

Chapter 3

Contemporary Research on Agricultural Pesticides: Future Challenges

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Abstract

Since the man began to agriculture develop for the food production he had to control pest in the crops, because they cause affectations about the yields and harvest quality. The work's objective is showing the results of research that approach the pesticide's effect has more than enough organism's target, non-target, the environment, the man and the future challenges in the product's use. It was carried out a revision art's state of this thematic in the world and as a result of the analyzed research it was verified that the pesticides arose like a necessity human's species to control in a quick way the pests and to avoid the crop's losses. The pesticides cause in their target inhibition enzymatic process, proteins and chlorophyll denaturation and producing physiologic disorders, nervous dysfunctions and paralysis. Also, the pesticides can cause affectations to the component biotic and abiotic of the agroecosystem, as well as to the public health. The consulted works argue the necessity to carry out thoroughly more research than they allow evaluating the pesticide's risks in the human foods and their impact on the environment and the non-target organisms. The network's establishment of pesticides quick alert to reduce the product impacts in agricultural sector and with the use sure choice for the pest management as the integrated pest management, the agroecology pest management, the biopesticides and the botanical pesticides would be achieved a rational use of the pesticides in the agriculture.

Background

Restrepo [1] report that the foods world production in the 20th century was enough to satisfy the population's nutritional requirements. However, the problems of bad distribution, storage, transport and commercial speculation was wasted 40% of the food products. At the present time it is considered that 90% of the world feeding depends on 15 plant's species and seven animal's species [2]. This contemporary scenario points out a complex challenge to continue feeding to the present and future generations in the planet.

In the developed countries the intensive crops systems and the new technologies contributed to increase the crop yields, while; in the poor and developing countries potential are needed the more yields crops. This choice propitiated that the denominated "Green Revolution" was developed, time that was characterized by the technology intensive use: agricultural machinery, irrigation, fertilizers and pesticides application. These last ones caused affectations to the agriculture, registering damages on the biodiversity, the pest's resistance appeared, it was affected the environment and the human health [3].

At the moment, the pests affect annually near 35% of the crops and in the period postharvest the insects, the microorganisms and the rodents cause losses among 10-20%. Usually the main method used for the pest's control is through the pesticide application [2].

In the course of that, many countries adopt measures to reduce pesticide uses and in other prohibit the use of the most polluting substances. Nevertheless, generally different products and the transnational companies are still applied that produce them to obtain new formulations of these substances, which are marketed and they are applied under the field conditions; although the effects are unknown that it will have to medium and long term about the environment and the public health [4-6].

In accordance with that exposed, it intends as objective in this book chapter, to show the research results that approach the pesticide effect has more than enough target, non-target organisms, the environment, the man and the challenges future in the use of these products.

The Pesticide's Effects on Target Organisms

In the first place, it is important to highlight that the pesticide use in the alone agriculture is justified when the presence of a pest surpasses the crops economic threshold and when other management alternatives don't achieve control effectiveness.

Pesticide is all substance natural or synthetic that is used to pest control. As major advantages of these products it stands out the quick effect on the target, the high effectiveness, the easy application, the wide availability and

economic productivity. Even so; these products can have effects in the appearance of new pests, it causes biological disruption, resistance develop, environment pollution and affect the public health [7].

The pesticides are classified by their origin in: natural and synthetic and these it can have its action for contact or systemic, the systemic ones are absorbed by the plant and they protect them of certain pathogens organisms [8].

There are several types of pesticides according to its target, among themselves; insecticides, acaricides, fungicides, nematicides, herbicides, molluscicides and rodenticides (Table 1).

Table 1: Pesticide types according to target.

Number	Pesticide type	Target
1	Insecticides	Incept
2	Acaricides	Mite
3	Fungicides	Fungi
4	Nematicides	Nematode
5	Herbicides	Weeds
6	Molluscicides	Mollusk
7	Rodenticides	Rat

The most common effects that cause the pesticides to their target are: inhibition of the enzymatic processes, the proteins and chlorophyll denatured, cause physiologic disorders, nervous disruptions and paralysis; all these effects can to involve the organism's death [7].

Agriculture Target-Pesticide Cases Study

To the long and wide of the world are published papers daily therefore on the thematic one that intends to analyze in this chapter, the authors carried out a selection of some exceptional considered works in this field of the scientific research to show them next.

In cereal crops like the rice that it has a great importance for the human's world feeding, under the tropical conditions is affected by different pest, among these it stands out the *Tagosodes orizicolus* insect. This insect's damages cause to the plants from development early stages and it is vector of the white leaf virus. Therefore, when the presence of the insect overcomes the economic threshold the use of insecticides it is recommended, being demonstrated that it lower the field conditions in Cuba the insecticide thiametoxan is the best to control the males of *T. orizicolus* with 100% of control, while; it had a smaller effect the insecticide monocrotofox; etofenprox; cipermetrin and imidacloprid [9]. That exposed demonstrates that the rational use of an insecticide can to control efficiently to its target and it contributes with the rice production.

It is known that in countries producing of wheat, corn and rice they are used the insecticides systematically for the pest control, specifically the *Spodoptera* spp., (Lepi-

doiptera: Noctuidae) as key pest for the damages that it causes on the host plants foliage and for the economic losses that it causes; commonly are used for an efficient pest control the products cihalotrin, cipermetrin and clorpirifos [10-11].

Although it is known that it is necessary the pests control, they should also be known which the main disadvantages insecticide use under the field conditions, these products can produce the following affectations: 1) target resistance development, 2) elimination of non-target organisms, 3) insecticides residuals accumulation in the crop and 4) environment pollutions [12]. For this reason, is suggested to carry out an insecticides rational use in the field and as alternative to these it is recommended to apply the integrated pest management (IPM) [13].

With relationship mite's control, it was demonstrated recently in Brazil that the acaracide dimetoate and espiroclorfen were highly efficient to control *Schizotetranychus hindustanicus* (Hirst) in citric's plantations. Nevertheless, it was also report that these acaracides affects non-target mite's species, which point out risk on beneficial mite fauna of the agroecosystem [14].

On the other hand, the mite denominated spider of two stains *Tetranychus urticae* Koch (Mite: Tetranychidae) it is pointed out as one of the pest species that more problems cause in the world agriculture. Their high reproductive potential allows it to increase its population

quickly, in such a way that can surpass the crop economic threshold in a short time [15].

Recently Landeros-Flores et al. [16] in an assay under conditions controlled in the bean's crops, demonstrated that the acaricide flufenoxuron to a concentration of 17.7, 59.9 and 106.7 ppm achieve a bigger mortality to 98% in *T. urticae* on a period of 72h. These authors recommend that the treatment with flufenoxuron can be effective to control the *T. urticae* populations quickly in field conditions.

When being designed the mite's control, it should be valued that the acaricide to use doesn't affect the non-target mite, because these mites can be biorregulators of mite's pest, as well as; that the products to use don't cause resistance on their target [17]. In this case is recommended to select other mite control tactics based mainly on the biological control and the IPM.

On the other hand, the fungicides are some of the pesticides more used in the agriculture, due to the presence of a great quantity of pathogenic fungal species of plants. The plant pathogenic fungi can affect to the plants from the first development stages, and they can affect crops of grains, vegetables, roots, tubers, banana plant, fruit tree, ornamental, agribusiness among others. These organisms damage different plant's parts: the leaves, the flowers, the stem, the fruits, the seeds and the roots, which influences negatively about the yields and its quality [18-19].

Many of the fungicides used in the agriculture have their effect on fungi β -tubulins, this proteins molecules

are very important to microtubules development in the filamentous fungi species [20-21]. The fungicides besides affecting the growth mycelial, inhibit the sporulation, which reduces the fungal populations [22].

The fungicides wide use in the agriculture, the fewer selectivity of some of these substances on non-target species and the resistance development in target species, it needs to be carried out a meticulous products selection to apply in the field, as well as; to value the use of other alternatives as the biological control through of the antagonistic fungi *Trichoderma* spp., and other tactics of IPM with view to an effective management of plants pathogenic fungal species [23-24].

Inside the agricultural pesticide, the nematicide are considered substances biocides and environment pollutants; their action way is based on the liberation of toxic gases that it kills quickly to the nematode ones and in turn they eliminate all type of alive organisms that it inhabits the soil, inside which are pest's natural enemy [25].

Appropriate to the Montreal Protocol, in the signatory countries of the same one the agricultural use of the methyl bromide was prohibited due to the damage that causes to the ozone layer, nevertheless; nowadays they are frequently used other nematicides like dazomet (metil-isotiocianate precursor) and agrocelhone (1,3 dicloropropene + cloropirina + trifluralina) [26].

In the intensive systems of vegetables production to

open field and in the greenhouse it is frequently used the agrocelhone product, this soils fumigant, although it kills the nematodes it has not solved the pest control problem, where *Meloidogyne* spp., it can cause economic losses of 40% in vegetables crops [27-29].

Crow and Luc [30] evidenced the nematicide effect of a new furfural formulation in the grass Bermuda in United States of America (USA), the results indicated that the nematode's populations decreased in the soil and it improved the grass health, these authors proposed the furfural like a tool for the integrated nematodes management in the grass.

In big extensions of the cotton's crop in Texas state (USA), it is controlled *Meloidogyne* spp., with the soil's fumigant 1,3-dichloropropene (Telone II, Dow Agro Sciences, LLC, Indianapolis, IN) (1,3-D), considered a relatively less expensive nematicide compared with other products that are used for the control of root-knot nematode [31].

Therefore, the use of the integrated nematode's management, based on the innovation and in the search of local and viable economically alternatives to the farmers, it could be used for the effective management of this pest in the contemporary agriculture [32].

The herbicides have an important role on the weed's control in the agriculture. The weeds can reduce the yields of the rice's grain between 37-79% and the herbicides use

it controls this serious problem, which offers an effective technological solution for the farmers dedicated to the rice production [33].

The selective herbicides in widely cultivated areas of sugar cane, have an important role to the weed's control of the these they contribute to maintain the clean fields during the growth cycle's and during the crop harvest. Also, in other crops like the banana plant, the grains and the cereals it is importance vital the herbicides use like alternative to the weeds control [34]. Despite of these results, it is necessary to carry out an herbicides rational use in the agriculture, with a view to avoiding affectations on the non-target organisms, to minimize the environment pollution and to prevent the resistance development [35].

Nowadays, mollusks are not paid great attention as like agricultural pests, nevertheless; it is known that some species cause direct affectations in the agriculture, others are intermediate host of animal's parasites, of the man and viral diseases vectors that affect the public health [36]. The substances denominated molluscicides are used for the mollusks control that it affects to the plants in the field, in the gardens and to eliminate other diseases vectorial pest. It is considered that more than 7 000 chemical products they have been evaluated with this purpose and very few they are considered effective. With effectiveness on the mollusks it can consider itselfs: copper sulfate, gramax-one, calcium hydroxide, N-tritilmorfoline (Frescon),

niclosamide (Bayluscid), carbamate, metaldeide, organofosphate [37-38].

In line with the United Nations (UN) the synthetic molluscicide Niclosamide (N-(2-chlorine-4 nitrofenil)-5-clorosalicilanilide) it is the only substance recommended to combat the diseases vectorial mollusks [39]. While, the use of this substance has generated concerns as: toxicity to non-target species, environment pollutions and it has caused resistance in certain target species [40]. It exposed demonstrates that it is necessary to carry out research works to search biological alternative, cultural and ecological that facilitate an effective and sure mollusk's management.

The rodents cause direct damages in the livestock farming and in the agriculture and they are vectorial of mortal diseases for the animals and the man. These animals are characterized to be extremely intelligent, they have a great capacity of adaptation to the environment, a high reproduction power and survival capacity [41-42].

The control based on rodenticide should be characterized to use products of high quality and of great palatal, so that they are attractive for the rodents compared with other sources of foods. From the point of view of their action, the rodenticide can be classified in products of anticoagulant action and non-anticoagulant. The anticoagulants are derived substances of 4-hidroxycumarine (anticoagulants of first generation) and the indane-1, 3-dione (anticoagu-

lants of second generation or superwarfarinics) [43].

To guarantee the control of rodents in the fields sugar cane, banana plant and in intensive breeding it is a priority in the agricultural sector to achieve productions of good quality and to minimize damages about the public health and the economy [44].

To work in the discovery of new agents of rodent's biological control to use traps for their capture and to maintain good hygiene and cleaning inside of the infrastructure, they are measured that will minimize the pest incidence [45-46].

In summary of this part, it is exhorted to carry out a more rational use of the pesticides in the agriculture, to apply the most effective substances and the less polluting ones, as well as; to evaluate the systematically pesticides effects on the non-target organisms and the public health. To achieve a true pesticides reduction, it is suggested to use the IPM more thoroughly, agroecology pest management (APM) and the biopesticide.

Pesticides Effect on Non-Target Organisms and the Environment

The pesticides according to their toxicity on non-target organisms they are classified as: class 1: inoffensive (<25% mortality), class 2: lightly harmful (25-50%), class 3: moderately harmful (51-75%) and class 4: harm-

ful (>75%). To know the selectivity of the substances pesticides on the non-target organisms is a necessity to use these products appropriately in the agriculture [47].

Next, some scientific results will be shown on the impacts that have the pesticides it has more than enough species of microorganisms, insects, the man and the environment.

The Microorganisms

To understand the interactions that take place between the pesticides and the non-target microorganisms is complex and through of the current scientific knowledge it is not possible to explain totally.

However, it is known that in Europe scientific methodologies are used that point out the steps to evaluate the exposure from the pesticides to soil organisms. These approach models determine the concentration and distribution of the pesticides in the field, they are carried out statistical analysis to evaluate the risks and the maps are elaborated where the results are shown [48]. This tool type facilitates the taking of decisions with relationship to the agriculture pesticide use.

Today it worries to the international scientific community the effects that can cause the pesticide on the microorganisms that have as crop biofertilization function, the microbial pest control and those that degrade soil toxic substances [49-50].

Haney et al. [51] determined the effect of the herbicide glyphosate on the soil microbial biomass and they demonstrated that this product stimulated the activity of the microbial biomass, seemingly the herbicide was degraded quickly by the microorganisms and the degradation depended on the soil type and the organic matter contents.

When studying the ecological toxicity of the insecticides flubendiamide and spinosad it was demonstrated that in the *Arachis hypogaea* L. crop these products improve the activity enzymatic cellulolase, invertase and amilase of the soil, derived of an effective biological activity [52].

Fernandez et al. [53] informed that the combination fungicidal+insecticide (neonicotinoide + triazol + fenilpirrol) it propitiated the biggest value *Glomus intraradices* colonization in corn seeds in comparison with the treatment where the mycorrhiza it was alone applied.

However, in other works it has been demonstrated just the opposite, according to Fabra et al. [54] and Pell et al. [55] the herbicides can alter the soil's bacteria that transform ammonium in nitrite, the herbicide glyphosate it affects to the nitrogen fixing bacteria and 2,4-D it reduces the fixation nitrogen symbiotic in the bean plants root.

It was demonstrated that the fungus *Glomus mosseae* reduces the bean roots colonization by effect dimetoate insecticide, which affects the activity biofertilizer of this mycorrhiza species [56].

The triclopyr product was evaluated as toxic for several micorrizas species and oxadiazon it reduces the spores number that it produces these fungi in the plants root [57-58].

With relationship to the effect of the pesticides has more than enough microbial control agents of pests it was demonstrated that the nematophagous fungus *Pochonia chlamydosporia* is compatible with fosthiazate nematocide in the potato crop under field conditions; the treatment combined fungi+fosthiazate had a control effect on *Globodera* spp., similar to the shown by alone fosthiazate [59].

In a study under in vitro conditions where the pesticides compatibility was evaluated with the *P. chlamydosporia* var. *catenulata* strain IMI SD 187, was verified that the clamidosporas germination went superior to 50% with the treatments control and the insecticide amidor. The clamidosporas production was stimulated with the insecticide cipermetrin, karate and amidor, the acaracide mitigan and the fungicide benomilo and zineb. The study concluded that the products cipermetrin, karate, amidor, benomilo, zineb and mitigan were compatible with the strain IMI SD 187 and was classified as incompatible the acaracide rogor and the fungicides cuproflow, mancozeb, domar and galben [22].

When evaluating the insecticides effect on the isolate DEBI008 of the *Beauveria bassiana* entomopathogenic

fungus, it was evidenced that flufenoxuron is not compatible with this species because it inhibits its development completely, while; imidacloprid was compatible, this last insecticide was selected to carry out combined applications with *B. bassiana* in IPM programs [60].

When determining the compatibility in vitro of four pesticides imidacloprid, metamidofos, dicofol and abamectin with the strain AND-57 of *Lecanicillium lecanii* (Zimm.) Zare & Gams it was demonstrated that dicofol is very toxic, lightly toxic metamidofos and abamectin and imidacloprid were compatible with this fungus. The pesticide dicofol inhibited the conidial germination totally to all evaluated concentrations, metamidofos inhibited to the field dose and abamectin and imidacloprid they didn't cause affectation [61]. The authors pointed out that it is safe to use the insecticide abamectin and imidacloprid in IPM jointly with the AND-57 strain.

Reyes et al. [62] reported that the antagonist fungus *Trichoderma asperellum* Samuels reduced the growth micelial for effect of the herbicides fenoxaprop-p-ethyl and 2,4D amine salt, however; these products didn't affect the conidial germination to the dose used in field and the product bispiribac-sodium didn't affect to *T. asperellum*.

The Insects

Many of the insecticides that are used to eliminate the crops pest contain substances that can be toxic for the non-target insect [63].

The melliferous bees are important natural pollination they carry out 85% of the pollination of the economic importance crops. The market of the bee honey constitutes an important economic line in the entire world. These insects can be affected by the pesticides starting from a direct interaction or through the polluted pollen, being able to take the pesticide until the colony, that which causes disorders in the bee's behavior and it can intoxication's die. The bees are considered very sensitive to the insecticide malathion, carbaryl and methyl parathion [64-66]. That exposed is considered very harmful for the good development of the world's beekeeping.

El-Heneidy et al. [67] they informed that the insecticides applications in the field can reduce among 70-80% the number of entomophagous species in the cotton crop and in the wheat crop it is registered parasitoids affectations and insectivorous among 68-72%.

It was demonstrated scientifically that the insecticide cryolite affects the duration of the biological cycle in the larvae stage, pupae and emergency *Drosophila melanogaster* fly in comparison with a control treatment [68]. Which evidences a potential risk of this insecticide for the biodiversity of *D. melanogaster* in the agroecosystems.

According to Moura et al. [69] when evaluating the effect of different insecticides on the *Chrysoperla externa* entomophagous it evidenced that carbaryl, fenitrothion and methidathion caused 100% of mortality in the first and second larval state of this insect. Moreover, the affectation

of abamectin, sulfur and trichlorfon were not observed in the oviposition and development of first and second larval stage. Carbaryl, fenitrothion and methidathion were harmful to *C. externa*, trichlorfon affected to the first and second larval state and abamectin and sulfur were highly harmful on all larval instars evaluated.

Mandour [70] studied the spinosad toxicity on the immature states of the *C. carnea* entomophagous species and their effect on the reproduction and the adult's survival, concluding that the spinosad insecticide was inoffensive.

While Nadeem et al. [71] observed that *C. carnea* in cotton crop under field conditions increased the number plant's larvae, pupae and adults in control treatment compared with the other that was sprayed with an insecticide.

Cabral et al. [72] evaluated the effects of primicarb and pymetrozine on the voracity of the *Coccinella undecimpunctata* larval state, evidencing that the entomophagous voracity is bigger when interacted with the pesticides compared with the control treatment.

On the other hand, the collembolans are arthropods species very small that it lives in the soils and it have an important function in the organic matter decomposition, according to Endlweber et al. [73] the insecticide chlorpyrifos and dimethoate affected the collembolans populations significantly, however; the evaluated products didn't show effect on the species number. These results point out the insecticides risk on the collembolans species that soil inhabit.

The Man

The pesticides are applied systematically in the crop, in the forest activities, in the roads or highways, in the public health, in gardens, among others. Their wide use can cause interaction with the human beings and other organism's species. The poisoning for pesticides can take place for acute, chronic, secondary or indirect effects [74].

The acute poisoning consists on short expositions to the pesticides that can cause the death. The chronic one is considered a long exposition to the pesticide without it causes lethal quickly. The secondary one is when they waste away foods that contain pesticides residuals, resultant of an accumulation and movement of persistent chemical in the food chains. The indirect one is when the habitat is affected, it modifies the nutritious supplement, for example, the herbicides can reduce the vegetable covering and with they are affected it the birds nesting places and insects [2]. At the present time, the study of the indirect effects requires of more research work to long-term and short-term.

With relationship to the previously exposed thing, the pesticides are considered responsible for causing significant affectations in the public health and based on their chemical grouping: organochlorine, organophosphate, carbamate and other types, will be shown their effects and risks next about the human health.

Organochlorine

These products have a wide use as insecticides, they are characterized to inhibit the cholinesterase enzyme, the poisoning form for contact can be oral, intravenous, dermal, conjuncial, intestinal and for the breathing. Their effect like potent inhibitors of the acetylcholinesterase and pseudocholinesterase activity, this cause secretion abundant [75].

The dichlorodiphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) pesticide persists in the atmosphere and in the human body for several years, due to their high solubility in lipids and to their resistance to be denaturalized. The DDT and other organochlorine pesticides have been detected in the breast milk and in the baby's adipose tissue. Studies carried out in USA relate the presence of congenital defects of the heart in babies by the exposure from the mothers to this substance [76].

Mills and Yang [77] found that individual's farmer exposed to high relatively levels of organochloride (linden and heptachlor) they experienced high risk of prostate cancer, in comparison with farmer pesticides non-exposed.

Besides, the organochloride pesticide has been detected in the breast milk, which puts in risk to the suckling baby and their mothers [78].

These substances are considered of risk high by their effects to long-term, such as reproductive alterations, im-

munologic disruption, endocrine alterations and of the development, and they are considered as carcinogenic potential agents [2].

A recent study with a social focus and age in the population, evidenced that the pesticides organochlorides: DDT, p,p'-dichlorodipenyldichloroethylene, β -hexachlorocyclohexane, trans-nonachlor, oxychlorthane and heptachlor epoxide influence in the capacities cognitive of the grown-ups that have ages among 60-85 years [79]. Which points out the risk of these pesticides about the people's quality of the third age life and does it demonstrate the necessity to carry out more research on this thematic one.

Lastly, it thinks about that the main road of the human population exposition to the organochlorides pesticides are the vegetable and animal foods [80].

Organophosphate and Carbamate

The organophosphate pesticide and the carbamate are used in the entire world to control a great number of insect's species, fungi and weeds. Dozens of products based on these compounds are applied in the agriculture, the livestock farming, and the forests and in the urban areas. These pesticides are accumulating inevitably in the soil and the waters, which affects to the biotic component that it inhabits these ecosystems [81].

These pesticides are constituted structurally for chemical diverse and their action depends on its chemical

structure. The main action mechanism is the inhibition of the acetylcholinesterase enzyme, this serine esterase enzyme that is present in the vertebrate's central nervous system, this has as function physiologic hydrolyser of the acetylcholine neurotransmission. The acetylcholine accumulation alters the function of the nervous system, the neuron and the brain, this affects directly the locomotion, the respiration and the body posture. The organophosphate pesticides are associates with memory deficit and this cause visual problems by retina and optic nerve degeneration [82].

A product organochlorine denominated dichlorvos is considers with high risk of causing prostate cancer, particularly in farmers that are exposed at high levels of this substance [77].

On the other hand, Bustos-Obregon et al. [83] informed that parathion and paraoxon affect the quality of the sperm in the mammal's species.

The organophosphate, unfortunately they have caused the people's massive death from the foods contamination, registering in different world's parts cases of poisoning and death for the parathion pesticide [84].

In USA, Thompson et al. [85] demonstrated that in 211 children's urine samples and 213 of adults registered five types of compound organophosphate, of these, the dimethylthiophosphate was found in 88% of the children's samples and in 92% of the adult's samples. Likewise, this

study evidenced that in samples of the houses and the vehicles of the farmers were the pesticides remains azinphospmethyl, malathion and M-parathion. This shows the importance of the surer practices application for the pesticide management.

Other Pesticide

In a study carried out in France by Baldi et al. [86] demonstrated that the pesticides expositions are related with the diseases presence such neuron degenerative as Alzheimer and Parkinson. Although it should not be related these diseases problems to a specific pesticide, they author highlight that people that live and work in agricultural areas where used pesticides they have more risk to fall ill.

The pesticides methylbromide and simazine are associate with risks to suffer prostate cancer, particularly in farmer that are exposed to these products [77].

In the 80th in last century it registered in California USA three events of vegetables contamination in watermelon and cucumber with pesticides, which caused people poisoning and they manifested diarrheas, vomits, salivation and convulsions symptoms [84].

In this thematic one, the greater part of the studies on pesticides toxicity have been focused on the enzymatic, hormonal, mutagenic and cancer-causing disruptions. Nevertheless, it is needed to deepen more in the pesticides effect on the answers of the immune system to short, me-

dium and long term [2]. This way, pesticides more risks would be known about the human health and they would take the corresponding management with a view to minimizing their effects.

The Environment

Unquestionably the environment pesticides impact, these they can contaminate the soil, the water, the grass and another vegetation type. Their toxicity on the birds, fish and beneficial insects can cause big ecological affectations [33].

The organochloride compound represents an important group of persistent organic pollutants, which have caused concern in the entire world to be very toxic products of the environment [87].

The organophosphate pesticides like the DDT; they have been broadly used in the last decades for the agriculture pests control and in the public health area, at the present time these products are still in use in some developing countries [88]. Those evidence potential risks of environment contamination due to their slow degradation and persistence.

It is known that the field pesticides application in powdered or liquid form, causes a distribution in the different phases environment: the soil, water, air, animals and plants (Fig 1). The environmental effects of these products will depend on their concentration in each one of these phases [89].

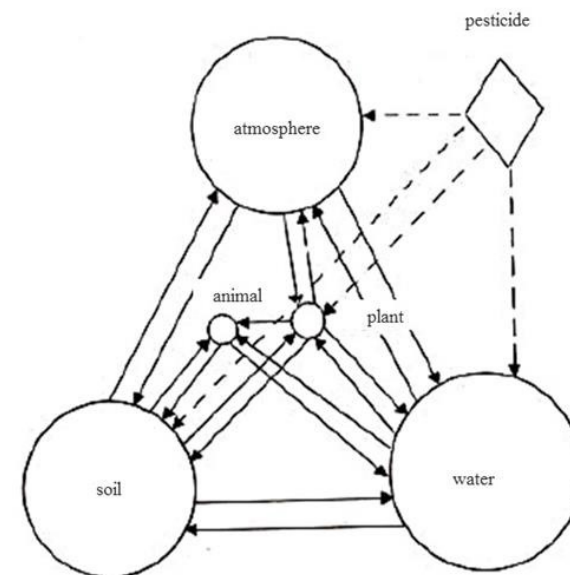


Figure 1: Pesticide distribution in the phases different from environment. Taken of Sanchez and Sanchez [89].

Soil

The soil is considered an important natural resource, its exploitation it facilitates to obtain foods vegetable and animal to satisfy the human's nutritional necessities, as well as; to produce raw materials and services. Next, aspects concerning with the soil pesticides interaction will be analyzed.

The pesticides persistence and movement in the soil and their transformations are determined by several parameters: solubility in water, soil-sorption constant (K_{oc}), the octanol/water partition coefficient (K_{ow}), and half-life in soil (DT_{50}). The pesticides retention in the soil so much of the soil properties depends like of those of the pesticide, nevertheless; it is considered very important the organic matter (OM) content, being demonstrated that in soil with high contents of OM happens bigger absorption and pesticides transformation. The pH is important also, because soil pH reductions values potential the absorption of the ionize pesticides (e.g. 2,4-D, 2, 4,5-T, picloram, atrazine) [90].

In a research developed in the Merida state, Venezuela, was demonstrated that the organochlorides pesticides total concentration, DDT and its metabolitos in the soil in potato and carrot crop decrease when increasing the pH values. Likewise, an increase of the pesticides concentration was observed when it registered bigger sand content in the soil. In this research all the analyzed soil was classified as potentially contaminated by pesticides, due to the DDT concentrations, dieldrin and endrin [91]. Besides, was sustained that the DDT several years ago is not applied and it still persists in the soil, which evidences its high residual in the environment.

Water

The water is an essential element for the life in the planet and its quality can affect for the pesticides con-

tamination [92]. The Organization Guidelines for Drinking-Water Quality Standards (WHO) informed that the concentration of a single pesticide in the drinking water cannot exceed 0.1 g.L⁻¹ and the pesticides total concentration it won't exceed 0.5 g.L⁻¹. Otherwise the water doesn't have quality to be consumed [93].

Through the pesticides applications to the crop and the soil the superficial waters can be contaminated, being known that the contamination with organochlorides can persist for more than one decade [94]. In this respect Kole et al. [95] in USA evidenced that 90% of the water samples and analyzed fish they contained pesticides residuals.

In an investigation carried out in Hungary among the years 1990-2015 it was demonstrated that high levels of the acetochlor pesticide exist in the water dedicated for the human drinking, the residuals of this herbicide were originated mainly by the industry of agrichemical production [96]. Which points out that an industrial management more efficient of the residual ones should be carried out so that they don't affect the water quality.

According to EPA [97] the contamination of the water for pesticides is a serious problem for the public health, because the process for decontaminate is very complex, expensive, it requires of time and of specialized personnel, also with the existent technology cannot always achieve a total decontaminate. In Colombia the genotoxicity risk was analyzed of different chemical in sources of water and its pointed out to the pesticides like causing of altering

the human lymphocytes [98]. These authors suggested to take quick measures to improve the water quality for the human drinking and to avoid in this way that it originate public health problems.

Air

The air quality that we breathe today is influenced largely by the anthropogenic activity in the air they can register different polluting substances and the pesticides are inside them. These substances concentrate on the air for volatilization and through the hydrological cycle. Studies carried out in the arctic one show that the particles of insecticides and herbicides they arrive farther through the air in the cold climates than in the temperate ones from three to eight times [99].

Recently Vincenzo et al. [100] informed that in the region of Molise (Italy center) during different stations of the year it registered the presence in the air of parathion-ethyl, dimethoate, omethoate and malathion, being demonstrated that the concentration of these pesticides depended on the atmospheric conditions of every analyzed period.

Recently it was demonstrated in Brazil the pesticides presence in the air in mountainous areas that which was considered as a risk for the human health, for the ecology and for the processes of climatic change that are happening in the planet [101].

The exposed results point out that it should be continued fulfilling that agreed in the Montreal Protocol, with relationship to not using the pesticides that affect to the ozone layer, for example the soil fumigant methyl bromide [26].

Future Challenges in the Pesticides use in the Agriculture

We consider that the humanity should face big challenges with relationship to the pesticides use for the immediate-future. In the first place, it should exist a political will of the governments and the international organizations to continue perfecting the regulatory mechanisms for the registration, the production and the pesticides use in the agriculture [102].

As tendency for the production of new pesticides formulations to be kept in mind the reduction of the application doses, to use the most effective active ingredients for the pests control that it does not believe resistance that it are innocuous to the environment, the human health and that the products marketing costs allow their acquisition for the developing countries [13].

It should be deepened more in the effects that cause the pesticides to short, medium and long term on the component biotic and abiotic of the agroecosystem, as well as in the genotoxicity and the human beings' fecundity. To carry out more research than they allow evaluat-

ing them pesticide risks in the human foods and in the breast milk [76].

Finally, the farmers training on alternative sure for the pest management as the IPM, the APM, the biopesticidas and the botanical pesticides are options to rationalize the pesticides in the future agriculture.

Conclusions

The pesticides have a wide use in the agriculture for the pest control in different crop of economic importance. The indiscriminate use of those these products cause serious problems like the pest resistance, the new pest resurgence, the contamination of the foods, the soil, the water, the air, kill non-target organisms and it alter the agroecosystem functions. This element point out the necessity to carry out a more rational use of the pesticide like alternative to the same ones you can use the integrated pest management, the ecology pest management, the biopesticides and botanical pesticides. In these moments it urges the network creation that it guarantees the pesticides early alerts in the agricultural sector.

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