



ATTENTION OREGON FARMERS!

BANNING CHLORPYRIFOS (LORSBAN) IS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE OREGON LEGISLATURE

Two hearings are **scheduled at the Oregon State Capitol on March 26th**. Both HB 3058 and SB 853 would ban chlorpyrifos and classify neonicotinoid insecticides as restricted use. Passage would result in no chlorpyrifos for Oregon crops and a pesticide applicator license would be required to use any neonicotinoid product.

LEGISLATORS NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please attend the March 26th hearings or send comments opposing these bills.

SB 853

**Senate Environment & Natural Resources
Committee**

Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Oregon State Capitol, Hearing Room C

Comments: senr.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov

HB 3058

House Agriculture & Land Use Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Oregon State Capitol, Hearing Room D

Comments: haglu.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov

Talking Points:

Opens the door to the legislators making pesticide use decisions product-by-product instead of relying on the science teams and regulators at our state and federal agencies.

Completely ban the sale and use of all pesticide products containing chlorpyrifos and it will require a pesticide applicator license to purchase or use a neonicotinoid product. These insecticides are needed to by Oregon farmers to protect our food supply and meet the needs of a growing population.

Many of Oregon's specialty crops have state approved Special Local Need registrations of chlorpyrifos since there are **no alternative products available** for certain pests. The unique nature of Oregon's diverse agriculture results in very few, if any, products available for controlling pests for some crops. Chlorpyrifos is vital for protecting Oregon's minor crops.

Impacts Oregon exports. Other countries and states have strong phytosanitary requirements. This legislation takes away a tool used to meet those requirements for crops with limited or no alternatives. Additionally, public health programs will not have the tools needed to control invasive insect populations.

Restrict the use of neonicotinoid products to only licensed pesticide applicators. Many farmers are not currently licensed as they do not use Restricted Use Pesticides. This would require farmer to obtain a pesticide applicator license. The bill also takes hundreds of effective and easy to use products away from homeowners and gardeners.

Eliminates pet health products like flea collars and flea and tick treatments.

Chlorpyrifos and neonicotinoid insecticides are **integral components of Integrated Pest Management** programs and Insect Resistance Management programs. Use of IPM cropping systems and preventing pest resistance can lead to more sustainable agriculture and reduced farming costs, allowing farmers to minimize production costs while supporting a sustainable food supply.

Share what losing these products mean to your operation!

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