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Agriculture Commissioner Hyde-Smith Announces Exemption that Protects Cotton 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 cotton in Mississippi. This specific exemption will aid in controlling the tarnished plant bug (*Lygus lineolaris*), which is a destructive pest that can cause damage to the cotton crop.

The product receiving this exemption is **Transform® WG** (50% a.i. sulfoxaflor), which is manufactured by Dow AgroSciences. Applications may be made by ground or air in accordance with all label directions. Expiration for this specific exemption will be October 31, 2016.

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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