## LET'S BE <br> CLEAR ABOUT THE SHADING VALUE OF A COATING

## What's the real shading value of a coating?

There are many ways to measure and express these values. But to provide a fair comparison, you need a consistent method that can also be used to describe the effect of advanced coatings. To provide total clarity, we will now be using a single standard: the net hemispheric shading method.

## DIRECT VERSUS HEMISPHERIC

A hemispheric measurement measures the light incidence at eight different angles to the glass, instead of perpendicular to the greenhouse cover. Because the position of the sun also varies, this provides a better indicator of the light incidence on a daily basis.

## GROSS VERSUS NET

The net shading is the coating's shading effect without the light reduction caused by the glass (average 17\%) and the greenhouse structure ( $10-20 \%$ ) added to this. So, how much additional shading does the coating provide?

## HAZE VERSUS HORTISCATTER

The haze factor indicates how much of the perpendicular light deviates by more than $2.5^{\circ}$ but it does not indicate the level of dispersion. The hortiscatter indicates the total dispersion and scattering of light.

## DIRECT



GROSS


HEMISPHERIC


NET


HORTISCATTER


## HEMISPHERICAL SHADING VALUES IN \%

|  | BUCKETS/HA |  | GROSS SHADING INCL. GLASS \& STRUCTURE |  | NET SHADING <br> EXCL. GLASS \& STRUCTURE |  | HAZE | HORTISCATTER |
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|  | MACHINE | MANUAL | PAR | NIR | PAR | NIR |  |  |
| ReduSol ${ }^{\circ}$$20 \mathrm{~kg}=14,2 \mathrm{~L}$ | 25 | 28 | 68\% | 69\% | 37\% | 38\% |  |  |
|  | 20 | 22 | 65\% | 66\% | 34\% | 35\% |  |  |
|  | 15 | 17 | 60\% | 61\% | 29\% | 30\% |  |  |
|  | 10 | 11 | 53\% | 54\% | 22\% | 23\% |  |  |
|  | 5 | 6 | 45\% | 45\% | 14\% | 14\% |  |  |
| ReduHeat*$15 \mathrm{~kg}=13,5 \mathrm{~L}$ | 25 | 28 | 44\% | 55\% | 13\% | 24\% |  |  |
|  | 20 | 22 | 41\% | 50\% | 10\% | 19\% |  |  |
|  | 15 | 17 | 38\% | 45\% | 7\% | 14\% |  |  |
| Spray$25 \mathrm{~kg}=15,2 \mathrm{~L}$ | 15 | 17 | 68\% | 68\% | 37\% | 37\% |  |  |
|  | 10 | 11 | 61\% | 62\% | 30\% | 31\% |  |  |
|  | 5 | 6 | 50\% | 51\% | 19\% | 20\% |  |  |
| ReduFuse ${ }^{\text {© }}$$15 \mathrm{~kg}=14,9 \mathrm{~L}$ | 20 | 22 | 37\% | 40\% | 6\% | 9\% | 82\% | 60\% |
|  | 14 | 15 | 37\% | 39\% | 6\% | 8\% | 79\% | 58\% |
|  | 12 | 13 | 36\% | 38\% | 5\% | 7\% | 74\% | 54\% |
|  | 10 | 11 | 36\% | 37\% | 5\% | 6\% | 67\% | 49\% |
| ReduFuse$15 \mathrm{~kg}=13,5 \mathrm{~L}$ | 22 | 24 | 46\% | 51\% | 15\% | 20\% | 83\% | 57\% |
|  | 18 | 20 | 43\% | 47\% | 12\% | 16\% | 72\% | 37\% |
|  | 15 | 17 | 41\% | 44\% | 10\% | 13\% | 63\% | 25\% |
|  | 10 | 11 | 37\% | 39\% | 6\% | 8\% | 45\% | 10\% |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Reduliex } \\ \qquad 15 \mathrm{~kg}=13,4 \mathrm{~L} \end{gathered}$ | 22 | 24 | 47\% | 52\% | 16\% | 21\% |  |  |
|  | 20 | 22 | 46\% | 50\% | 15\% | 19\% |  |  |
|  | 18 | 20 | 44\% | 48\% | 13\% | 17\% |  |  |
|  | 16 | 18 | 43\% | 46\% | 12\% | 15\% |  |  |

Net shading values are measured by Wageningen University.
Note: products have to be mixed with water. For machine application 1000-1500 liter spray liquid is needed per hectare.
For manual application 1800-2000 liter spray liquid per hectare is needed.

