

## **PESTICIDE NEWS**

## Agri-Business / Cropland. EPA Announces Cancelation of many Carbofuran Uses. (Friday 3/20/2009 3:00PM)

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EPA has granted the request from the FMC Corporation to cancel most crop uses of carbofuran on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This would include cancelling all uses of carbofuran except for field corn, sunflowers, potatoes, pumpkins, pine seedlings, and spinach grown for seed.

This would eliminate all uses of flow-able and granular carbofuran on <u>alfalfa</u>, cotton, ornamentals, popcorn, <u>small grains</u> (<u>wheat, oats, and barley</u>), <u>soybeans</u>, sugarcane, <u>sweet corn</u>, and tobacco. This request will also terminate all carbofuran products registered under section 24 special local needs on corn (field), CRP acres, cucumbers, grapes, melons, ornamentals, peppers, sorghum, squash, sugar beets, and small grains (wheat, oats, and barley). This also includes the termination of granular carbofuran in bananas, coffee, cucumbers, melons, and squash.

The broadcast foliar product 'Furadan 4F' has been widely used for the control of grasshoppers and other insect pests in small grains and/or alfalfa across Montana. This products long residual activity has made it an excellent tool for use against recurring insects such as grasshoppers. Producers / consultants should be prepared to use or recommend other alternative pesticide chemistries in the summer of 2009.

Applicators may use existing supplies of carbofuran until depleted, or until the revocation of the tolerances. Distributors may sell existing stocks to customers. As of March 18<sup>th</sup>, no further distribution of carbofuran can be distributed from registrants.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** More information and details regarding this announcement are available online at <u>carbofuran details</u>. Information regarding carbofuran product cancellation order is online at <u>product cancellation order</u>. If you have further questions contact the MSU Pesticide Education Program office (Cecil Tharp, 406-994-5067, <a href="mailto:ctharp@montana.edu">ctharp@montana.edu</a>').