I am asking if another question could be added to your questionnaire about pesticide treated seed.

The question is....

How much total active ingredient is being applied to an acre of soil when a pesticide treated seed is planted?

I ask because I have worked in the cotton seed industry in the past. I know from experience that the total amount of applied pesticide / volume of seed is quite low. That seed is then distributed across many acres. The total amount of pesticide applied per acre is quite low. Therefore, it should be included in the calculation and in the conversation. I believe you will find that a pesticide treated seed planted to an acre will deliver less total active ingredient than doing a pesticide application or injection.

Thank you for your consideration.

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