PESTICIDE ADVISORY

Intercropping and Pesticide Use

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This is a reminder that pesticides used on a crop grown within any multicrop system (i.e., intercropping) must be registered for use on all crops grown in the same field. Immature and non-bearing component crops are not exempt from this requirement. The Oregon Department of Agriculture strongly encourages all pesticide users to regularly review pesticide product labels to assure all crops being grown are identified in labeling.

Check the pesticide labels for the following, to ensure compatibility for all component crops within a multicrop system:

- Application sites (e.g., crops)
- Pre-Harvest Interval (PHI)
- Rate of application
- Application method
- Feeding Restrictions
- Other label-specific restrictions

Failure to verify compatibility with the pesticide label for each crop may result in off-label use and/or the presence of unauthorized pesticide residues or residues above an EPA-established tolerance. This can result in enforcement actions, including but not limited to pesticide use violations or imposition of a civil penalty. Harvested commodities with unauthorized pesticide residues or at levels above an EPA-established tolerance may be seized and subject to destruction.

For additional information or questions, contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture at (503) 986-4635, or email pestx@oda.state.or.us.