



HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

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Chlorpyrifos Update

As most everyone reading this is aware, chlorpyrifos has been undergoing a lengthy review by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In December 2020, EPA published a proposed interim decision on chlorpyrifos, and is set to publish an interim decision in the next couple of months. NAICC has been closely following these actions and has provided comments to EPA about the importance of chlorpyrifos. On April 29 of this year, a three-judge panel in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit interceded and dictated specific remedies the Agency must take to address petitions for cancelling uses or revoking Chlorpyrifos' tolerances. This action is disruptive of the process set forth by Congress that EPA must follow during a pesticide review. It also short-circuits EPA's science-based review process.

If your growers have specific uses where chlorpyrifos is the best management tool, this is the time to reach out to your legislators and EPA and voice your concerns. James Todd has participated in multiple stakeholder calls on this and feels that the chlorpyrifos label is in real jeopardy. The Pesticide Policy Coalition, of which NAICC is an active member, has been very active in reaching out to legislators and stakeholders about the dangerous precedent this could have on pesticide registrations going forward. If activist courts are able to substitute their own opinions in place of EPA's science-based reviews, the registration process going forward is in jeopardy. Click [HERE](#) for the PPC's complete comments on this issue.

WHAT'S UP THIS SPRING?



Last corn trial planted at Great Lakes Ag Research in Wisconsin. 04/30/2021



Packed for ACDS pickup. Lange Research in California. 05/10/2021



Soybeans up on a cold 37 degrees F. A wet morning after being planted 16 days ago. ServiTech in Nebraska. 05/10/2021

***Spring... is optimism
blooming anew.***



Industrial Hemp (CBD variety) is growing at Performance Research in Kansas. 05/12/2021



Soil Dissipation Study (with drone) at Bennett Ag in Iowa. 05/12/2021



Caraway plots are looking great. Weather has been wet, so should have lots of disease



Corn is popping up. It's go time for us at Todd Ag Consulting in Texas. 05/04/2021

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." – Margaret Atwood

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Hot Coffee with Hot Topics on Friday, June 11th at 11:30 am Central Time. This roundtable session will be an easy flowing conversation of current hot topics within mid-west agriculture, moderated by Clark Poppert. The Hot Topic session will be through Zoom, but a phone number will be provided to call in or you can do the traditional zoom log in.

If you are driving, Zoom has a great driving mode feature. The conversation will be recorded so you can also listen to it at a later date. The times for the call are 12:30 am Eastern, 11:30 am Central, 10:30 Mountain, 9:30 am Pacific.

For those who have previously registered for the Consultant's Webinars, you will automatically be provided with the login/call in information. If you have not already registered, you can purchase this separately by clicking [REGISTER HERE](#). There will also be a separate session at a later date on mid-south agriculture. If you would like to moderate a session for a different part of the US or on a specific topic, please contact Donna memberservices@naicc.org.



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In agricultural watersheds, shifting climate patterns present an immediate and localized risk to both farm productivity and downstream aquatic ecosystems. During this webinar, Dr. Mark Williams of USDA's Agricultural Research Service will present research exploring long-term trends in rainfall amount, intensity and timing within the Maumee River-Western Lake Erie Basin.



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