



COMMISSIONER DETERMINATION

Minnesota Department of Agriculture Concludes Special Registration Review of Emerald Ash Borer Insecticides

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has completed a special registration review of insecticides commonly used to control Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

The MDA began its review of the insecticide active ingredients imidacloprid, dinotefuran, and emamectin benzoate in 2010. These three insecticides were selected because they are widely used by homeowners, professionals and municipalities. The review was prompted in part by recommendations from the Minnesota EAB Science Advisory Group, stakeholder environmental concerns, and insecticide product misuse complaints.

The review focused on EAB insecticide issues related to potential environmental impacts, and to label enforcement, interpretation and compliance concerns.

The emergence of EAB in Minnesota presents enormous environmental and economic challenges to preserving and protecting ash trees. Review documents and other information are available at <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/chemicals/pesticides>.

The MDA is committed to staying current on EAB treatment options, associated pesticide labels and registration information. Additionally, the MDA will continue to evaluate the potential for unreasonable adverse effects on humans and the environment as a result of EAB insecticide use.

The MDA hereby concludes the Minnesota special registration review of common insecticides used to control emerald ash borer in Minnesota.

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