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Subject: Section 18 for Thiophanate Methyl for Blueberry

Information courtesy of Thomas Kaczoroski, Emergency Exemption Coordinator for the New Jersey Pesticide Control Program:

Date: May 7, 2002. EPA has granted a specific exemption under Section 18 of FIFRA to the NJDEP for the use of thiophanate methyl, formulated as Topsin M WSB, to control various fungal diseases on blueberry. The registered product, registration numbers 4581-408, 73545-8, or 4581-377, is manufactured by Cerexagri, Inc. This specific exemption expires on September 30, 2002.

The exemption is subject to the conditions of NJDEP's request for exemption, as well as conditions and exemptions specifically listed in the exemption letter from EPA.

In particular, the use pattern specified in the exemption differs from the initial exemption requests of a maximum of 5 applications. EPA scientists have determined that available data do not support more than 3 applications per year.

Please email or call with your fax number if you wish a copy of the exemption letter to be faxed to you.

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