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Temik to be Cancelled

Bayer CropScience announced that it is cooperating with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) following the August 16, 2010 announcement to cancel uses of aldicarb, sold as Temik brand insecticide/nematicide, on potatoes and citrus.

Uses on all other crops, including cotton, will be maintained with some additional label changes, until an orderly product phase-out is completed, consistent with Bayer's global replacement strategy regarding WHO Class 1 products. The company plans to discontinue marketing aldicarb in all crops in the United States and other markets worldwide by 2014.

Beyond potato and citrus use and including cotton, the agreement with the EPA provides the following timeline:

December 31, 2014 – the last date of sale by Bayer CropScience

December 31, 2016 – the last date of sales by the distribution channel to the end user

August 31, 2018 – the last use date by an end user

Bayer CropScience says it recognizes the loss of this tool for growers. The company says it will continue to seek innovative solutions to fill this void, and will work with farmers and other stakeholders in the distribution chain during this phase-out process.

Customers can contact the Bayer CropScience Customer Interaction Center at 866-992-2937 for further information. DLK