

Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA)



Plant Health Protection Update

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Pesticide Programs recently sent letters to the registrants of all outdoor use products containing clothianidin, dinotefuran, imidicloprid, and thiamethoxam – active ingredients in a class of neonicotinoid chemicals. The letter requested product language changes before the 2014 pesticide use season to include the addition of a 'pollinator protection box,' and additional language in the 'directions for use' section which clarifies new use restrictions when flowers are blooming and bees are foraging.

NDA encourages all applicators of these products to consider these restrictions now, to protect honeybees, bumblebees, and other pollinators. In addition, applicators should be careful to read the labels of their products used next year to remain in compliance with the Nebraska Pesticide Act and Regulations.

Those interested in the new language should go to [EPA's Actions to Protect Pollinators](http://1.usa.gov/16UxxiN) page (1.usa.gov/16UxxiN), and click on the August 15, 2013 letter to registrants. An example of the new pollinator protection box and new restrictions begin on page 4.

- NDA's [Household Hazardous Waste Directory](#) was recently updated with collection events coming up in September. Take a look at <http://bit.ly/rxR9dC> to see if there is an event that collects outdated or unwanted household pesticide products near you. In addition, please let NDA know, if there are future collection events that should be added to this Directory!

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