

## **PEP-Talk, July, 2010**

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### **FARM PESTICIDE COLLECTIONS**

The Ohio Department of Agriculture has announced the dates and locations for the Farm Pesticide Collection Program. This pesticide collection service is free of charge for local farmers to properly dispose of unused farm chemicals. The program is for farm pesticides ONLY. No household or non-farm pesticides or chemicals such as paint, antifreeze or solvents will be accepted. No pesticides will be accepted from commercial companies.

#### **The 2010 dates and locations are:**

Hardin County  
August 5, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Hardin County Fairgrounds  
14134 Fairground Road  
County Road 40  
Kenton, OH 43326

Putnam County  
August 12, 10:30 - 2:30  
OSU Extension Office, Putnam County

124 Putnam Parkway  
Ottawa, OH 45875

Licking County  
August 26, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Ohio Department of Agriculture  
8995 E. Main St.  
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

All collections will run from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The collections are sponsored by the Ohio Department of Agriculture in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For more information, or to pre-register, contact ODA, Pesticide Regulation Section at (800) 282-1955 ext. 31.

When publicizing the event, please emphasize that the disposal is only for farm pesticides and not for commercial companies or homeowners. Information is also on the Pesticide Safety Education Program website at: <http://pested.osu.edu/pesticidecollection.htm>.

### **SUPREME COURT RULES ON ROUNDUP-READY ALFALFA**

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a lower court ruling and paved the way for Roundup-Ready alfalfa to again be available for planting. The lower court had prohibited planting of the alfalfa until the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) completes the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Supreme Court decision noted the partial deregulation of the product while the environmental impact statement is being issued would not cause irreparable harm. Information about USDA's Roundup-Ready Environmental Impact Study is available at: [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology/alfalfa\\_eis.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology/alfalfa_eis.shtml).  
(Source: <http://www.agweb.com> )

### **EPA DENIES PETITION TO CANCEL CARBARYL**

This month, EPA denied a petition filed by the Washington Toxics Coalition (WTC) in 2005 to cancel all registrations of the pesticide carbaryl and revoke all carbaryl tolerances. The petition filed by the WTC was similar to one filed in the same year by the Natural Resources Defense Council that was also denied by EPA.

The main difference between the two petitions is the WTC asserted risks of carbaryl to fish, including salmon. EPA noted this was covered in the 2004 Carbaryl Interim Reregistration Eligibility Decision and pesticide use limitations will also now be implemented as a result of the 2009 National Marine Fisheries Service's Biological Opinion.

(Source: EPA Office of Pesticide Programs, July 7, 2010)

### **MELANOMA UPDATE FROM AGRICULTURE HEALTH**

The Agriculture Health Study started in 1994 to follow private and commercial applicators in Iowa and North Carolina. To date, over 89,000 individuals have participated in the study which is a joint project of the National Institutes of Health and EPA.

The most recent paper focuses on the risk of melanoma in relation to pesticide use. Of the 50 pesticides looked at in the study, the risk of melanoma was showed a significant association with exposure to several pesticides, including the fungicide active ingredient maneb/mancozeb and insecticide active ingredients parathion and carbaryl.

The study suggests more research is needed in this area. The study is available

at: <http://ehp03.niehs.nih.gov/article/fetchArticle.action?articleURI=info%3Adoi%2F10.1289%2Fehp.0901518>.

### **EPA TO REVIEW 75 ACTIVE INGREDIENTS FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA**

EPA will be reviewing 75 pesticide active ingredients for their potential effect to one or more of the 11 federally listed threatened or endangered species in eight counties around the San Francisco Bay area of California.

The review is the settlement of a lawsuit brought by the Center for Biological Diversity alleging that EPA failed to comply with the Endangered Species Act for the area. The results of the review will be posted at: <http://www.epa.gov/espp> when finished.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

More information about these events at: <http://pested.osu.edu>.

#### NEW APPLICATOR CORE AND TRAINED SERVICEPERSON TRAINING

All classes taught at Ohio Department of Agriculture, Reynoldsburg  
Commercial recertification credit also available: 2 hours Core, 1/2 hour each in categories 8 (turf), 6c (ornamental weed), 2c (agriculture weed), 5 (industrial vegetation).

August 25, 2010

September 22, 2010

#### WOOD-DESTROYING INSECT INSPECTION TRAINING

Commercial recertification credit also available: 1 hour Core, 2 hours in 10a (general pest), 2 hours in 10b (termite) and meets requirements for 12 (WDI) for inspectors recertification requirements.

September 29, 2010 – Ohio Department of Agriculture, Reynoldsburg

#### OSU EXTENSION EDUCATOR PESTICIDE APPLICATOR INSERVICE

December 8 & 9, 2010 – Ohio 4-H Center, OSU Campus, Columbus

#### OHIO COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR RECERTIFICATION CONFERENCES (General and Field Crops Combined)

5 hours of recertification credit in one day – covers ALL commercial categories

January 11, 2011 – Sandusky, Kalahari Conference Center

February 16, 2011 – Dayton Convention Center

March 2, 2011 – Akron, John S. Knight Center

March 9, 2011 – Columbus Convention Center