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Yes. YOU have the right conclusion.

Jeffrey H Birk--04/01/2011 06:58 AM EDT--Wendy and Scott, Good to see that this meeting had a positive outcome, but I am concerned about one

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Wendy and Scott,

Good to see that this meeting had a positive outcome, but I am concerned about one of the conclusions that Brian took away from the meeting. I am afraid that it is 180 degrees from where we need to be. Here is Brian's conclusion and what I believe BASF's message should be:

Their firm belief is that volatilization is not an issue with the newer BASF formulations. Spray drift is the issue.

I believe that it is in BASF's best interest that this perception be reversed to read something more like:

"Their firm belief is that spray drift is the primary issue and volatilization remains as a secondary concern. BASF has spent research efforts to further develop the dicamba molecule to not only reduce the volatility of the formulation but to more importantly reduce the potential for spray drift by reducing the occurrence of the fine spray droplets that are most prone to drift."

I agree with Steve Bowe, that we still have work to do.

Jeff

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Wendy Bair Johnson--03/31/2011 06:32:34 PM--See Del Monte's meeting notes below. . .

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Wendy & Susanne:

I thought you might be interested in the trip report within the thread below from Brian Flood of Del Monte who has been at the heart of the Mid West Food Processor Association group opposing Monsanto and dicamba. We shared the presentation under consideration for the SFRIEG meeting (and other stakeholder meetings since November) with brian and 3 other stakeholders here last Friday and it had a very positive impact. There's still work to be done, but read his trip report below.

Steve

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FYI – I will also send a copy to Tommy at BASF to close the loop. We may have some requests coming out of this for inadvertent residues.



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Thanks Brian,

Looks like the meetings have been very productive and successful.

Regards,

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Nick and Dan,

Please find the trip report below. We would like to thank BASF for their open, professional and concerned approach to resolving issues around the utilization of dicamba on soybean, cotton and field corn to manage the Round-Up resistant weeds.

The attached has been reviewed by a majority of the Mid West contingent.

Brian

REPORT:

A contingent of Mid West researchers and food processors meet with BASF regarding dicamba use on soybeans as a new genetic modification, as currently soybeans are very susceptible to this herbicide. The GM trait opens up millions of acres of potential application to this soybean crop and reduces the drift risk to soybeans from treated field corn acres. The offsite risk of spray drift and volatilization could be a major threat to vegetable production, which we addressed at the meeting. Representatives from General Mills (Tom Rabaey), University of Wisconsin (AJ Bussan), Ohio State (Doug Doohan) and I meet with senior management of BASF in Raleigh, NC. BASF set-up the agenda and the open, professional, concerned and focused dialogue helped to establish an action plan. The attached list are our action items we feel need to be addressed.

Two key points made by BASF:

1. BASF the current owners of the dicamba molecule has a history of product stewardship and has developed new improved formulations and molecular modifications over the decades. BASF has spent research efforts to further develop the dicamba molecule to reduce the volatility of this herbicide. **Their firm belief is that volatilization is not an issue with the newer BASF formulations. Spray drift is the issue.** (I believe that it is in BASF's best interest that this perception be reversed to read something more like, "Their firm belief is that spray drift is the primary issue and volatilization remains as a secondary concern. BASF has spent research efforts to further develop the dicamba molecule to not only reduce the volatility of the formulation but to more importantly reduce the potential for spray drift by reducing the occurrence of the fine spray droplets that are most prone to drift.")
2. BASF is addressing the spray drift issue by working on application technology, assisting applicators in the utilization of that technology, and training their customers on the importance of managing off-site drift.
 - a. BASF has a ZERO COMPLAINT policy and all off site complaints are the responsibility of the applicator.
 - b. Dicamba drift complaints (Our data) are a primary drift issue in our states.

This said: We (non-field crops growers/processors) need to know the source of the drift. If MONSANTO and BASF **BOTH** develop, honor implement and abide by the terms that only BASF new formulations are used, we would be in good shape. HOWEVER, generic old formulations of dicamba are readily available. We could not stress enough of our concern that off agreement use of generic dicamba would be destructive and someone will need to be liable for the damage. In this regard we discussed and proposed the following:

We highlighted our concern for BASF to follow-up :

- Need for a unique BASF marker trait in the chemistry or formulation that would enhance stewardship compliance and aid us in determining the source of the damage (generic or new low volatile BASF formulation). This would also substantiate the non-volatile off site movement from millions of acres treated. This marker trait is key to the management of this technology.
- Need to document the acres treated and drift complaints per applied acre from newer less volatile formulations over time as compared to complaint history prior to these formulations. BASF has a NO-complaint policy and puts all the responsibility on the applicator. However, this recap is essential to product stewardship and applicator compliance, if the frequency and severity does not change then the less volatile formulations will not resolve the problem.
- Need to contractually lock Monsanto into a traceable stewardship program that protects and promotes :” THE molecule” = BASF dicamba as well as the Monsanto “trait”
- Need to work with and assist Extension on new sprayer nozzle requirements to reduce the fines (small droplets) that are subject to offsite movement.
- < !endif>Need to establish tolerances for low level drift contamination to prevent the destruction of crops.
- Need to develop an introduction program that is initiated in low risk areas.

Utilization of previous institutional knowledge of complaints will help determine the level of risk associated with this introduction of new technology. If we believe the stewardship program will be effective, we will assist BASF in every way possible to secure registrations of new chemistry formulations of dicamba. We offered our help in securing tolerances and registration of new formulations and active isomers of dicamba on minor crops.

Meeting was positive, but we have a long way to go to prevent this issue from becoming a potential disaster if it is not managed. BASF needs to glean the drift and off-site complaints to be assured of their risk level on this new chemistry. Neither the group nor BASF wants this active to be a bigger problem than the problem weeds it will manage.

Respectfully,

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