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**Spell Secures Furadan For Aphid Control On Cotton**

Mississippi Agriculture Commissioner Lester Spell today announced the state has declared a crisis exemption to allow the use of carbofuran (**Furadan 4F** and **Furadan LFR**) for aphids on cotton. The aphid population has increased to economically significant levels during the past month.

Dry weather and increased aphid tolerance to registered products have hampered producer attempts to control the pests. Under the exemption, producers may apply **Furadan 4F** and **Furadan LFR** through August 3. Both formulations of the product are manufactured by FMC Corporation.

“We took this step to prevent aphid populations from having an adverse economic impact,” Spell said. “Producers now have an additional tool to control these pests.”

The exemption does place a limit on the total number of cotton acres in the state that can be treated with the **Furadan** products. Section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) allows a state to declare a crisis exemption on a nonregistered use of a pesticide for a 15-day period if a need is immediate. The state notifies the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of this action before issuing the exemption.

The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce administers the provisions of crisis exemptions through the Bureau of Plant Industry. Cotton producers can call the Bureau toll-free at 1-888-257-1285 or (662) 325-3390 for more information.

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