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Agent Green

Agent Green is the code name for a powerful [herbicide](#) and [defoliant](#) used by the [U.S. military](#) in its Herbicidal Warfare program during the [Vietnam War](#). The name comes from the green stripe painted on the barrels to identify the contents. It was one of the so-called "rainbow herbicides" that included the more infamous [Agent Orange](#). Agent Green was only used between 1962 and 1964, during the early "testing" stages of the spraying program.

Agent Green's only active ingredient was 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4,5-T), one of the common [phenoxy herbicides](#) of the era. It was later learned that a [dioxin](#), 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-para-dioxin (TCDD), is produced as a side effect of the manufacture of 2,4,5-T, and was thus present in any of the herbicides that used it. Owing to Agent Green's consisting entirely of 2,4,5-T, along with the similar [Agent Pink](#), it contained many times the level of dioxin found in Agent Orange.

The fungus [Fusarium oxysporum](#) is also referred to as **Agent Green**.