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Phase-out of Benomyl

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If you have any questions pertaining to this document, please contact your Senior Pesticide Use Specialist liaison.

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Background

On April 18, 2001, DuPont formally requested voluntary cancellation of all benomyl technical, end use, and special local need product registration. DuPont informed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) that manufacture of benomyl throughout the global market would cease at the end of 2001; distribution and sales are expected to be phased out by the end of 2002.

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**Uses of
Benomyl**

Benomyl (trade name, Benlate) is a fungicide approved for use on approximately 70 fruit, nut, vegetable, and field crops. No residential uses are approved.

**Reregistration
Eligibility
Decision (RED)**

U.S. EPA has been in the process of reviewing human health and ecological effects of benomyl in order to complete a reregistration eligibility decision on the pesticide next year.

**Future Action
on Benomyl**

The next step under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) will be for the U.S. EPA to publish a Section 6(f) Federal Registration notice announcing receipt of the request for voluntary cancellation, and inviting public comment for 30 days.

**Department of
Pesticide
Regulation
plans**

The Department of Pesticide Regulation will provide updates to county agricultural commissioners with any additional benomyl news items.

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