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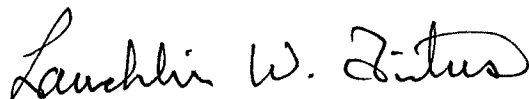
Re: June 5 Agenda Item on SLN label for Dual Magnum in vegetables

I am writing in support of the Special Local Needs label for Dual Magnum use in vegetables. I did retire from crop consulting in December, 2019, but I can attest that this material has been a very useful product for many Maine vegetable growers that I worked with. It has good efficacy on the target weeds mentioned (yellow nutsedge and galinsoga) and there are not other products effective enough for the broad spectrum of crops that Dual Magnum is labeled for.

I read with interest the various options suggested by Dr. Bryer. I will point out that the use season for this product for Maine vegetable growers is late May through June. Any delay that moves action to the next Board meeting in late July makes the product not useable this season. I would like to suggest a hybrid of options. Consider approving the SLN label as proposed for 2 years OR until superceded by the Proposed Interim Decision.

As pointed out in the application materials, the acres the product will be used on are not significant, but the economic value of the crops on those acres ARE very significant to our vegetable growers. Some of these crops have a gross return value of over \$15,000 per acre (as compared to a silage corn per acre gross value of something like \$1200).

Respectfully submitted,



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