Response for Information on Dimethipin Use Rate on Cotton in California

Regarding Request for Information on Dimethipin Use Rate on Cotton from EPA and USDA

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To: Philip Poli

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From: Rick Melnicoe

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Dear Phil,

In California only five applications of dimethipin were made on cotton in 2003. The rate of 0.31-0.39 lbs a.i. were used. In 2002, there were 30 applications to cotton with a median rate of 0.31 lbs a.i.

I don't believe that changing the label rate to a maximum rate of 0.31 lbs a.i. will adversely impact users in CA.

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