

Request for Information on Endosulfan Use on Pineapples in Hawaii

On 21 Oct 2009 at 16:31, Rienzo-Stack.Kaitlin@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

Dear Ms. Tarutani,

I was provided your contact information in regard to experts able to field questions about Hawaii pineapple production. If the query should be directed elsewhere, please let me know.

The EPA Office of Pesticide Programs is conducting an assessment to understand the role and importance of endosulfan in pineapple pest management and cropping practices. The timeline for our review is unfortunately very short and scheduled to be done in the beginning of November. Understanding how busy everyone is, if our questions would be better directed to someone else, please pass on their contact information.

Specifically, we would like to know:

- Is endosulfan commonly used to manage pineapple pests in Hawaii? If so, which pests? Are these pests major factors in yield and/or fruit quality loss?
- How many applications of endosulfan are put out each year? When is it applied during the growing season?
- What percent of the pineapple crop in Hawaii is treated with endosulfan?
- If the REI (restricted entry interval) for endosulfan were to increase from 2 days to 9 days, what conditions, if any, would make continued use of the product feasible?
- In the absence of endosulfan, what alternative pesticides would pineapple growers use?

In your reply please include TJ Wyatt, cc-ed above (wyatt.tj@epa.gov).

Thanks for your time and hope all's well, Kaitlin

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