

Annual Worldwide Pesticide Use

World Pesticide Consumption, 1983-1998 Value (US\$ millions)			
Region	1983	1993	1998
North America	3,991	7,377	8,980
Latin America	1,258	2,307	3,000
Western Europe	5,847	7,173	9,000
Eastern Europe	2,898	2,571	3,190
Africa/Mideast	942	1,258	1,610
Asia/Oceania	5,572	6,814	8,370
World Total	20,507	27,500	34,150

Source: (a) Yudelman et al. 1998:10. (b) IFPRI calculation based on Yudelman et al. 1998:10 and FAOSTAT 1999

In 2000 pesticide sales in North America were up 2.8% to US\$8.8 billion, due in part to increased U.S. soybean plantings. Sales of pesticides in Latin America were up 2% to US\$3.8 billion, primarily in Argentina and Brazil. Japanese sales of agrochemicals increased by 3% and in the Asia/Pacific region in general were up by 10.5% to US\$7,590 million. (Agrow: World Crop Protection News, March 2, 2000.)

In 1995, world pesticide consumption reached 2.6 million metric tons of active ingredients with a market value of US\$ 38 000 million. Roughly 85% of this consumption was used in agriculture. About three quarters of pesticide use occurs in developed countries, mostly in North America, Western Europe, and Japan. (World Resources 1998-1999, World Resources Institute)