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Agriculture Commissioner Hyde-Smith Works to Protect Grain Sorghum Producers

Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Cindy Hyde-Smith announced approval by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the use of sulfoxaflor (CAS Reg. No. 946578-00-3) on grain sorghum in Mississippi. This specific exemption will aid in controlling the sugarcane aphid (*Melanaphis sacchari*), which is a destructive pest that can cause damage to the grain sorghum crop.

The registered product receiving this exemption is **Transform™ WG** (EPA Reg. No. 62719-625; 50% sulfoxaflor), which is manufactured by Dow AgroSciences. Applications may be made by ground or air at a rate of 0.75-1.5 oz. per acre and a maximum seasonal use rate of 3.0 oz. with no more than 3 applications made per year. Expiration for this specific exemption will be October 31, 2015.

The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce's Bureau of Plant Industry has authority under Section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to obtain an exemption from EPA for a non-labeled use of a pesticide if significant losses of an agricultural commodity are likely and if labeled products are not available or effective.

For additional information, producers may contact the Bureau of Plant Industry at (662) 325-3390 or toll-free at 1-888-257-1285.

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