

Agri-Business / Cropland. EPA Announces Likely Cancellation of many Carbofuran Uses in 2009. (Monday 12/20/2009 12:00PM)

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EPA has received request from the FMC Corporation to voluntarily cancel 22 crop uses of carbofuran which may affect Montana producers. This would include delisting some or all uses of:

- Furadan 4F
- Furadan LFR
- Furadan 10G
- Furadan 15G
- Furadan 5G.

This would eliminate all uses of flow-able carbofuran on alfalfa, cotton, ornamentals, popcorn, small grains (wheat, oats, and barley), soybeans, sugarcane, sweet corn, 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.

EPA action is to take place following a 30 day comment period on this action. Comments must be sent to EPA by January 20th, 2009. To submit comments follow instructions online at '[Carbofuran Cancellation Request](#)'.

Six uses of carbofuran were not voluntarily canceled by the FMC Corporation. Those include some products and uses on pine seedlings, spinach grown for seed, corn, potatoes, pumpkins, and sunflowers. EPA plans to pursue further regulatory action to cancel these other uses 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 product's long residual activity has made it an excellent tool for use against recurring insects such as grasshoppers. The residual activity has also made it a target of EPA delisting. Producers / consultants should be prepared to use or recommend other alternative pesticide chemistries in the summer of 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: More information and details regarding this announcement are available online at '[Carbofuran Cancellation Request](#)'. Additional information regarding carbofuran tolerance revocation is online at 'http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/carbofuran/carbofuran_noic.htm'. If you have further questions contact the MSU Pesticide Safety Education Program office (Cecil Tharp, 406-994-5067, ctharp@montana.edu).