

Malathion Use in Seed Corn in Hawaii

Hi Teung,

Apologies for the delay.

For seed corn production in Hawaii, malathion is used to control earworms and aphids when the plants are flowering. If there are bees in that particular field, malathion is applied only in late afternoon when the bees have finished working the tassels. If there were a 24-hour REI, workers would not be able to get back into the field until about 36 hours after application, since they would not be pollinating in the dark.

There are no alternatives with a 12-hour REI.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact me.

Aloha,
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