

PESTICIDE NEWS

Agri-Business / Cropland. Tolerance Revocation of Carbofuran effective December 31st, 2009. (Monday 9/28/2009 3:00PM)

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On April 20th, 2009 EPA announced the cancelation of most crop uses of carbofuran (http://www.pesticides.montana.edu/News/Miscellaneous/agalertcarbofurancancelled.pdf). This action announced that registrants would no longer be allowed to distribute carbofuran, and further indicated applicators could use existing stocks until depleted, or until revocation of tolerances.

EPA has completed action to revoke existing carbofuran tolerances on December 31st, 2009. This is due to EPA's findings of unacceptable dietary risks towards children. Consequently, all uses of carbofuran are revoked on December 31st, 2009. This includes any existing supplies of carbofuran.

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 / recommend other alternative pesticide chemistries after December 31st, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: More information and details regarding this cancelation and tolerance revocation of carbofuran are available online at <u>carbofuran revocation</u>. If you have further questions contact the MSU Pesticide Education Program office (Cecil Tharp, 406-994-5067, <u>ctharp@montana.edu</u>').