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Agriculture Commissioner Hyde-Smith Works to Protect Grain Sorghum & 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 grain sorghum and cotton 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, and the tarnished plant bug (*Lygus lineolaris*), which is a destructive pest that can cause damage to the cotton crop.

The registered 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, 2017.

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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The Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) is a regulatory and service division of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce. It was established under the Mississippi Plant Act to protect the agricultural and horticultural interests of the state from harmful insects, diseases and weeds. The Bureau administers state and federal laws, regulations and programs that deal with plant pests, pesticides, honeybees, plants, professional plant and pest control services, animal feeds, seed, fertilizer, lime and amendments to soils and plants. BPI maintains cooperative agreements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other state and federal agencies.