

From: David Whitney [mailto:david_whitney@hughes.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2008 10:42 AM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bunchberry Control

Dear Mr. Jennings,

I write to express my support for Dupont's application for a 24-C label for Express for bunchberry control in wild blueberry fields of Maine.

I understand the the Board of Pesticide Control will take up this application at it's August 1 meeting in Fairfield, ME. Were it not for our harvest happening at the same time, I would be inclined to attend that meeting to express my support for Express in person.

Bunchberry is a growing problem for wild blueberry farmers in Maine. Where bunchberry grows, it hogs out any other vegetation, especially blueberries.

The industry as a whole would benefit if this application is accepted. I respectfully request the board give this application approval for the betterment of our important industry.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Darin Hammond [mailto:dhammond@wymans.com]

Sent: Friday, July 25, 2008 10:53 AM

To: Jennings, Henry

Subject: Support for Express 24c registration

Dear Henry,

Please find attached to this e-mail a letter in support of the 24c registration for Express. We are extremely happy that this chemical may be approved.

Sincerely,

Darin Hammond
Senior Farm Manager
Jasper Wyman & Son <<Express 24c support letter.doc>>

July 25, 2008

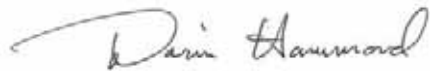
Henry Jennings
Maine Board of Pesticide Control
Augusta, Maine

Dear Henry:

This letter is in support of the 24c application for the use of Express for the control of bunchberry in the State of Maine. For the past few years in the survey's that have been performed in the industry the control of bunchberry was considered one of the priorities that needed to be addressed. We are extremely pleased that Dupont has agreed to seek a registration for this product in Maine, as it has been used successfully in Canada for the past ten years. In order for the Maine Blueberry Industry to remain competitive we need the same tools as our Canadian counterparts.

Thank you for your consideration for a registration for this product.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darin Hammond". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Darin Hammond
Senior Farm Manager
Jasper Wyman & Son

July 25, 2008

Henry Jennings
Board of Pesticides Control
State House Station No. 28
Augusta, ME 04333-0028

Dear Henry,

As a blueberry grower and vice president of the Maine Farm Bureau, I wholeheartedly support the 24-C registration of Express for the control of bunchberry. With the Canadians having used the product for a considerable number of years and not having had any negative effects, this registration would provide a much-needed tool to control this weed. I urge its registration.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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July 22, 2008.

Richard Ambrose
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Dear Richard:

I am writing in support of the 24C application to use Express to control bunchberry (*Cornus Canadensis* L.) and other difficult to control weeds in wild blueberries.

Bunchberry grows low to the ground like the wild blueberry and maintains 80-90% of its rhizome mass just beneath the soil surface. Presently in Maine there are no herbicides registered that can effectively control bunchberry without devastating the wild blueberry crop in which it grows. Bunchberry may infest as much as 20% of some of our production fields spreading in time as the field ages.

Wild blueberry farmers in Canada have had Spartan (the same active ingredient as Express) registered for bunchberry for over 10 years. They have had great success with it and developed sound methodologies for use. Dave Yarborough, our University of Maine Wild Blueberry Extension Specialist, has experimented extensively with Express to confirm these results.

We look forward to the registration of Express in Maine and anticipate increases in crop as we reclaim large areas of our wild blueberry fields lost to excessive bunch berry weed pressure.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Malay

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cc. Dave Yarborough, Henry Jennings

-----Original Message-----

From: Jack Lane [mailto:jtlane2@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2008 9:29 AM

To: Jennings, Henry

Subject: Letter of support for Express

Dear Mr. Jennings,

I am a third generation Wild Blueberry grower in Rockport, Maine. I very much need your support for the 24 C application for the use of Express to control bunchberry in my fields.

As a member of the Wild Blueberry Commission and the Knox County Blueberry Growers Association I can attest to the loss of many acres to the bunchberry plant. In my case, I have 17 acres that I harvest, 29 percent or 5 acres of it has so much bunchberry that it is not suitable for raking. My annual yield is 5,000 pounds per acre; therefore bunchberry currently represents an annual loss of 12,500 pounds of Wild Blueberries from my crop cycle. And, as the bunchberry continues to proliferate, the intrusion is getting worse each year. All growers that I know have a problem with bunchberry.

Thank you for your support of the Express application

Jack Lane COLONEL, US Army (Ret.), MEd (Biology)

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