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Update on Di-Syston and Monitor

From: John Keeling, National Potato Council

The following is an announcement from Bayer indicating that they are discontinuing the manufacture and sale of DiSyston and Monitor. This is a business decision not a decision forced by issues on the safety of the products. We believe Bayer kept the products in the market place as long as was possible. The announcement also includes a list of Bayer products that they believe can substitute for Di-Syston and Monitor.

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Dear Stakeholder:

Bayer CropScience LP is committed to providing solutions for the producer. As we continue bringing new innovations to market, our existing products are reviewed for fit within the company strategy. After much analysis consistent with this process, Bayer CropScience has decided to exit the Di-Syston insecticide and Monitor insecticide businesses in the United States.

Please note the following, effective immediately:

Monitor: Bayer CropScience's final production of Monitor will occur in 2009. Distributors will be provided with an allocation based on previous purchase history.

Di-Syston 8 and **Di-Syston 15G:** Bayer CropScience's final production of Di-Syston 8 and Di-Syston 15G will occur in 2009. At this time, material will not be allocated and is available for purchase while supplies last.

Once purchased from Bayer CropScience, there is no time limitation by which distributors are required to sell Di-Syston or Monitor to retailers or growers (EPA 1991 Existing Stock Policy.)

Once purchased from distributors or retailers, there is no time limitation by which growers are required to use Di-Syston or Monitor (EPA 1991 Existing Stock Policy.)

We recognize that both Di-Syston and Monitor have been valuable pest management tools. Bayer CropScience has the following options as replacement alternatives:

Di-Syston 8: Admire Pro, Baythroid XL, Belt, Larvin, Leverage, Movento, Oberon, Provado, Synapse and Trimax Pro may provide comparable solutions.

Di-Syston 15G: For the Christmas tree market, Envidor and Movento are effective against a similar pest spectrum.

Monitor: Admire Pro, Baythroid XL, Leverage, Movento, Provado and Trimax Pro may provide comparable solutions.

Your support of Di-Syston insecticide and Monitor insecticide throughout the years has been very much appreciated, and we look forward to providing future solutions for the producer. If your members have any questions, they should contact their local Bayer CropScience representative.

Please distribute this message to your membership as you see fit. A file of this letter is attached should you find

that helpful.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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