

DCPA: Notice of Receipt of Request to Amend to Terminate Uses of Certain Pesticide Registrations: Response from Hawaii

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Hawaii's weather is characterized by year-round sunshine and subtropical temperatures and rainfall. These conditions allow for year-round production and year-round weed growth. Weed management is a significant problem for growers of most vegetable crops in Hawaii. DCPA has an important role in providing good to excellent preemergence weed control.

The cancellation of DCPA products will present the biggest hardship on **sweet potato** growers, with up to one third of the state's acreage affected. Hawaii's sweet potato growers use DCPA for preemergent control of broadleaf weeds including Apple of Peru (*Nicandra physalodes*), Joee (*Stachytarpheta dichotoma*), *Amaranthus* sp. and Spanish Needle (*Bidens* sp.) and grasses including *Panicum* var., Buffelgrass (*Cenchrus*), Wiregrass (*Eleusine*). Current practice alternates DCPA use in rotation with a single other herbicide, Devrinol.

Smaller acreages of **beans, bean yam, beets, cucumbers, eggplant, and turnips** will also be affected by the termination of DCPA.

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