

Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA)
Plant Health Protection Update



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MEMO TO: Nebraska Pesticide Applicators
FROM: Nebraska Department of Agriculture's Pesticide Program

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture's Pesticide Program would like to remind outdoor pesticide applicators – especially those applying volatile herbicides – to be mindful of the increasing number of commercially grown sensitive crops in our agricultural landscape. Applicators are reminded to read and follow the label directions, including any timing, temperature, and wind speed restrictions. In addition, please utilize DriftWatch™ (www.driftwatch.org) to locate commercially-grown sensitive crops in your spray area. Sensitive crops include orchards, vineyards, fruits and vegetables, organic crops, nurseries, and tree crops.

DriftWatch™ is a voluntary service; however, new commercial crop locations are added frequently. Applicators can register their business area in DriftWatch™, which then allows them to receive e-mail notifications when sensitive crops are added to their spray area.

All outdoor applicators should benefit from this service, including those making pesticide applications to roadsides, lawns and other turf sites, and agricultural fields.

For more information about the program, please contact Tim Creger with NDA's Pesticide Program at (402) 471-2351.

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