

c) Tractor Mounted sprayer

This is a highly modernized equipment suitable for large scale farms above 20 acres. It is equipped with high precision systems giving full benefits of mechanization.



Figure 3: A tractor mounted spray pump



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Mechanization of Pyrethrum Pest and Disease Control Methods





This is the use of modern equipment such as backpack, motorized and tractor mount sprayers, to manage weeds, pests and diseases.

Benefits of mechanised pest and disease control;

- Precise pesticide measurement and application, which reduces losses and waste, thereby minimizing pesticide inputs and costs.
- Reduced operator exposure to chemical pesticides, thereby decreasing cases associated with chemical toxicity.

Characterization of spray Pumps

A spray or sprayer pump is a force-pump fitted with a hose for drawing a liquid from a small tank and sending it in a fine spray over plants. Small pumps come in many forms and are operated by hand or small motors. Larger pumps for spraying large areas field crops are mounted on wheels and are operated by various forms of motors.

Pump	Category	Scale of use
Backpack	Small scale	Below 2 acres
Motorized	Medium scale	3-20 acres
Tractor mounted	Large scale	Above 20 acres

a) Backpack sprayer

The type of sprayer is suitable for farmers with less than 2 acres. It is highly recommended for sloping fields



Operators with manual spray pumps

b) Motorized sprayer

This type of sprayer consist of a motor that enhances its efficiency and reduces cost of labour. It is highly recommended for relatively flat fields



Operator with a motorised spray pump

