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PESTICIDE ADVISORY

ALERT - FMC Furadan



***All carbofuran tolerances and all food crop uses will be terminated
December 31, 2009***

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Pesticides Division reported in the Spring 2009 ODA Pesticide Bulletin that a number of uses of the insecticide Furadan (active ingredient, carbofuran), would be terminated, but others would be maintained. The article was accurate at the time, and was based on information provided in a Federal Register (FR) Notice dated March 18, 2009.

However, on May 15th the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) made a significant final rule change. **All** carbofuran tolerances will be cancelled December 31, 2009. A tolerance is the maximum amount of a pesticide allowed to remain in or on food or feed commodities at harvest. **Do not stock up on Furadan.** Use of Furadan on any food or feed crop will not be legal after December 31, 2009. EPA cancelled all tolerances because of unacceptable dietary risks.

In addition to food crops listed on the product label, six Oregon Special Local Need (SLN) labels will be cancelled by ODA in December 2009. These are:

OR-060016 (Furadan LFR/sugar beets)

OR-830036 (Furadan 4F/nursery)

OR-830016 (Furadan 15G/ watermelon)

OR-910006 (Furadan 4F/potatoes)

OR-060017 (Furadan LFR/potatoes)

OR-920014 (Furadan 4F/sugar beets)

The only legal uses for Furadan 4F (old primary labels only) in Oregon after December 31, 2009 will be: (1) on "ornamentals - container grown" and (2) on pine seedlings. Please note that the most recent Furadan 4E label does not allow use on ornamentals or pine seedlings in Oregon. Review the Furadan LFR label for changes as well.

Growers have asked what would happen if carbofuran is detected in stored commodities, such as potatoes, after December 31, 2009. If this situation arises, the commodity may be detained as long as necessary to determine when the application of Furadan was made. Pesticide application records required by USDA or ODA should document when the Furadan application was made. If the application was conducted legally before December 31, 2009, the crop may be marketed without restrictions. If records are not maintained or validation of the application date is not reliable, the crop could be detained indefinitely. Analytical testing of fields/commodities and application record requests are common elements of any pesticide related investigation.

For more information you may call Janet Fults or Rose Kachadoorian at 503-986-4635 or check the EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/reregistration/carbofuran/>

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