the rear leg.



! The value of such measurements is limited because of the influence of factors other than density, such as environmental conditions. Morphometrics can demonstrate the development of an upsurge if samples are available from each generation. A gregariform individual may suggest the recent presence of swarms in the area.

2.8 MEASURING DESERT LOCUSTS

There is a progressive difference in shape from the extreme solitariform to the extreme gregariform in the Desert Locust. Phase characteristics can be determined by measuring different parts of the locust: the width of the head (or caput), the forewing (elytron), and the femur of the rear leg (see Fig. 48). The ratios are different for males and females and can be influenced by temperature.

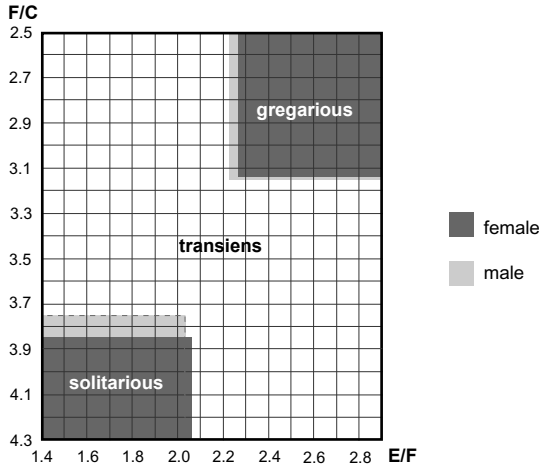
Methods for determining phase characteristics of the Desert Locust

1. Measure the elytron, femur and caput of an adult male and female locust with a micrometer.
2. Use the resulting values in any one of the following ratios to determine the phase of the locust:

Ratio 1	Solitarious		Gregarious	
	males	females	males	females
F / C	>3.750	>3.850	<3.150	<3.150
E / F	<2.025	<2.075	>2.225	>2.272

Ratio 2	Solitarious	Gregarious
	female E / male E	1.07 – 1.12

< indicates less than, > indicates greater than
 E = elytron (forewing) C = caput (head) F = femur (third segment of rear leg)



2.9 SUGGESTED DUTIES OF LOCUST STAFF

Headquarters posts

Locust Unit Head

- overall responsibility for the national locust programme including monitoring, control and training
- maintains regular contact with neighbouring affected countries, regional organizations, FAO and donors
- advises government regarding current locust situation and possible developments

Senior Field Officer / Campaign Officer-in-Charge

- overall technical supervision and management of survey and control
- responsible for control campaigns during upsurges and plagues
- deploys equipment and staff to the field based on advice from the Locust Information Officer
- attends daily radio schedules to review the progress of survey and control

Locust Information Officer

- manages locust and environmental data received from the field and other sources
- registers, corrects and enters data into a database and plot on maps
- analyses locust and environmental information
- summarizes the current situation and forecasts locust breeding and migration
- advises Locust Unit Head about areas that require survey and control
- prepares regular summaries and reports
- keeps FAO informed of the situation in a timely manner and on a regular basis
- stores and archives all data received
- during campaigns: maintains records of pesticide and fuel stocks, positions of aircraft and vehicles and maps of infestations and targets treated

Field posts

Officer-in-Charge of field base (survey and control)

- maintains a map of locust reports and infestations treated
- deploys survey and control teams to the most important areas
- ensures supply of fuel, pesticide, spares and protective clothing for teams
- monitors all spraying operations by collation of data from spray monitoring forms
- prepares regular summary reports on control operations for headquarters
- during upsurges and plagues:
 - is answerable to the Officer-in-Charge of the campaign
 - holds daily briefings with field staff and pilots
 - supervises aircraft reloading operations
 - keeps in close contact with headquarters by radio, fax or telephone at least once a day

Field Supervisor (control)

- supervises calibration of equipment
- directs control operations
- ensures safety of staff, environment and equipment
- communicates with pilots by radio
- communicates with Locust Base by regular radio schedules
- organises disposal of empty pesticide containers
- completes spray monitoring forms and submits them to the Officer-in-Charge of the field base
- transmits information by radio at least once a day

Locust Field Officer (survey and control)

- undertakes surveys to assess locust and habitat conditions
- gathers information from local sources
- completes the FAO Desert Locust Survey and Control Form and the FAO Spray Monitoring Form
- identifies possible control targets and advises on suitable control method
- operates ground sprayers according to instructions
- cleans the sprayer after use and checks if any spares/repairs are required
- transmits information by radio at least once a day

Driver and Aircraft Pilot (control)

- checks that sprayer is in good working order
- fills the sprayer
- calibrates the sprayer (with supervision)
- operates the sprayer according to instructions
- cleans the sprayer after use and checks if any spares/repairs are required

Driver (survey)

- assists officers in ground surveys
- ensures the vehicle is in good operating condition
- checks if any spares/repairs are required

Workshop Mechanic/Engineer (ground or aircraft)

- prepares radios, GPS and spraying equipment for use
- assists with calibration where possible
- checks, maintains and repairs equipment as required

Appendix 3

Locust pesticides

3.1 LOCUST PESTICIDE DOSE RATES

Dose rates and speed of action of different insecticides
for which verified dose rates have been established for the Desert Locust

Insecticide	Class ¹	Dose (g a.i./ha)				Speed of action ³
		treatment				
		overall (blanket)		barrier (hoppers)		
		hoppers	adults	within	overall ²	
bendiocarb	CA	100	100			F
chlorpyrifos	OP	225	225			M
deltamethrin	PY	12.5 ⁴	12.5			F
diflubenzuron	BU	60	n.a. ⁵	100	5	S
fenitrothion	OP	450	450			M
fipronil	PP	4	4	12.5	0.6	M
lambda-cyhalothrin ⁶	PY	20 ⁴	20			F
malathion	OP	925	925			M
<i>Metarhizium anisopliae</i> ⁷	fungus	100	100			S
teflubenzuron	BU	30	n.a.	n.d. ⁸		S
triflumuron	BU	25	n.a.	75	3.7	S

(Source: 8th meeting of Pesticide Referee Group, 1999)

Notes:

¹ BU: benzoylurea, CA: carbamate, OP: organophosphate, PY: pyrethroid, PP: phenyl pyrazole.

² Calculated dose rate applied over the total protected area based on an average barrier width of 50 m and a track spacing of 1 000 m.

³ F = fast (1-2 hours), M = moderate (3-48 hours), S = slow (> 48 hours).

⁴ A higher rate may be required for the last instar.

⁵ n.a. = not applicable

⁶ Where the "lambda" isomer is not registered in a country, cyhalothrin is applied at 40 g a.i./ha.

⁷ IMI 330189.

⁸ n.d. = not determined.

3.2 RISK TO NON-TARGET ORGANISMS

(at verified dose rates against Desert Locusts)

	Environmental risk ^a								
	Aquatic organisms		Terrestrial vertebrates		Terrestrial non-target arthropods		WHO		
	fish	arthropods	mammals	birds	reptiles	bees	antagonists	soil insects	
bendiocarb	M ²	L ³	M ¹	L ³	-	H ¹	H ²	M ³	II
chlorpyrifos	M ³	H ²	L ³	M ³	M ³	H ¹	H ³	-	II
deltamethrin	L ³	H ³	L ¹	L ³	L ³	M ¹	M ³	M ³	II
diflubenzuron (blanket)	L ³	H ³	L ¹	L ¹	-	L ^{1c}	M ²	M ³	U
diflubenzuron (barrier) ^d	L	(H)	L	L	-	L ^c	L ³	(M)	U
fenitrothion	L ³	M ³	L ³	M ³	-	H ¹	H ³	H ³	II
fipronil (blanket)	L ²	L ²	L ¹	L ¹	-	H ¹	H ³	H ³	U
fipronil (barrier) ^d	L	L	L	L	-	(H)	(H)	(H)	U
imidacloprid ^e	L ¹	L ¹	L ¹	L ¹	-	H ¹	L ³	L ³	II
lambda-cyhalothrin	L ²	H ²	L ¹	L ¹	-	M ¹	M ³	H ²	II
malathion	L ²	M ²	L ³	L ³	-	H ³	H ³	H ³	III
<i>Metarhizium anisopliae</i> ^g	L ²	L ²	L ¹	L ¹	L ²	L ³	L ³	L ³	U
teflubenzuron (blanket)	L ¹	H ²	L ¹	L ¹	-	L ^{1f}	M ¹	-	U
triflumuron (blanket)	L ¹	H ²	L ¹	L ¹	L ³	L ^{1f}	L ³	L ³	U
triflumuron (barrier) ^d	L	(H)	L	L	-	L ^{1f}	L	L	U

(Source: 8th meeting of Pesticide Referee Group, 1999)

Notes:

- Environmental risk classification (L=low, M=medium, H=high) describes the level of availability of data based on:
 - Laboratory and registration data with species that do not occur in locust areas.
 - Laboratory data or small-scale field trials with indigenous species from locust areas.
 - Large scale field trials and operational data from locust areas (mainly Desert Locust, but also Migratory and Brown Locust).
- WHO toxicity class (human) for active ingredient: II = moderately hazardous, III = slightly hazardous, U = unlikely to present acute hazard in normal use. The actual WHO toxicity class of the formulated insecticide may differ slightly from the one given here due to the effect of the solvents, or when lower formulation concentrations are used.
- At normal use, diflubenzuron is not harmful to the brood of honey bee.
- Extrapolated from blanket treatments but is expected to be considerably lower if at least 50 percent of the area remains uncontaminated and if barriers are not sprayed over surface water. Risk classes are shown in brackets unless the blanket treatment was already considered to pose low risk, and no reference is made to the level of data availability. More field data are needed to confirm that products posing a medium or high risk as blanket sprays can be downgraded to low when applied as barrier sprays.
- Field data only available from the Madagascar Migratory Locust area.
- Benzoylureas are safe to adult worker bees but some may cause damage to the brood of exposed colonies.
- IMI330189.

Figure 49. FAO pictograms.



3.3 WHO HAZARD CLASSES AND PICTOGRAMS

World Health Organization Classification of Pesticides by Hazard

Class	LD50 for rat (mg/kg body weight)			
	Oral		Dermal	
	Solids ¹	Liquids ¹	Solids ¹	Liquids ¹
Ia Extremely hazardous	5 or less	20 or less	10 or less	40 or less
Ib Highly hazardous	5-50	20-200	10-100	40-400
II Moderately hazardous	50-500	200-2 000	100-1 000	400-4 000
III Slightly hazardous	over 500	over 2 000	over 1 000	over 4 000
IV Unlikely to cause acute hazard ²	over 2 000	over 3 000		

¹ The terms "solids" and "liquids" refer to the physical state of the product or formulation being classified.

² Although the active ingredients falling into this category present a negligible hazard, it should not be forgotten that the solvents or other non-pesticidal components of the formulation may present a greater hazard than the pesticide itself. It may be necessary to classify the formulation in a higher hazard class.

The above table deals only with active ingredients, but the concentration of the formulation plays a big part in the hazard the product presents. For example, some moderately hazardous pesticides are used in very low concentrations and the hazard classification of their formulation is reduced to slightly hazardous. The formula below can be used to calculate hazard classification of formulations:

$$\text{Formulation LD50} = \frac{\text{LD50 of active ingredient} \times 100}{\text{Percentage of active ingredient in formulation}}$$

Pictograms are symbols that convey a message without the use of words. You may see these on pesticide drums. Their meanings are given in Fig. 49. They can help to convey messages about the toxicity of products and the precautions that must be taken and they can be assembled into a series of instructions. For example, for a product that is relatively safe, the pictograms on the label might be as below:



If you feel ill

1. If you have a headache, blurred vision, or you feel dizzy or sick, stop working and see a doctor as soon as possible.

If someone's skin is contaminated

1. Remove clothing wet with pesticide.
2. Thoroughly wash pesticide off skin with soap and water. Eyes need gentle washing for a long time with clean water.

If pesticide has been swallowed

1. Do not induce vomiting – some pesticides are caustic and can burn the lungs.

What to do next

1. If someone is affected by pesticide poisoning, keep them calm and cool while you immediately call a doctor or take them to a doctor. If they feel well enough, they should drink water.
2. If they are not conscious lie them on their side with their head back until the doctor comes. Do not induce vomiting. Artificial respiration will be needed if they stop breathing, but make sure you do not become contaminated yourself from any pesticide on their face.
3. Show doctors the pesticide label so that they can give the correct medical treatment.

Tip: learn artificial respiration first aid technique but be careful when using it on people who have ingested pesticide.

3.4 PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF PESTICIDE POISONING

Pesticides can be dangerous. They can cause immediate sickness from a large dose (acute effects) or can cause slow sickness resulting from small doses over a long period (chronic effects).

Avoid problems

1. Wear appropriate protective clothing.
2. Avoid all skin contact with pesticide and do not breath the vapour.
3. Have soap and water ready in case you are splashed.
4. When filling or spraying, stand upwind, so drops are carried away from you.
5. If nozzles block, do not blow through them with your mouth. Use a needle or a plant stem to clear the blockage (wear protective gloves).
6. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using pesticides.
7. Keep clearly labelled pesticide containers away from children – they may play with them or drink from them.
8. Never pour pesticide into drinks bottles – someone may drink them accidentally.
9. Always wash hands and face after spraying, and wash protective clothing regularly to prevent build up of pesticide residues that might be transferred to the skin.



Many spills occur while the sprayer is being filled.

Appendix 4

FAO forms

Always carry this form with you when making Desert Locust surveys. Results from survey and control operations should be entered on the form, even if no locusts were found. Use a separate column for each survey stop; the first stop in the first column and so on. There are enough columns on this form for six stops. Use more forms as necessary.

FAO DESERT LOCUST SURVEY AND CONTROL FORM INSTRUCTIONS

1	SURVEY STOP	
1-1	date	write the day / month / year of the survey
1-2	name	write the local name of where you have stopped (? = name unknown)
1-3	latitude (N)	degrees / minutes / seconds North; use a GPS
1-4	longitude (E or W)	degrees / minutes / seconds West or East; use a GPS
2	ECOLOGY	
2-1	area (ha) of survey	estimated area of survey at the stop in ha (this can be based on the estimated area of green vegetation at the site)
2-2	habitat (wadi, plains, dunes, crops)	describe the site of the survey stop (wadi, plains, dunes, crops, etc.)
2-3	date of last rain	write day / month / year (if known), or estimate (i.e. 2 days, 3 months, etc), or ? if unknown
2-4	rain amount (mm, Low Moderate High, ?)	exact (mm), or circle L for low (1-20 mm), M for moderate (21-50 mm), H for heavy (50+ mm), ? if unknown
2-5	vegetation (dry, greening, green, drying)	write dry, greening (becoming green), green (already green), drying (becoming dry)
2-6	vegetation density (Low Medium Dense)	circle L for low (more bare ground than vegetation), M for medium (same amount of bare ground and vegetation), D for dense (more vegetation than bare ground)
2-7	soil moisture (wet/dry)	circle W for wet (if the soil is moist to about 10-15 cm), D for dry
3	LOCUSTS	
3-1	present or absent	circle P if any stage of locusts are present or A if locusts are absent
3-2	area infested (ha)	write the estimated number of hectares that contain locusts at the survey stop
4	HOPPERS	(if individual hoppers or groups are present, indicate the details)
4-1	hopper stages (H123456F)	circle which instars (1,2,3,4,5,6), hatchlings (H) or fledglings (F) are present
4-2	appearance (solitary, transiens, gregarious)	circle S for solitary (green colour), T for transiens (green/black), G for gregarious (black or yellow/black)
4-3	behaviour (isolated, scattered, groups)	circle I for isolated (individual hoppers), S for scattered (several hoppers), G for groups (clumping together)
4-4	hopper density (/site, /m ² , Low Med High)	examine at least 10 samples of 1 m ² each (or 10 bushes), record the lowest & highest number seen in one sample; or if you make a rough estimate, circle L for low, M for medium, H for high
5	BANDS	(if hopper bands are present, indicate the details)
5-1	band stage (H12345F)	circle which instars (1,2,3,4,5), hatchlings (H) or fledglings (F) are present
5-2	band density (/m ² or Low Medium High)	number of hoppers per bush or m ² , or write L for low (more bare ground or vegetation visible than band), M for medium (same amount of bare ground and band), D for dense (more band than bare ground); (EX: 30/m ²)
5-3	band sizes (m ² or ha)	write the estimated size of band in m ² , or indicate the minimum and maximum sizes
5-4	number of bands	write the number of bands present at the survey site
6	ADULTS	(if individual adults or groups are present, indicate the details)
6-1	maturity (immature, mature)	circle I for immature, M for mature, or both; estimate the percent of each maturity & note in the Comments
6-2	appearance (solitary, transiens, gregarious)	circle S for solitary (brown), T for transiens (brown/pink or brown/yellow), G for gregarious (pink or yellow)
6-3	behaviour (isolated, scattered, groups)	circle I for isolated (individual hoppers), S for scattered (several hoppers), G for groups (clumping together)
6-4	adult density (/transect, /ha, L M H)	count the number of adults when walking 250-400 m (and indicate the length and width of the foot transect); or estimate adult numbers per ha (EX: 4/1000m ² or 20/ha); or circle L for low, M for medium, H for high
6-5	breeding (copulating, laying)	circle C for copulating, L for laying
7	SWARMS	(if swarms are present, indicate the details)
7-1	maturity (immature, mature)	circle I for immature, M for mature, or both; estimate the percent of each maturity & note in the Comments
7-2	swarm density (/m ² or Low Medium High)	number of adults per bush or m ² , or write L for low (more bare ground or vegetation visible than swarm), M for medium (same amount of bare ground and swarm), D for dense (more swarm than bare ground)
7-3	swarm size (km ² or ha)	write the estimated size of the swarm in km ² or ha
7-4	number of swarms	write the number of swarms present at the survey site
7-5	breeding (copulating, laying)	circle C for copulating, L for laying
7-6	flying (direction, time passing)	the direction swarms are flying FROM and TO, the time (hours, minutes) that they took to pass overhead
7-7	flying height (Low Medium High)	estimate height of flight, or write L for low (1-100 m), M for medium (100-500 m), H for high (500+ m)
8	CONTROL	(if control was carried out, indicate the details)
8-1	pesticide name & formulation	write for example MAL for Malathion, FEN for fenitrothion, etc., and formulation (ULV, EC, dust, bait)
8-2	application rate (l/ha or kg/ha)	write the number of litres or kg used per hectare
8-3	quantity (l)	write the total number of litres or kg used
8-4	area treated (ha)	write the total number of hectares sprayed
8-5	ground or air	circle G for ground or A for aerial control
8-6	estimated % kill	estimate the number of locusts killed out of 100. Examine several 1 m ² samples
9	COMMENTS	(write any other information that is not indicated above)
		Write important information that could not be indicated above. For example, if there were more of one type of locusts present than another type (e.g. more transiens than solitary or more 5th instar hoppers than 2nd), or if you tried to estimate the percent of immature and mature adults present, or if crops are present, or what the ecology between survey stops, or unconfirmed reports from nomads, etc., or if you know the time of swarm departure or arrival, or if it was a ground or aerial survey.

Was a GPS used to determine locations? Circle: Yes or No

Is a brief interpretation or analysis of the results included? Circle: Yes or No

Country: Your Country Name

Locust Officer: Name of person who made survey

date: completed

cleared by: Name of authorizing person

date: approved

FAO DESERT LOCUST SURVEY AND CONTROL FORM

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please send to FAO HQ by fax (+39-06-57055271) or email (eclo@fao.org)

(indicate appropriate information as required)

1	SURVEY STOP	1	2	3	4	5	6
1-1	date						
1-2	name						
1-3	latitude (N)						
1-4	longitude (E or W)						
2	ECOLOGY						
2-1	area (ha) of survey						
2-2	habitat (wadi, plains, dunes, crops)						
2-3	date of last rain						
2-4	rain amount (mm, Low Moderate High, ?)	L M H ?	L M H ?	L M H ?	L M H ?	L M H ?	L M H ?
2-5	vegetation (dry, greening, green, drying)						
2-6	vegetation density (Low Medium Dense)	L M D	L M D	L M D	L M D	L M D	L M D
2-7	soil moisture (wet/dry)	W D	W D	W D	W D	W D	W D
3	LOCUSTS						
3-1	present or absent	P A	P A	P A	P A	P A	P A
3-2	area infested (ha)						
4	HOPPERS						
4-1	hopper stages (H123456F)	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 6 F
4-2	appearance (solitary, transiens, gregarious)	S T G	S T G	S T G	S T G	S T G	S T G
4-3	behaviour (isolated, scattered, groups)	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G
4-4	hopper density (/site, /m ² , Low Med High)						
5	BANDS						
5-1	band stage (H12345F)	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F	H 1 2 3 4 5 F
5-2	band density (/m ² or Low Medium High)						
5-3	band sizes (m ² or ha)						
5-4	number of bands						
6	ADULTS						
6-1	maturity (immature, mature)	I M	I M	I M	I M	I M	I M
6-2	appearance (solitary, transiens, gregarious)	S T G	S T G	S T G	S T G	S T G	S T G
6-3	behaviour (isolated, scattered, groups)	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G	I S G
6-4	adult density (/transect, /ha, L M H)						
6-5	breeding (copulating, laying)	C L	C L	C L	C L	C L	C L
7	SWARMS						
7-1	maturity (immature, mature)	I M	I M	I M	I M	I M	I M
7-2	swarm density (/m ² or Low Medium High)						
7-3	swarm size (km ² or ha)						
7-4	number of swarms						
7-5	breeding (copulating, laying)	C L	C L	C L	C L	C L	C L
7-6	flying (direction, time passing)						
7-7	flying height (Low Medium High)	L M H	L M H	L M H	L M H	L M H	L M H
8	CONTROL						
8-1	pesticide name & formulation						
8-2	application rate (l/ha or kg/ha)						
8-3	quantity (l)						
8-4	area treated (ha)						
8-5	ground or air	G A	G A	G A	G A	G A	G A
8-6	estimated % kill						
9	COMMENTS						

Was a GPS used to determine locations? yes no

Is a brief interpretation or analysis of the results included? yes no

Country: _____

Locust Officer: _____

date: _____

cleared by: _____

date: _____

Send completed forms to FAO DLIS by e-mail (eclo@fao.org) or fax (+39 06 570 55271) within 48 hours of the end of the survey. A short paragraph should be attached indicating what the results mean.

Always carry this form with you to record control details. Use this form in combination with the FAO Survey and Control Form. Each column represents a control location and should match the information in the same column on the survey form. Submit both forms to the National Locust Unit headquarters.

FAO SPRAY MONITORING FORM INSTRUCTIONS

1 CONTROL LOCATION	
1-1 date	Write the day / month / year of the control operation
1-2 name (from DL Survey Form)	Write the local name of where you made the control (? = name unknown). This should match the name in the same column on the Survey and Control Form.
2 VEGETATION DATA	
2-1 vegetation type (Grass, Bushes, Trees, Crop)	Circle G if grass, B if bushes, T if trees or C if crop
2-2 height (m)	Write the approximate or average height (in metres) of the vegetation
2-3 crop names and damage (%)	Write the names of the crops and estimate the percentage of damage; if there are no crops and it is natural vegetation, write Natural.
3 INSECTICIDE DATA	
3-1 trade name	Write, for example, SUM for Sumithion and DUR for Dursban, etc.
3-2 concentration (g a.i./l or %)	Write the concentration of the active ingredient in grams/litre or as a percentage
3-3 formulation (EC, ULV, Dust)	Circle E if Emulsion Concentrate, U if Ultra Low Volume or D if Dust formulation was used
3-4 expiry date	Write the expiry date of the insecticide found on the label of the drum
3-5 is insecticide mixed with water or solvent?	Circle Y if the insecticide is mixed with water or solvent or N if not mixed
3-6 if yes, what solvent and mixing ratio	Write the name of the solvent used for mixing and what ratio was used (insecticide: solvent)
4 WEATHER CONDITIONS	
start and end of control operations:	Write the required weather conditions at the start and the end of the control operations as indicated below
4-1 time	Write the time operations started and the time operations ended
4-2 temperature (°C)	Write the temperature at the time operations started and the temperature at the end of operations, in centigrade (use the dry-bulb reading on a whirling hygrometer)
4-3 relative humidity (%)	Write the relative humidity in percentage at the start and end of operations (use a whirling hygrometer)
4-4 wind speed (m/s)	Write the speed of the wind in meter/second at the start and the end of operations (use an anemometer)
4-5 wind direction (degree from N)	Write the wind direction in degrees from the north at the start and the end of operations (use a compass)
4-6 spray direction (degree from N)	Write the spray direction in degrees from the north at the start and the end of operations (use a compass)
5 SPRAY APPLICATION	
5-1 sprayer type	Circle R for rotary, A for airstream, E for exhaust nozzle sprayer (ENS), H for hydraulic or O for other
5-2 sprayer operator	Circle P for pilot, D for driver, L for locust officer, H for hired labor or O for other operator
5-3 sprayer manufacturer	Write the name of the sprayer manufacturer or company
5-4 sprayer model	Write the model of the sprayer, for example, Micronair AU8000 or Micronair AU7010
5-5 sprayer platform	Circle A for aerial spraying, V for vehicle spraying or H for handheld sprayer
5-6 date of last calibration	Write the date of the last calibration done on the sprayer used in the control operation
5-7 atomizer height above ground (m)	Write the height (in metres) of the atomizer above the ground
5-8 ROTARY SPRAYERS: speed setting	Write the degree of blade angle for Micronair, pulley setting for Ultramast or no. of batteries for Microulva
5-9 speed of atomizer (rpm)	Write the speed of the atomizer per minute using a vibrating tachometer
5-10 flow rate setting	Write the colour or size of the nozzle, or what orifice or restrictor was used
5-11 flow rate/atomizer (l/min)	Write the flow rate (in litre/minute) for each atomizer used in the control operation
5-12 number of atomizers	Specify the number of atomizers used in the control operation (i.e. the number of atomizers on the aircraft used for control)
5-13 track spacing (m)	Write the track spacing (in metres) used during spraying
5-14 BARRIERS ONLY: width and spacing (m)	Write the spraying width of a barrier and the width in between each barrier not sprayed (in metres)
5-15 forward speed (km/h)	Write the sprayer speed (in km/h). This will be the speed of aircraft, vehicle or walking operator.
5-16 AERIAL SPRAYING: support supplied	Circle GP for ground party, RC for radio communication or TG for DGPS if it is used
5-17 ground marking	(GPS, flag, Mirror, smoke, Vehicle, None)
6 CONTROL EFFICACY	
6-1 locust mortality (% dead)	Write in figures the estimated percentage of damage caused by locust
6-2 time after treatment (hours)	Write the time (in hours) after treatment when the mortality estimate was carried out
6-3 method of mortality estimation	Circle Q for quadrats, T for target size, V for visual, C for cages or O for other methods
7 SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT	
7-1 protective clothing: what did the operator wear?	Circle G for goggles, M for mask, L for gloves, O for overalls and B boots
7-2 was soap and water available?	Circle Y if soap and water were available or N if they were not available during operations
7-3 who was informed of spraying?	Circle F for farmer, N for nomad, V for village, O for officials and B for beekeepers
7-4 effect on non-target organisms	Circle Y if you noticed an effect on non-locusts in the field after operations or N if none
7-5 if yes, what	Write what insects, animals, wildlife etc. were affected (killed or sick) by the control operation
7-6 detail if anyone felt unwell or if other problems were encountered	Write the details if any operators, ground teams or nearby inhabitants felt sick or unwell (i.e. headache, eye or skin irritation, dizziness, vomiting) after control
	Write any other problems that were encountered during or after the spraying operations (i.e. broken vehicles, sudden rainfall during or shortly after control).

Equipment required for monitoring spraying: gloves, clipboard, blank copies of this form, pen, anemometer (for wind speed), tachometer (for speed of rotary atomizers), whirling hygrometer (for temperature/humidity), measuring cylinder, bucket, funnel, stop watch, tape measure, compass and GPS.

FAO SPRAY MONITORING FORM

Attach this form to the DL Survey and Control Form and send it to the National Locust Unit in your country whenever control operations are carried out
(indicate appropriate information as required)

1	CONTROL LOCATION	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1-1	date							
1-2	name (from DL Survey Form)							
2	VEGETATION DATA							
2-1	vegetation type (Grass, Bushes, Trees, Crop)	G B T C	G B T C	G B T C	G B T C	G B T C	G B T C	
2-2	height (m)							
2-3	crop names and damage (%)							
3	INSECTICIDE DATA							
3-1	trade name							
3-2	concentration (g a.i./l or %)							
3-3	formulation (EC, ULV, Dust)	E U D	E U D	E U D	E U D	E U D	E U D	
3-4	expiry date							
3-5	is insecticide mixed with water or solvent?	Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N	
3-6	if yes, what solvent and mixing ratio							
4	WEATHER CONDITIONS							
start and end of control operations:	start	end	start	end	start	end	start	end
4-1	time							
4-2	temperature (°C)							
4-3	relative humidity (%)							
4-4	wind speed (m/s)							
4-5	wind direction (degrees from N)							
4-6	spray direction (degrees from N)							
5	SPRAY APPLICATION							
5-1	sprayer type (Rotary, Airstream, ENS, Hydraulic, Other)	R A E	R A E	R A E	R A E	R A E	R A E	
5-2	sprayer operator (Pilot, Driver, Locust officer, Hired, Other)	P D L	P D L	P D L	P D L	P D L	P D L	
5-3	sprayer manufacturer	H O	H O	H O	H O	H O	H O	
5-4	sprayer model							
5-5	sprayer platform (Aerial, Vehicle, Handheld)	A V H	A V H	A V H	A V H	A V H	A V H	
5-6	date of last calibration							
5-7	atomizer height above ground (m)							
5-8	ROTARY SPRAYERS: speed setting (blade angle, pulley setting, no. batteries)							
5-9	speed of atomizer (rpm)							
5-10	flow rate setting (which nozzle or restrictor used)							
5-11	flow rate/atomizer (l/min)							
5-12	number of atomizers							
5-13	track spacing (m)							
5-14	BARRIERS ONLY: width and spacing (m)							
5-15	forward speed (km/h)							
5-16	AERIAL SPRAYING: support supplied	GP RC TS	GP RC TS	GP RC TS	GP RC TS	GP RC TS	GP RC TS	
5-17	ground marking (GPS, Flag, Mirror, Smoke, Vehicle, None)	G F M	G F M	G F M	G F M	G F M	G F M	
		S V N	S V N	S V N	S V N	S V N	S V N	
6	CONTROL EFFICACY							
6-1	locust mortality (% dead)							
6-2	time after treatment (hours)							
6-3	method of mortality estimation (Quadrats, Target size, Visual, Cages, Other)	Q T V	Q T V	Q T V	Q T V	Q T V	Q T V	
		C O	C O	C O	C O	C O	C O	
7	SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT							
7-1	protective clothing: what did the operator wear?	G M L O B	G M L O B	G M L O B	G M L O B	G M L O B	G M L O B	
7-2	was soap and water available?	Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N	
7-3	who was informed of spraying? (Farmer, Nomad, Villager, Officials, Beekeeper)	F N V	F N V	F N V	F N V	F N V	F N V	
7-4	effect on non-target organisms	O B	O B	O B	O B	O B	O B	
7-5	if yes, what	Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N	
7-6	details of anyone who felt unwell or if other problems were encountered:							

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The latest versions of the FAO Survey and Control Form and the Spray Monitoring Form are available on the Internet:
www.fao.org/news/global/locusts/pubs1.htm

Appendix 5

Reference

5.1 EGG AND HOPPER DEVELOPMENT TABLES

The following tables have been derived from a computer program developed by FAO in which egg and hopper development are a function of the mean daily temperature. The program takes the long-term monthly values at the weather stations listed in the tables and calculates expected daily values by double quadratic interpolation. For example, if laying is thought (or known) to have taken place on 7 January 2000 at a certain place, the computer will calculate the expected temperature for 7 January and the percentage development. The program does the same for 8 January, accumulating the percentages until they reach 100, which will occur on the predicted date of hatching. The procedure is the same for hopper development.

The predictions will be unreliable for long development periods that occur when temperatures are close to those where development ceases. If the actual temperature is only slightly less than the long-term average, the model will predict slow development when in fact the eggs will not develop at all. Over a substantial time, this will result in a large error. A similar difference at high temperatures will produce only a small error.

These tables should prove adequate for most practical purposes. However, these are only estimates of hatching and fledging. Actual hatching and fledging typically occur over two to three days, even when laying occurred within 24 hours.

Using the egg and hopper development tables

To calculate the number of days from laying to hatching or fledging

- Choose one of the following tables:

Hatching to laying:	Tables 1a and 1b
Laying to fledging:	Tables 2a and 2b
Hatching to fledging:	Tables 3a and 3b
- Look up the period for laying on the 1st of the month in the appropriate table.
- Look up the period for laying on the 1st of the next month.
- Find the difference between the two values.
- Divide the date in the month of laying by the total number of days in that month and multiply this answer by the difference found in (4).
- Add or subtract this answer from the figure for laying in the first month (2); add if the figure for the second month (3) is greater, or subtract if it is smaller.

Note: The answer for (6) must always lie between the successive monthly values.

To calculate the fledging date for hoppers at given stages of development

- Calculate fledging date as for hatching (see Example 3).
- Multiply the result by the percentage remaining for that instar:

1st instar	10% developed to fledge (90% remaining)
2nd instar	30% developed to fledge (70% remaining)
3rd instar	50% developed to fledge (50% remaining)
4th instar	80% developed to fledge (20% remaining)
5th instar	90% developed to fledge (10% remaining)

EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE 1: Laying to hatching

If laying has taken place on 25 March, when will hatching occur?

Use Table 1a for Adrar, Algeria:

- Laying on 1 March will result in hatching after 24 days
- Laying on 1 April will result in hatching after 17 days
- The difference between the two values: $24 - 17 = 7$
- (Date of actual laying) / (No. of days in month) x difference: $25/31 \times 7 = 6$
- Therefore, (a) – (d): $24 - 6 = 18$

Result: For laying on 25 March, hatching should occur after 18 days on about 12 April.

EXAMPLE 2: Laying to fledging

If laying has taken place on 2 September, when will fledging occur?

Use Table 2a for Adrar, Algeria:

- Laying on 1 September will result in fledging after 41 days
- Laying on 1 October will result in fledging after 155 days
- The difference between the two values: $155 - 41 = 114$
- (Date of actual laying) / (No. of days in month) x difference: $2/30 \times 114 = 8$
- Therefore, (a) + (d): $41 + 8 = 49$

Result: For laying on 2 September, fledging should occur after 49 days on about 21 October.

EXAMPLE 3: Hatching to fledging

If hatching took place on 12 April, when will the hoppers fledge?

Use Table 3a for Adrar, Algeria:

- Hatching on 1 April will result in fledging after 42 days
- Hatching on 1 May will result in fledging after 32 days
- The difference between the two values: $42 - 32 = 10$
- (Date of actual hatching) / (No. of days in month) x difference: $12/30 \times 10 = 4$
- Therefore, (a) – (d): $42 - 4 = 38$

Result: For hatching on 12 April, the hoppers should fledge after 38 days on about 20 May.

EXAMPLE 4: 2nd instar hoppers to fledging

If second instar hoppers are present on 20 May, when will they fledge?

Use Table 3a for Adrar, Algeria:

- Hatching on 1 May will result in fledging after 32 days
- Hatching on 1 June will result in fledging after 24 days
- The difference between the two values: $32 - 24 = 8$
- (Date of actual hatching) / (No. of days in month) x difference: $20/31 \times 8 = 5$

Result: For hatching on 20 May, fledging should occur 27 ($32 - 5$) days later on 16 June.

- Second instar hoppers present on 20 May should fledge after 19 days on 8 June:
% remaining for 2nd instar x No. days to fledging if hatch 20 May: $70/100 \times 27 = 19$ days

Notice that the second instar hoppers hatched 8 days earlier on 12 May: $27 - 19 = 8$ days

Table 1. Hatching to laying

		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
ALGERIA	Adrar (2753N/0017W)	56	37	24	17	14	11	11	11	11	14	32	71
	Bechar (3137N/0214W)	83	52	35	26	19	14	12	11	13	21	116	110
CHAD	Abeche (1351N/2051E)	15	14	12	11	11	11	12	14	14	13	13	14
	Faya-Largeau (1800N/1910E)	23	20	14	12	11	11	11	11	11	12	14	21
DJIBOUTI	Djibouti (1136N/4309E)	15	15	13	13	12	11	11	11	11	12	13	14
EGYPT	Aswan (2402N/3253E)	34	28	19	14	12	11	11	11	11	12	15	24
	Shalatyn (2308N/3536E)	21	19	17	15	13	12	11	11	12	14	16	19
ERITREA	Massawa (1537N/3927E)	15	15	14	13	12	11	11	11	11	12	13	14
ETHIOPIA	Jijiga (0920N/4243E)	35	30	25	23	22	22	24	24	24	29	34	36
INDIA	Bikaner (2800N/7318E)	43	27	16	12	11	11	11	11	12	12	19	40
IRAN	Chahbahar (2525N/6045E)	25	22	17	15	13	12	12	12	13	13	15	21
LIBYAN A. J.	Ghadames (3008N/0930E)	66	45	29	20	15	12	11	11	12	16	38	80
	Kufra (2413N/2318E)	50	35	23	17	13	12	12	12	12	15	21	44
MALI	Menaka (1552N/0213E)	18	16	12	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	15
	Tessalit (2012N/0059E)	24	20	15	13	11	11	11	11	11	12	14	22
MAURITANIA	Aioun (1642N/0936W)	19	16	13	12	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	17
	Atar (2031N/1304W)	25	21	16	14	12	11	11	11	11	12	14	23
	Bir Moghreïn (2514N/1137W)	36	28	22	20	16	14	12	11	12	14	22	38
MOROCCO	Ouarzazate (3056N/0654W)	86	55	39	29	21	15	13	12	15	24	118	113
	Dakhla (2342N/1552W)	31	29	26	26	24	23	21	19	18	19	22	27
NIGER	Agadez (1658N/0759E)	24	20	14	12	11	11	12	12	12	12	15	22

		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
OMAN	Salalah (1702N/5405E)	18	18	15	14	13	13	14	15	15	15	15	17
	Sohar-Majis (2428N/5638E)	29	27	19	15	12	11	11	11	12	13	17	24
PAKISTAN	Karachi (2448N/6659E)	27	22	16	14	13	12	12	13	13	14	15	20
	Dalbandin (2853N/6424E)	74	44	28	19	14	12	11	11	13	20	99	99
SAUDI ARABIA	Gizan (1654N/4235E)	15	14	13	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	13	14
	Nejran (1737N/4426E)	35	28	19	16	14	12	12	12	12	18	26	31
	Hail (2726N/4141E)	73	45	30	21	15	12	12	12	12	16	42	93
SENEGAL	St. Louis (1603N/1627W)	18	20	19	18	17	15	14	13	13	13	14	17
SOMALIA	Berbera (1025N/4501E)	16	16	14	13	12	11	11	11	11	12	14	16
	Hargeisa (0930N/4405E)	30	25	20	18	17	16	18	18	17	20	25	30
SUDAN	El Obeid (1310N/3014E)	20	19	14	12	12	12	13	14	14	13	14	18
	Tokar (1826N/3744E)	16	16	15	13	12	11	11	11	11	11	13	15
TUNISIA	Gafsa (3425N/0849E)	90	59	42	31	22	15	13	12	14	21	112	114
YEMEN	Hodeidah (1445N/4259E)	16	15	14	13	12	12	11	11	11	12	13	15
	Lahaj (1310N/4500E)	17	16	15	14	13	12	12	12	12	13	15	17

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Table 2. Laying to fledging

		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
ALGERIA	Adrar (2753N/0017W)	114	88	68	53	41	33	32	33	41	155	163	140
	Bechar (3137N/0214W)	147	116	93	71	55	42	37	39	83	215	200	177
CHAD	Abeche (1351N/2051E)	52	43	38	36	37	39	47	51	47	44	49	55
	Faya-Largeau (1800N/1910E)	72	56	45	39	35	35	36	36	37	44	74	86
DJIBOUTI	Djibouti (1136N/4309E)	53	49	45	43	38	34	33	34	37	43	49	53
EGYPT	Aswan (2402N/3253E)	93	73	57	44	37	35	34	35	38	48	99	108
	Shalatyn (2308N/3536E)	74	65	57	48	42	39	36	38	45	55	72	79
ERITREA	Massawa (1537N/3927E)	56	52	47	43	39	35	34	34	36	41	48	53
ETHIOPIA	Jijiga (0920N/4243E)	118	105	96	92	95	99	104	114	131	142	139	129
INDIA	Bikaner (2800N/7318E)	88	63	46	37	32	33	36	37	40	59	126	111
IRAN	Chahbahar (2525N/6045E)	81	67	56	48	42	39	41	43	46	53	79	92
LIBYAN A. J.	Ghadames (3008N/0930E)	128	100	78	58	45	38	36	38	51	181	180	154
	Kufra (2413N/2318E)	111	86	67	51	41	39	39	41	49	92	143	133
MALI	Menaka (1552N/0213E)	60	47	38	35	33	34	38	41	39	40	49	64
	Tessalit (2012N/0059E)	74	58	47	41	34	33	34	36	36	43	78	89
MAURITANIA	Aioun (1642N/0936W)	62	50	42	37	33	35	39	41	40	40	55	70
	Atar (2031N/1304W)	79	64	53	45	38	34	34	35	37	46	83	93
	Bir Moghreïn (2514N/1137W)	106	88	75	63	53	44	37	38	47	89	128	123
MOROCCO	Ouarzazate (3056N/0654W)	156	125	101	79	60	47	43	47	197	225	208	185
	Dakhla (2342N/1552W)	118	112	105	99	90	82	75	72	74	93	115	120
NIGER	Agadez (1658N/0759E)	72	55	44	39	35	36	40	41	41	48	82	88

		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
OMAN	Salalah (1702N/5405E)	67	59	51	47	44	47	54	55	54	55	61	70
	Sohar-Majis (2428N/5638E)	92	74	58	46	38	36	36	38	43	59	97	105
PAKISTAN	Karachi (2448N/6659E)	81	64	54	47	42	41	43	47	48	53	78	93
	Dalbandin (2853N/6424E)	127	96	74	55	43	37	35	40	76	194	179	156
SAUDI ARABIA	Gizan (1654N/4235E)	52	47	43	39	35	35	35	36	36	39	48	52
	Nejran (1737N/4426E)	95	76	62	52	44	41	41	41	56	109	124	112
	Hail (2726N/4141E)	132	102	79	60	47	12	39	40	50	185	183	159
SENEGAL	St. Louis (1603N/1627W)	75	74	69	64	57	51	48	46	45	48	60	71
SOMALIA	Berbera (1025N/4501E)	58	54	48	43	37	32	32	33	36	47	56	61
	Hargeisa (0930N/4405E)	95	80	71	65	62	65	68	68	81	108	117	109
SUDAN	El Obeid (1310N/3014E)	68	55	45	40	39	42	48	50	47	48	65	76
	Tokar (1826N/3744E)	59	55	50	43	38	33	32	32	35	40	51	60
TUNISIA	Gafsa (3425N/0849E)	159	128	104	81	62	48	44	46	176	225	211	188
YEMEN	Hodeidah (1445N/4259E)	57	52	47	42	39	37	36	36	38	44	53	59
	Lahaj (1310N/4500E)	61	57	52	46	42	39	39	40	43	51	61	64

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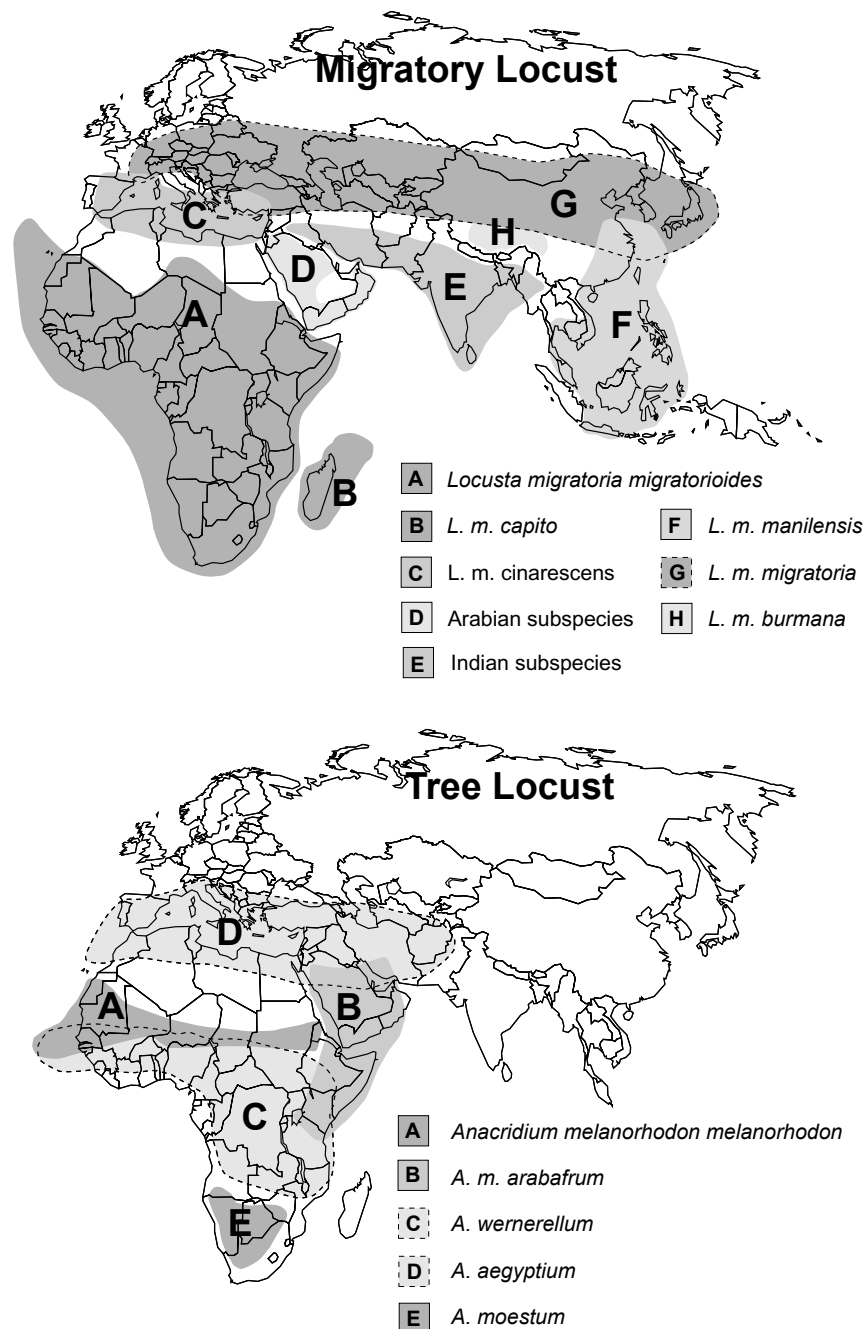
Table 3. Hatching to fledging

		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
ALGERIA	Adrar (2753N/0017W)	104	76	56	42	32	24	21	21	25	55	148	133
	Bechar (3137N/0214W)	137	106	80	60	43	32	26	26	38	190	189	167
CHAD	Abeche (1351N/2051E)	40	33	26	25	26	27	32	38	35	31	33	39
	Faya-Largeau (1800N/1910E)	61	45	33	28	24	23	24	25	25	28	45	68
DJIBOUTI	Djibouti (1136N/4309E)	39	36	33	31	28	24	22	22	25	29	34	39
EGYPT	Aswan (2402N/3253E)	80	61	45	34	27	24	23	23	26	31	58	92
	Shalatyn (2308N/3536E)	58	51	44	37	31	27	26	26	31	37	48	60
ERITREA	Massawa (1537N/3927E)	41	39	35	32	28	25	23	23	24	27	33	38
ETHIOPIA	Jijiga (0920N/4243E)	95	84	76	70	69	74	78	82	94	109	113	106
INDIA	Bikaner (2800N/7318E)	79	54	36	27	22	21	24	26	27	34	103	101
IRAN	Chahbahar (2525N/6045E)	67	53	43	37	31	28	28	30	32	36	51	72
LIBYAN A. J.	Ghadames (3008N/0930E)	120	90	66	48	34	27	25	26	32	143	165	148
	Kufra (2413N/2318E)	99	74	55	40	30	27	27	28	33	48	119	119
MALI	Menaka (1552N/0213E)	47	37	28	25	23	23	26	29	28	27	32	47
	Tessalit (2012N/0059E)	62	46	30	30	25	22	23	24	25	28	46	72
MAURITANIA	Aioun (1642N/0936W)	49	38	31	26	23	23	27	29	28	27	35	52
	Atar (2031N/1304W)	66	51	41	34	28	24	23	24	25	30	51	76
	Bir Moghreïn (2514N/1137W)	88	72	60	50	41	34	26	26	31	48	101	104
MOROCCO	Ouarzazate (3056N/0654W)	144	113	88	67	49	36	30	31	52	201	197	175
	Dakhla (2342N/1552W)	92	87	83	78	72	64	58	54	53	61	83	94
NIGER	Agadez (1658N/0759E)	61	44	33	28	25	25	27	29	28	32	53	72

		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
OMAN	Salalah (1702N/5405E)	53	46	38	34	31	32	38	41	39	39	42	50
	Sohar-Majis (2428N/5638E)	78	62	46	35	28	25	25	26	29	38	64	86
PAKISTAN	Karachi (2448N/6659E)	68	52	41	35	31	29	30	33	34	36	48	74
	Dalbandin (2853N/6424E)	117	86	62	44	32	26	24	26	39	173	169	147
SAUDI ARABIA	Gizan (1654N/4235E)	38	35	31	28	25	24	24	24	25	26	33	37
	Nejran (1737N/4426E)	81	62	48	40	33	29	30	28	34	69	100	97
	Hail (2726N/4141E)	122	91	68	49	36	29	27	27	31	148	169	151
SENEGAL	St. Louis (1603N/1627W)	56	56	52	49	43	38	35	33	33	33	40	50
SOMALIA	Berbera (1025N/4501E)	44	40	36	32	27	22	21	21	23	31	39	44
	Hargeisa (0930N/4405E)	64	55	50	46	47	51	49	53	74	92	91	
SUDAN	El Obeid (1310N/3014E)	56	44	33	29	27	28	33	36	34	33	43	56
	Tokar (1826N/3744E)	44	42	37	32	28	23	21	21	22	27	33	43
TUNISIA	Gafsa (3425N/0849E)	149	118	92	69	50	37	31	32	46	199	200	179
YEMEN	Hodeidah (1445N/4259E)	43	39	35	31	28	26	25	25	26	30	36	43
	Lahaj (1310N/4500E)	45	42	39	34	30	28	27	28	29	35	42	48

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Figure 50. Distribution of Migratory Locusts and Tree Locusts in Africa.



5.2 OTHER LOCUSTS

There are several other important species of locusts, in addition to the Desert Locust, that are known to form swarms in Africa, Asia, Australia and South America.

Africa (see Figs. 50-51)

Migratory Locust (*Locusta migratoria*)**Distribution**

Subspecies are present throughout Africa (*L. m. migratorioides*), Madagascar (*L. m. capito*), Asia (northern: *L. m. migratoria*; southeast: *L. m. manilensis*; southwest: Indian subspecies; Tibet: *L. m. burmana*), Australia and Europe (southern: *L. m. cinerascens*; northern: *L. m. migratoria*). The distribution area of the Desert Locust overlaps with that of the African Migratory Locust.

Life cycle

Similar to Desert Locust. Usually two generations per year but, depending on location and subspecies, up to five (i.e. *L. m. manilensis*).

Appearance

Solitary hoppers are first grey then vary; gregarious hoppers are brown with black markings. Gregarious adults are grey when immature, turning brownish when mature. Although similar to Desert Locust, African Migratory Locusts are stouter. They can be yellow but not pink. Adults have a yellowish underwing.

Behaviour

Bands occur most often in flood plain grasslands, move slowly and are much denser than Desert Locust. Rapid and direct flight which usually ends in a dive. Swarms fly very low as a rule and at very high densities. The formation of swarms occurs less often in the Near East and southwest Asia.

Tree Locust (*Anacridium* spp.)**Distribution**

Subspecies are present throughout Africa, the Near East, southern Europe and southwest Asia. The distribution area of the Desert Locust overlaps with that of the Tree Locust.

Lifecycle

Similar to Desert Locust, except hoppers have six to nine instars. Usually one generation per year.

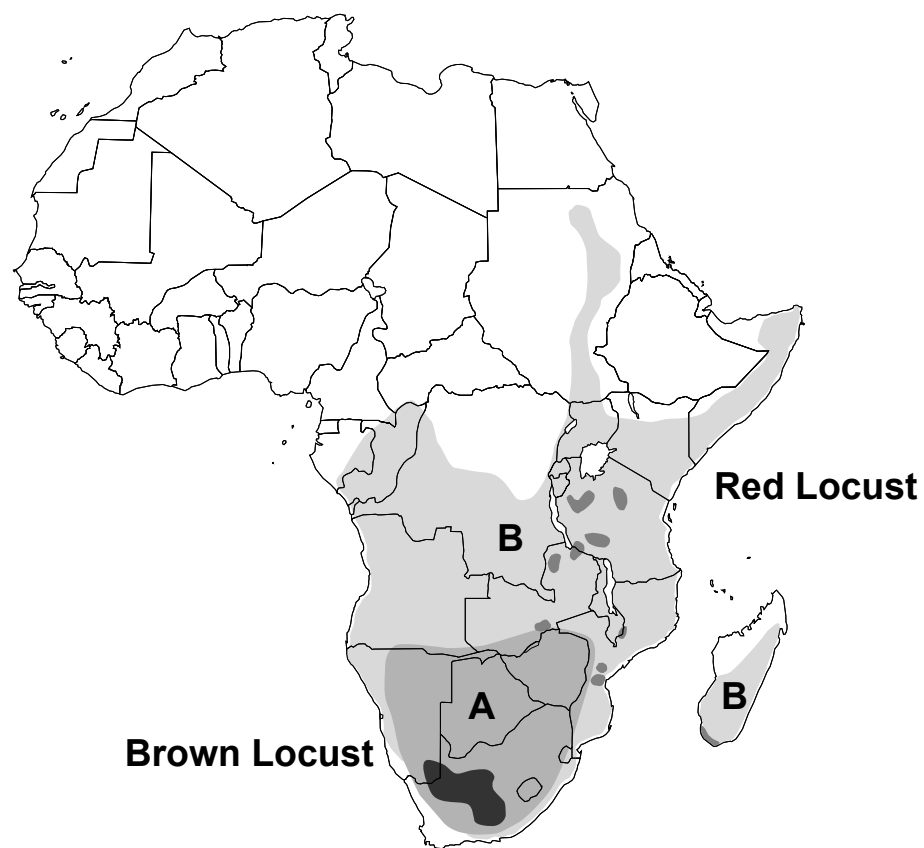
Appearance

Tree Locusts are grey or brown and have a transparent or purplish hind wing with a dark arc of varying size depending on the species. Stout and solid body appearance.

Behaviour

Present in arid savannah areas on trees and shrubs. Ponderous and slow flying adults. Rarely form bands. Swarms are smaller and less mobile than those of Desert Locust.

Figure 51. Distribution of Red Locust and Brown Locust in Africa.

Brown Locust (*Locustana pardalina*)

■ recession area A invasion area

Red Locust (*Nomadacris septemfasciata*)

■ outbreak area B invasion area

Red Locust (*Nomadacris septemfasciata*)**Distribution**

Southern Africa and, to a lesser extent, Madagascar, Mauritius, Cape Verde, Lake Chad Basin and the Niger delta flood plains, preferably in flood plain habitats.

Life cycle

Hoppers have six to eight instars, lasting about two months. Remain immature for 10-11 months. One generation per year.

Appearance

The body shape is similar to Desert Locust but longer. Immature adult is brown and becomes redder with age, with a distinctive yellow stripe along the head, a series of distinct dark bands across the forewing and a reddish inner hindwing.

Behaviour

Soaring flight which usually ends with a vertical plunge into the grass.

Brown Locust (*Locustana pardalina*)**Distribution**

Southern Africa during plagues; South Africa and Namibia during recessions.

Life cycle

Drought resistant egg stage; egg pods can remain viable for more than 30 months. A one to three month diapause in the solitary phase egg, absent in the gregarious phase. Five hopper instars, completing their development in one month during the summer. Two to four generations per year.

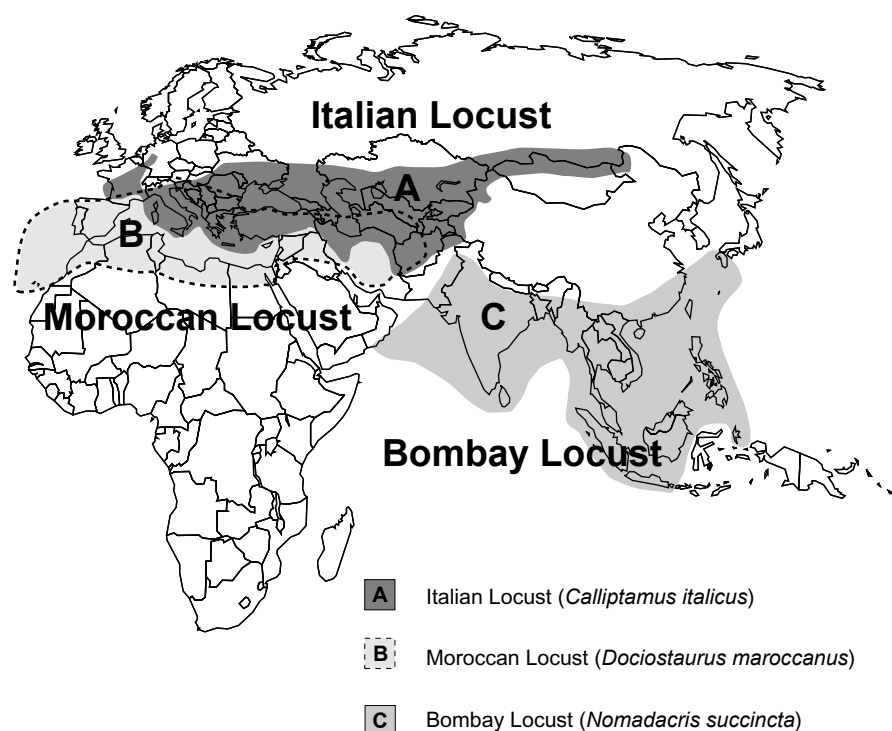
Appearance

Adults are green to grey (solitary) or brown to yellow/brown (gregarious), medium-sized with a bluish tinge to the underwing. Hoppers take on the background coloration but are uniformly black and orange as bands.

Behaviour

Swarms fly 80-100 km per day. Mass migration during summer evenings is common. Bands roost in dense compact masses on the tops of shrubs and can be spotted several kilometres away.

Figure 52. Distribution of Italian Locust, Moroccan Locust and Bombay Locust in Europe, North Africa and Asia.



Europe, North Africa and Asia (see Fig. 52)

Migratory Locust (*Locusta migratoria* ssp.)

See Africa section.

Italian Locust (*Calliptamus italicus*)

Distribution

From western Europe and North Africa through the central Asian republics.

Life cycle

Hatching occurs from April to June. There are five hopper instars in the male and six in the female. Adults appear from May to June. Egg laying occurs from June to September. One generation per year with egg diapause in the autumn and winter.

Appearance

A short, stout shape that is smaller than the Desert Locust.

Behaviour

Often found in field borders and fallow areas. Adults subject to phase change but do not become completely gregarious. Hoppers can form bands.

Moroccan Locust (*Dociostaurus maroccanus*)

Distribution

From northwest Africa and southwestern Europe to central Asia.

Life cycle

Eggs are laid about one month after adults appear, from June onwards. They overwinter and hatch in the following March or April. Hoppers have five to six instars. One generation per year.

Appearance

Hoppers are usually black with brown markings. Swarms are usually brown.

Behaviour

Bands tend to move in long, narrow streams. Swarms rarely migrate.

Bombay Locust (*Nomadacris succincta*)

Distribution

Southwest and southeast Asia.

Life cycle

Adults remain immature during the dry cool season. One generation per year.

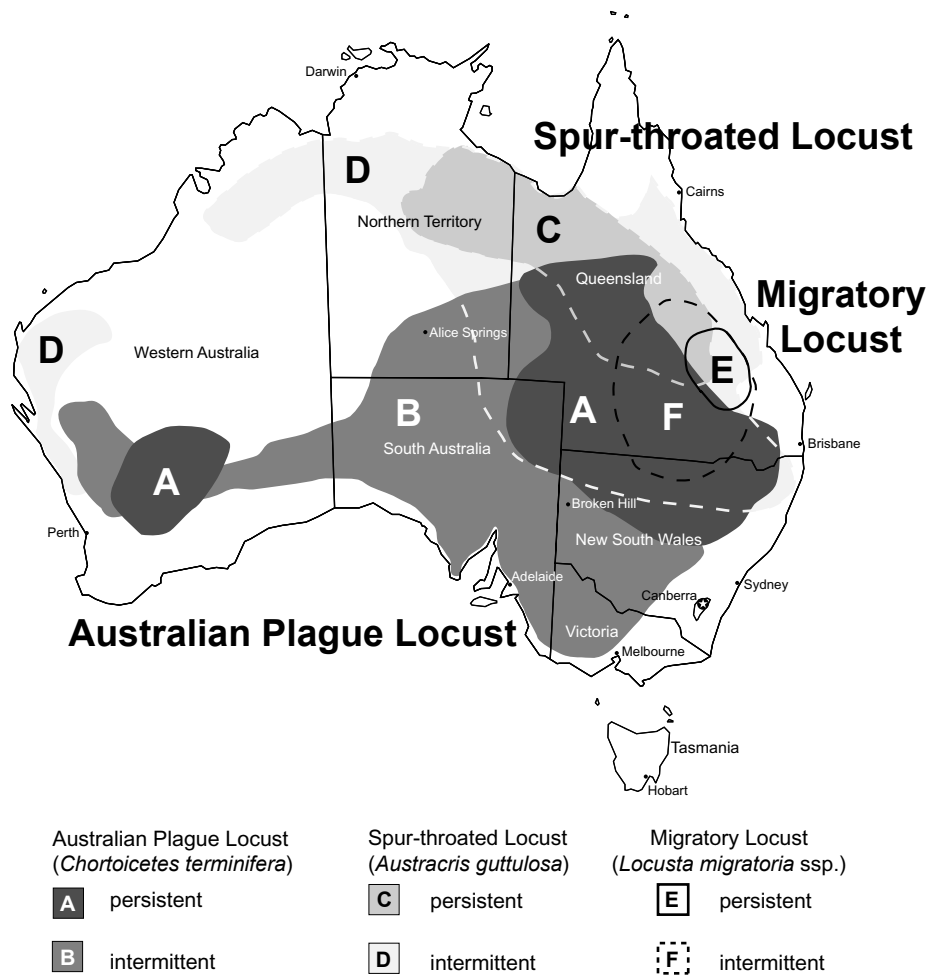
Appearance

Hoppers are green with black spots, becoming more variable in later stages. Look and behave like Red Locust. The body shape is similar to Desert Locust but longer.

Behaviour

Similar to Red Locust.

Figure 53. Distribution of important locust species in Australia.



Australia (see Fig. 53)

Australian Plague Locust (*Chortoicetes terminifera*)

Distribution

Australia.

Life cycle

Eggs overwinter (May to September). Hoppers have five to six instars and they develop in about four to six weeks. Adults start to appear by December. This is followed by a second generation of laying and hatching in January/February. A third generation may occur from March to May. Two to four generations per year, depending on conditions.

Appearance

The smallest of Australian locusts and can be confused with grasshoppers. Adults can be different shades of brown, grey or green with dark tips on hindwings. Hoppers are brownish.

Behaviour

Adults group together when laying. Hoppers form dense bands. Swarms can migrate up to 600 km in one night. Given good conditions, plagues can develop in one year.

Spur-throated Locust (*Austracris guttulosa*)

Distribution

Australia, Indonesia, South Pacific.

Life cycle

Egg laying occurs from October to January, sometimes to April. Hoppers have six to eight instars, taking ten weeks to complete development. Adults start appearing in about March, overwinter and live 10-12 months. One generation per year.

Appearance

Large size with a spur between the front legs. Adults are pale brown with white stripes and dark markings. Hoppers change from bright green to pale brown.

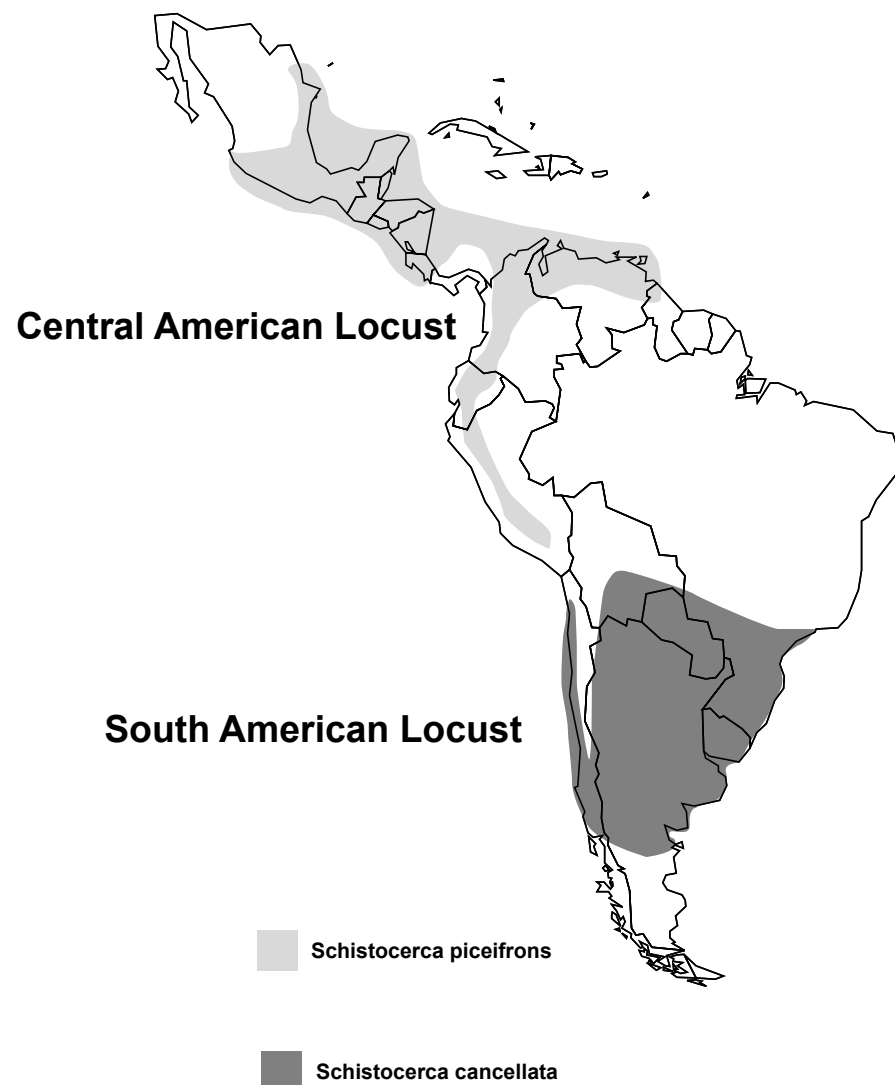
Behaviour

Hoppers remain solitary and do not form bands. Takes three to four years to develop into plague proportions.

Migratory Locust (*Locusta migratoria* ssp.)

See Africa section.

Figure 54. Distribution of important locust species in South America.



South America (see Fig. 54)

Central American Locust (*Schistocerca piceifrons*)

Distribution

Mexico south of the Tropic of Cancer and below 2 000 m in Central America (*S. p. piceifrons*); Peru and Ecuador 1 200-2 200 m (*S. p. peruviana*).

Life cycle

Breeding occurs with the onset of the rains. Overwinters as an adult. Two generations during the summer rains.

Appearance

Solitary hoppers are green, gregarious are black and pink. Mature gregarious adults are bright yellow.

Behaviour

Populations are always present on the Pacific coast of Central America, in northern Honduras, and the Yucatan Peninsula (*S. p. piceifrons*), and central Peru (*S. p. peruviana*). Plagues can occur when swarms migrate from the permanent breeding areas.

South American Locust (*Schistocerca cancellata*)

Distribution

Southern portion of South America.

Life cycle

Similar to Desert Locust.

Appearance

Similar to solitary and gregarious Desert Locusts.

Behaviour

Populations are always present in parts of northwest Argentina and adjacent areas of Bolivia and Paraguay. Behaviour is similar to the Desert Locust. Plagues can occur when swarms migrate from the permanent breeding areas.

5.3 ULV SPRAYER SETTINGS

Sprayer	Emission height (m)	VMD (µm)	Track spacing (m)	Flow rate
All settled targets (bands, blocks of bands or settled swarms)				
Handheld spinning disc	0.5-2.0	50-75	10	Full
Knapsack mistblower	0.5-1.5	50-75	25	Full
Vehicle passive drift	fixed	50-75	30	Full
Vehicle airblast	directed up	50-75	50	Full
Aircraft	5-10 m	75-100	100	Full
Milling swarms at roost				
Aircraft	5-15 m	75-100	100	Full or half x 2
Stratiform swarms				
Aircraft	above swarm	75-100	100	Full or half x 2
Cumuliform swarms				
Aircraft	wherever dense but towards rear	75-100	n.a.	Half

Tip: for the Micron Ulvamast, the fast atomizer speed is usually recommended unless it is very windy or very hot, in which case the medium speed can be used to make slightly larger droplets.



The settings required to produce the drop sizes listed vary greatly especially for aircraft spraying. They can vary with length of blade (there are two different lengths), the speed of the aircraft and whether the atomizers are mounted on pods or on a boom. It is necessary to consult the manufacturer's handbook in order to be sure of correct blade angle settings for each different situation.

5.4 EVALUATION OF GROUND SPRAYERS

	Vehicle – Passive		Vehicle – Airblast				
	Micron MKII Ulva-mast	MAT Airbi Drift Air	Francome MKII ENS ⁶	Berthoud Puma	Micronair AU8110	Micronair AU0110	Tifa 100E
Pesticide efficiency							
droplet size ¹	****	**	***	****	***	****	*
spectrum width	*****	*	**	*	**	***	**
flow rate	*****	*****	*	*****	*****	*****	*****
calibration ease ²	****	****	*	**	****	****	***
Sustainability							
filling/spraying/cleaning	****	****	**	**	**	***	*
durability/maintenance	***	***	***	*	**	**	*
Socio-economics							
safety ³	****	****	*	*	***	***	*
cost ⁴	****	***	****	***	**	****	*
work rate ⁵	***	***	****	***	****	***	****
Total	****	***	**	**	***	***	**

Notes

¹ Results from an FAO workshop (Cairo, 1994). The full report is available on the Internet (www.fao.org/news/global/locusts/pubs1.htm) or from FAO.

² As measured at the workshop.

³ Includes operator and environmental safety.

⁴ Based on suggested manufacturer's retail cost.

⁵ Based on assumed track spacing and forward speed; vehicle-mounted and portable sprayers assessed separately.

⁶ Not tested.

Key:

Star ratings

Technical assessment

Cost (US\$) – vehicle

*****	****	***	**	*
excellent	good	average	poor	inappropriate
0-1 000	1 000-2 000	2 000-5 000	5 000-10 000	10 000-25 000

	Knapsack		Handheld		
	Jacto PL 50	Micronair AU8000	Berthoud C5	Micron Ulva +	Micron MicroUlva
Pesticide efficiency					
droplet size ¹	**	***	***	*****	****
spectrum width	**	**	****	****	*****
flow rate	****	****	*****	*****	*****
calibration ease ²	****	***	*****	*****	****
Sustainability					
filling/spraying/cleaning	****	****	*****	*****	*****
durability/maintenance	****	****	****	*****	***
Socio-economics					
safety ³	***	***	***	***	****
cost ⁴	***	**	*****	*****	****
work rate ⁵	***	****	***	***	***
Total	***	***	****	****	****

Notes

¹ Results from an FAO workshop (Cairo, 1994). The full report is available on the Internet (www.fao.org/news/global/locusts/pubs1.htm) or from FAO.

² As measured at the workshop.

³ Includes operator and environmental safety.

⁴ Based on suggested manufacturer's retail cost.

⁵ Based on assumed track spacing and forward speed; vehicle-mounted and portable sprayers assessed separately.

⁶ Includes knapsack and handheld sprayers.

Key:

Star ratings

Technical assessment

Cost (US\$) – portable⁶

*****	****	***	**	*
excellent	good	average	poor	inappropriate
0-50	50-100	100-500	500-1 000	1 000-2 500

5.5 CONVERSION TABLES

Area

	ft ²	m ²	acre	ha	km ²	mi ²
1 ft ² =	1.00	0.0929	0.000023	0.0000093	0.000000093	0.000000036
1 m ² =	10.764	1.00	0.000247	0.0001	0.000001	0.000000386
1 acre =	43560	4046.85	1.00	0.4047	0.004047	0.001563
1 ha =	107639	10000	2.471	1.00	0.01	0.003861
1 km ² =	10763910	1000000	247.11	100.00	1.00	0.3861
1 mi ² =	27878400	2589998	640.00	259.00	2.590	1.00

Volume

	ml	litre	Imp gal	US gal	m ³	ft ³	US fl oz
1 ml =	1.00	0.001	0.000220	0.000264	0.000001	0.0000353	0.033814
1 l =	1000	1.00	0.220	0.264	0.001	0.0353	33.814
1 Imp gal =	4546	4.546	1.00	1.200	0.00455	0.160	153.721
1 US gal =	3785	3.785	0.833	1.00	0.00379	0.134	127.999
1 m ³ =	1000000	1000	219.97	264.17	1.00	35.31	33814
1 ft ³ =	28317	28.317	6.229	7.481	0.0283	1.00	957.51
1 US fl oz =	29.57	0.0296	0.00651	0.007813	0.0000296	0.001044	1.00

Distance

	cm	in	ft	m	km	mi	naut mi
1 cm =	1.00	0.394	0.0328	0.01	0.00001	0.000006	0.000005
1 in =	2.54	1.00	0.0832	0.0254	0.0000254	0.000016	0.000014
1 ft =	30.48	12.0	1.00	0.3048	0.0003048	0.000189	0.000165
1 m =	100	39.37	3.281	1.00	0.001	0.000621	0.000540
1 km =	100000	39370	3281	1000	1.00	0.621371	0.539610
1 mi =	160934	63360	5280	1609	1.609	1.00	0.868976
1 naut mi =	185200	72913	6076	1852	1.852	1.151	1.00

Speed

	km/h	mph	m/s	m/min	knots
1 km/h =	1	0.621	0.278	16.67	0.540
1 mph =	1.610	1.00	0.447	26.82	0.869
1 m/s =	3.60	2.24	1.00	60.00	1.942
1 m/min =	0.06	0.0373	0.017	1.00	0.032
1 knot =	1.853	1.151	0.515	30.89	1.00

Weight

	g	oz	lb	kg	tonne
1 g =	1.00	0.0353	0.0022	0.001	0.000001
1 oz =	28.35	1.00	0.0625	0.0283	0.0000283
1 lb =	453.59	16.00	1.00	0.4536	0.000454
1 kg =	1000	35.27	2.205	1.00	0.001
1 mt =	1000000	35274	2205	1000	1.00

Water weight

	lb	kg	litre	US gal	ft ³
1 lb =	1.00	0.454	0.454	0.1198	0.0160
1 kg =	2.205	1.00	1.00	0.2642	0.0353
1 l =	2.205	1.00	1.00	0.2642	0.0353
1 US gal =	8.378	3.785	3.785	1.00	0.1337
1 ft ³ =	62.41	28.31	28.31	0.7494	1.00

Dose (solids)

	oz/acre	g/ha	kg/ha	lb/acre
1 oz/acre =	1.00	70.05	0.07005	0.0625
1 g/ha =	0.01427	1.00	0.0010	0.0008922
1 kg/ha =	14.28	1000.0	1.00	0.8924
1 lb/acre =	16.0	1120.8	1.121	1.00

Dose (liquids)

	US fl oz/acre	ml/ha	l/ha	US gal/acre
1 US fl oz/acre =	1.00	73.08	0.07307	0.007813
1 ml/ha =	0.01369	1.00	0.001	0.0001068
1 l/ha =	13.69	1000	1.00	0.1068
1 US gal/acre =	128	9363	9.363	1.00

Pressure

	kg/cm ²	lb/in ²	bar
1 kg/cm ² =	1.00	14.22	0.980
1 lb/in ² =	0.0703	1.00	0.069
1 bar =	1.02	14.50	1.00

Terminology and definitions for describing Desert Locust populations

Non-gregarious hoppers and adults

Term and behaviour (other terms)	Density						
	/ site	/ FT ⁽¹⁾	/ VT ⁽²⁾	/ bush	/ m ²	/ ha	/ km ²
Isolated:	very few present and no mutual reaction occurring (few)						
adults:	1	1	3	-	-	6	< 100
hoppers:	1-10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scattered:	enough present for mutual reaction to be possible but no groups (some, low numbers)						
adults:	-	1-75	4-250	1-3	-	7-500	100-5 000
hoppers:	10+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Group:	forming ground or basking groups						
adults:	-	75+	250+	3+	-	500+	5 000+
hoppers:	-	-	-	10+	5-100	-	-

(1) About 300 m long by up to 5 m wide. Actual transect will vary depending on habitat and weather at the survey location.

(2) 1 km long by 2 m wide in low gear.

Hopper bands and adult swarms

	bands ⁽¹⁾	swarms ⁽²⁾
Density	Low Medium High	4-10 hoppers / m ² 10-50 hoppers / m ² 50+ hoppers / m ²
Size	Very small Small Medium Large Very large	less than 1 km ² 1-10 km ² 10-100 km ² 100-500 km ² 500+ km ²
Flying height	Low Medium High	<100 m 100-500 m 500+ m

(1) Densities will vary with hopper instar and band size; band sizes vary with instar.

(2) Densities will vary depending whether swarms are settled, milling or flying.

5.6 DESERT LOCUST TERMINOLOGY

The monthly FAO Desert Locust Bulletin uses special terms when reporting locusts. Countries are encouraged to use similar terminology to avoid confusion and make it easier for others to understand the locust situation.

To determine which term to use for non-gregarious adult and hopper populations, you should observe their behaviour as well as try to estimate their density; that is, the number of locusts in a given unit of area such as a square metre or hectare.

It is very difficult to determine accurately the density and size of adult swarms and hopper bands. In the case of swarms, density will vary according to the size of the swarm as well as to its behaviour – whether it is settled, milling or flying. In the case of hoppers, band densities will differ according to the hopper instar and band size. If you cannot estimate numbers, then it may be important to use relative terms such as low (more ground or bush visible than locusts), medium (about equal portions of locust and ground or bush are visible), and high (more locusts visible than ground or bush).

The terms summer, winter and spring are not precisely fixed according to the calendar. They are only indicative and may vary from region to region.

The terms describing rainfall are used to estimate the quantity of rainfall, not the intensity or duration.

For more terminology, see the Glossary section.

Terminology describing rainfall and Desert Locust breeding

Rainfall quantity

Light	1-20 mm
Moderate	20-50 mm
Heavy	more than 50 mm

Breeding seasons

Summer	July – September/October	Sahel of West Africa/Sudan Indo-Pakistan desert
Winter	October – January/February	Red Sea coasts Northwest Africa
Spring	February – June/July	Northwest Africa Arabian interior Baluchistan

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5.8 GLOSSARY

Adult: The winged and final stage of the Desert Locust.

Aerial spraying: Spraying from aircraft, either fixed wing or helicopter.

Aircraft-mounted sprayer: A sprayer that is fitted to an aircraft, either fixed wing or helicopter.

Airblast: A blast of air created by a fan or exhaust gases.

Air-shear nozzle: An atomizer that relies on an airblast to break the spray liquid up as it is emerging at low pressure from a nozzle.

Anemometer: Device for measuring wind speed.

Anti-feedant: Property of a spray product that prevents locust feeding on it.

Atomization: The process of making spray, i.e. breaking liquid up into droplets.

Active ingredient (a. i.) concentration: The amount of the actual pesticide in grams in a given amount (usually a volume) of the commercial product. This is usually expressed as a %wt/vol; for example, 96% fenitrothion usually means 960 grams a.i. in 1 litre (1 000 cc) of product.

Baiting: Mixing insecticide with a material that locusts will eat and scattering it in front of them.

Band (or hopper band): A gregarious group of locust hoppers marching together, which can vary in size.

Barrier: A strip of vegetation sprayed with pesticide. When dieldrin was used against hoppers, it was usually applied in barriers so that the hopper bands would march through a barrier, feeding as they went, and be killed by the pesticide ingested with the vegetation.

Bearing: The number of degrees by which a direction differs from magnetic north. North is 0, east is 90, south is 180 and west is 270. Compass bearings can be any figure between 0 and 360 degrees.

Biopesticide: A micro-organism that can be sprayed on to locusts to infect and kill them.

Blanket spraying: Spraying the whole of a target surface, as opposed to barrier spraying.

Block: An area that contains sufficient bands to justify spraying the whole of it. Obviously much of the pesticide will be wasted in between the bands, but this is considered preferable to the difficulty of finding and spraying each individual band in the block.

Botanical: A plant extract that can be sprayed to kill or deter locusts.

Breeding: The process of reproduction from copulation to fledging.

Broad-spectrum: The property of a pesticide that kills a wide range of different organisms.

Calibration: The process of setting up a sprayer to apply the right dose of insecticide in the right-sized droplets to the right place.

Buffer zone: The region close to an ecologically sensitive area or habitation where no spraying is carried out, to avoid the zone being affected by drift.

Cannibalism: Locusts feeding on other locusts.

Chemical and brand name (also called trade name): The chemical name has the first letter in lower case; the brand name has the first letter in upper case. For example, fenitrothion and Sumithion. Where there is registration, it is the brand not the chemical that is registered. It may be legal to apply Sumithion but not Brand X fenitrothion.

Cocktails: This term is sometimes applied to pesticide formulations that contain a mixture of active ingredients.

Compass: A handheld device with a needle that always points to magnetic north. Used for navigation.

Concentration: An increase in population density as a result of convergent movement of hoppers and adults caused by their independent reactions to external environmental factors. Large-scale concentration may result from convergent wind flow; small-scale concentration may occur as locusts move into preferred microhabitats, for example, to bask, feed or lay.

Contact action: A pesticide that can pass through the locust skin and kill it. The efficacy may also be assisted by secondary contact action, i.e. where locusts touch insecticide drops that are on vegetation or other surfaces. This compares with stomach action products that have to be eaten by the locust to be effective.

Controlled droplet application (CDA): This is the technique of applying droplets in a narrow size range believed to be most effective for the particular target and conditions.

Control method: The equipment, pesticide and technique used for killing locusts.

Convection: The phenomenon of air being heated up by the ground and rising.

Copulation: The process by which males fertilize females.

Crosswind: At 90 degrees to the wind direction.

Cumuliform swarm: A swarm that is carried upwards, sometimes thousands of metres, by convection.

Decline: A period characterized by breeding failure and/or successful control leading to the dissociation of swarming populations and the onset of recessions; can be regional or major.

Delimit: To determine the boundaries of a locust target or infestation.

Density: Often used to mean the number of locusts in a given area, e.g. number per m².

Deposition: The term used to describe a droplet hitting any surface, vertical or horizontal, by impaction or sedimentation.

Deposition profile: The shape of the graph of deposition over distance downwind from a spray pass.

Dissociation: The portion of phase transformation in which locusts are changing from gregarious to solitarious.

Dose: The amount of active ingredient (a. i.) in grams applied to a given unit of area (usually 1 ha).

Downwind edge: The edge of a spray block that is furthest from the direction that the wind is coming from.

Droplet size: Droplet size refers to the diameter of a droplet, i.e. the size across it. It is usually measured in micrometers (also called microns) – written μm . A micrometer is 1 millionth of a metre. A 100 μm diameter dot can be seen by the naked eye; smaller droplets are difficult to see.

Droplet spectrum: All sprayers produce a range of droplet sizes. This range is called the droplet spectrum.

Dusting: Mixing insecticide with an inert dust such as chalk or talc and sprinkling it on to locusts.

Efficacy: Usually referring to the extent of the locust kill.

Efficiency: The comparison of efficacy and cost, both in terms of money and effort.

Egg pod: A cluster of eggs typically laid by the Desert Locust female, containing about 100 eggs.

Emission height: The height at which the spray is released into the air.

Emulsifiable concentrate (EC): This is pesticide that is applied diluted with water.

Environmental impact: An effect on non-target organisms. Environmental impact is usually negative, i.e. organisms other than the target are killed.

Ferry time: The time an aircraft spends flying backwards and forwards between the airstrip and the target for refuelling or refilling with insecticide.

Few (adults or hoppers): Very few non-gregarious adults or hoppers present and no mutual reaction occurring; 0-1 locust per 400 m foot transect or less than 25 locusts/hectare. See also **Isolated**.

First in-First out: The strategy in a pesticide store where the oldest stock is always used before newer stock to avoid the problem of accumulation of out-of-date pesticides.

Fixed-wing aircraft: The type of aircraft referred to as an aeroplane.

Fledge: To develop to winged adult stage from a fifth or sixth instar nymph.

Fledging: The final moult where the hopper stage ends and the adult stage begins.

Fledgling: A newly emerged adult after completing its final moult as a hopper. Its skin and wings are soft and must harden before it can fly.

Formation spraying: Two or more sprayer operators spraying at the same time, but in a way which avoids one contaminating the other.

Formulation: This is the product supplied by the manufacturer, i.e. the active ingredient mixed with solvents, stabilizers carriers and other inert materials that make up the rest of the volume.

Flag person: Person using a flag to mark the end of the spray passes for a sprayer operator.

Full-coverage spraying: See **Blanket spraying**.

Gregarious: The phase of the Desert Locust when large numbers of individuals gather together. Colours are bright – hoppers are black and yellow and adults are pink when immature and yellow when mature.

Gregarization: An acquisition of behavioural and other characteristics of the gregarious phase.

Group (of adults or hoppers): Forming ground or basking groups; 20+ adults or hoppers per 400 m foot transect or 500+ per hectare.

Hazard: A source of danger. Risk from pesticides is hazard x level of exposure to the product.

Headwind: A wind that is against the flying direction of an aircraft.

Heavy (rainfall): Rainfall of more than 50 mm.

Helicopter: A rotary wing aircraft with a horizontal rotor that allows it to hover.

Hydraulic nozzle: A simple device that atomizes the liquid by forcing it out of a small hole under pressure.

Insect growth regulators (IGRs): Products that interfere with the growth of the locust, usually the moulting process.

Impaction: This occurs when a droplet carried sideways by the wind lands on a vertical surface such as a plant or insect. The droplet hits the surface because of the horizontal momentum it has been given by the wind.

Incremental spraying: Spraying in a crosswind so that deposit is built up from overlapping swaths. Note that incremental spraying uses ULV pesticides and attempts CDA.

Instar: The five or six stages that Desert Locust nymphs pass through before becoming adults.

Invasion: The appearance or arrival of locust swarms from another source such as another country, region or continent.

Isolated (adults or hoppers): Very few non-gregarious adults or hoppers present and no mutual reaction occurring; 0-1 locust per 400 m foot transect or less than 25 locusts/hectare. See also **Few**.

Large (swarm or hopper band size): A hopper band with a size of 10-50 ha or a swarm with a size of 100-500 km².

LD50: The dose which will kill 50 percent of a test population, i.e. lethal dose for 50 percent.

Light (rainfall): Rainfall of 1-20 mm.

Low numbers (adults or hoppers): Enough non-gregarious adults or hoppers present for mutual reaction to be possible but no ground basking groups seen; 1-20 locusts per 400 m foot transect or 25-500 locusts/ha). See also **Scattered**, **Low numbers**.

Knock down: The property of some insecticides, notably pyrethroids, to make insects drop very quickly after spraying. They may not be dead, and if the dose was not sufficient, in some circumstances can recover.

Mammalian toxicity: The measure of how poisonous a product is to mammals – usually tested in the laboratory on rats, and expressed as the LD50.

Marching: The behaviour of locust hopper bands that are moving together.

Mark: To place flags or other markers such as vehicles, people or smoky fires at the corners of a spray block.

Maturation: The sequence of changes that occur when sexually immature locusts become mature, including colour, behaviour and reproductive organs.

Maturity: Adults are immature at first and then their sexual organs develop, when they are ready to copulate, i.e. they are mature. Mature adults are either pale yellow (solitarious) or bright yellow (gregarious).

Mechanical control: Using physical methods such as beating, burning or burying locusts. Egg beds are also sometimes dug up or ploughed.

Medium (swarm or hopper band size): A hopper band with a size of 2 500 m² – 10 ha or a swarm with a size of 10-100 km².

Milling: Locusts making short flights above a population that is mostly settled. This can occur in the evening when settling at the roost, or in the morning when preparing for swarm departure.

Moderate (rainfall): Rainfall of 20-50 mm.

Monitor: To observe and record details of control operations such as the spraying techniques and the percentage mortality of the locusts.

Mortality: Usually used to mean the percentage kill of the locusts.

Moulting: Locust nymphs shedding their skins and becoming the next instar.

Multiplication: An increase in locust numbers as a result of breeding.

Neurotoxic: Products that interfere with the locusts' nervous systems.

Nitrile rubber: A synthetic rubber that is more resistant to pesticide and solvents.

Number median diameter (NMD): The diameter such that half the total number of droplets are smaller and half are larger.

Nymphs (also called **hoppers**): Young locusts before they have developed wings.

Odometer: A device on the speedometer of a vehicle that can be used to measure distances.

Operator: The person using the sprayer – can be locust staff on foot, driver in a vehicle or pilot in an aircraft.

Outbreak: A marked increase in locust numbers due to concentration, multiplication and gregarization which, unless checked, can lead to the formation of hopper bands and swarms.

Overdose/underdose: Where more/less than the recommended dose of an insecticide has been used.

Passive-drift sprayer: A sprayer that releases the spray droplets passively into the crosswind. This compares with airblast sprayers that give the droplets an initial throw in the jet of air.

Persistence: The property of a pesticide that remains effective for a long time in the field.

Plague: A period of one or more years of widespread and heavy locust infestations, the majority of which occur as bands or swarms. A major plague exists when two or more regions are affected simultaneously.

Portable sprayer: A sprayer that is carried by a person during spraying.

Pheromone: A chemical released by one insect that produces an effect in another insect of the same species.

Predation: Animals feeding on other locusts.

Protective clothing: Garments worn by sprayer operators to protect them from pesticides.

Quadrat: A small sampling area (usually 1 m²) in which the number of locusts are counted.

Recession: A period without widespread and heavy infestations by swarms.

Recommended dose: The amount of insecticide active ingredient that has been found to kill Desert Locusts reliably, but without waste.

Remission: A period of deep recession marked by the complete absence of gregarious populations.

Roosting: The resting behaviour of solitarious and gregarious hoppers and adults usually by clinging to vegetation.

Rotary atomizer: An atomizer that spins at high speed and that throws pesticide off its surface to make small droplets.

Route of entry: The route by which an insecticide enters a living organism. This can be dermal, i.e. through the skin, oral, i.e. through the mouth and stomach, or inhalation, i.e. being breathed in.

Rpm: Revolutions per minute – the standard measure of rotational speed of an atomizer, motor engine etc.

Scattered (adults or hoppers): Enough non-gregarious adults or hoppers present for mutual reaction to be possible but no ground basking groups seen; 1-20 locusts per 400 m foot transect or 25-500 locusts/ha). See also **Some**, **Low numbers**.

Settled: This applies to adults and means resting on vegetation or the ground rather than flying.

Sedimentation: This occurs when a droplet falls downwards and lands on a horizontal surface. The droplet hits the surface because of the force of gravity.

Sensitive ecological area: A region where there is a risk of environmental damage from the control operations. There may be rare or sensitive species of plant or animal which must be protected.

Shelf life: How long a pesticide in storage remains effective.

Small (swarm or hopper band size): A hopper band with a size of 25-2 500 m² or a swarm with a size of 1-10 km².

Solitarious: The phase of the Desert Locust where individuals live mostly separately from each other. They are usually drab coloured, brown or grey as immature adults and pale yellow as mature adults.

Some (adults or hoppers): Enough non-gregarious adults or hoppers present for mutual reaction to be possible but no ground basking groups seen; 1-20 locusts per 400 m foot transect or 25-500 locusts/ha). See also **Scattered, Low numbers**.

Specificity: The property of a pesticide that acts only on a narrow range of organisms.

Speed of action: How fast an insecticide kills the insect after exposure.

Spray pass: One passage of the sprayer along its spray track.

Spraying: Breaking insecticide liquid into small drops that are applied to the locusts or their food.

Spring (rains and breeding): From February to June/July.

Stomach action: A pesticide product that kills locusts after they eat it, rather than being touched by it (contact action).

Stratiform swarm: A swarm that is flying fairly near to the ground – usually found during the cooler parts of the day.

Summer (rains and breeding): From July to September/October.

Suspension concentrate (called SC): A pesticide that is formulated as a suspension which is mixed with water before application.

Swarm: A large group of gregarious adults, that can fly large distances as a single mass of individuals.

Swarmlet: A small swarm.

Swath width: This is the width of the strip at right angles to the sprayer's track where there is *significant* deposit.

Tailwind: A wind that is in the same direction as the flying direction of an aircraft.

Threshold number: The number of locusts per square metre (or per hectare or per km²) when it is judged that control operations are worthwhile. This number varies from country to country.

Track spacing: The distance between the tracks or passes of the sprayer.

Transect: A line through a locust population on which several quadrat counts of locust density are made.

Transiens (or **Transient phase**): The phase when locusts are grouping and starting to act as a single mass and are either changing from solitarious to gregarious (gregarization) or from gregarious to solitarious (dissociation).

Turbulence: The mixing of air caused by the action of wind over rough ground.

Uniform deposit: A deposit with equal amounts at different distances downwind from a spray pass – this cannot be achieved from a single pass of a ULV sprayer.

Ultra low volume spraying (ULV): The application of small volumes (usually 0.5-1.0 l/ha for locusts) in very small droplets of concentrated pesticide. ULV pesticides are sprayed undiluted; they are oil-based to reduce evaporation, so they cannot be diluted with water.

Upsurge: A period following a recession marked initially by a very large increase in locust numbers and contemporaneous outbreaks followed by the production of two or more successive seasons of transient-to-gregarious breeding in complimentary seasonal breeding areas in the same or neighbouring regions.

Upwind edge: The edge of the block nearest to the direction that the wind is coming from.

Vehicle-mounted sprayer: A sprayer that is mounted on a four-wheel drive pick-up vehicle.

Very large (swarm or hopper band size): A hopper band with a size greater than 50 ha or a swarm with a size greater than 500 km².

Very small (swarm or hopper band size): A hopper band with a size of 1-25 m² or a swarm with a size of less than one km².

Volatile: Tending to evaporate.

Volume application rate (VAR): The volume of liquid (with ULV, the volume of product) in litres or ml applied to a given unit of area (1 ha).

Volume median diameter (VMD): The diameter of the droplet such that half the spray volume is in smaller droplets and half in larger ones.

VMD:NMD ratio (called R): The value of the VMD divided by the value of the NMD and gives a measure of the width of the droplet spectrum. If R is larger than 2, the spectrum is wide, if it is less than 2 it is relatively narrow and more suitable for ULV spraying. A value of 1 would mean that all of the droplets were the same size, but no sprayer can produce such a spectrum.

Water-based spraying: Using an insecticide formulation that can be mixed with water – usually emulsifiable concentrate (EC) or wettable powder (WP). The mixture is usually applied in large volumes (hundreds or even thousands of l/ha) which means it is not very suitable for Desert Locust control.

Wettable granule (called WG): A pesticide that is formulated as granules which is mixed with water before application.

Whirling hygrometer: A small handheld device for measuring the temperature and relative humidity.

Winter (rains and breeding): From October to January/February.

Work rate: The area that can be treated in a given time, usually expressed as hectares per hour (ha/h).

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