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Farmers, Commercial Ag Business Reminded to Use Caution to Avoid Pesticide Drift

Off-target pesticide drift most common mistake and easily preventable

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) reminds farmers and commercial agricultural businesses to take precautions to prevent pesticide drift as they treat fields this season. Off-target pesticide drift is the most common pesticide application mistake and is easily preventable if precautions are taken to make sure pesticides are applied correctly.

Easily implemented precautions include:

- Using the largest spray droplets through a combination of nozzles, pressures and drift reduction agents, and increasing the amount of water used over a surface area;
- Using specialized spray equipment to suit the spray situation for different crops and locations;
- Minimizing the distance from spray nozzle to target area;
- Using buffer strips or setbacks from sensitive areas;
- Adhering to maximum wind speeds for optimum applications; and,
- Monitoring weather conditions closely to avoid spraying in windy conditions.

Contact information is available at www.michigan.gov/mda

2009 MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- No Session, Summer Recess

SENATE

- No Session, Summer Recess

Animal Welfare Bills Expected After Break

The bills HB5127 and HB5128 would codify current livestock treatment guidelines and create an advisory council to review those guidelines and to update them to current research. Final guidelines would have to be approved by the Commission of Agriculture.

“It’s designed to do something we’ve never done before, which is structure a set of guidelines we can use for animal welfare, nothing more or nothing less,” said committee chair Rep. Mike Simpson.

Larry Julian, speaking for the standardbred horse breeders as well as the Michigan Corn Growers Association, Michigan Soybean Association, and the Michigan Great Lakes International said the process does allow for public input where needed. “The council makes recommendations to the agriculture commission,” he said. “The agriculture commission meetings are all open, all published, and have public comment.” And he said the horse breeders are interested in the issue because, while the bill does not expressly include them, it give the Commission of Agriculture authority to add species should it consider that appropriate.

“We’re working very hard with the equine industry to develop some standards that could be used. The corn growers are interested because those farmers who follow the guidelines tend to do better and so are better grain customers,” he said.

Right to Carry – Federal Legislation

Senator John Thune (R-SD) introduced S 845, the “Respecting States Rights and Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2009”. That bill would permit persons licensed by their state to carry concealed weapons to carry them in any other state that permits its residents to carry weapons. A hearing scheduled for this week was cancelled, but there is interest in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Wednesday, June 24, the General Accounting Office (<http://www.gao.gov>) released a report finding that over the past few years more than 900 persons on the terrorism watch list were able to obtain weapons. Legislation introduced by Representative Peter King will give the Attorney General the right to deny persons on the watch lists the right to obtain weapons permits. That bill, HR 2159 “Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2009”, is expected to be introduced in the Senate as well by Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) who requested the GAO report.



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