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**Subject:** NE SNPs: USDA Looking For Comment on Proposed REIs for Mancozeb

**Attention NE SNPs:** Dhol Herzi of USDA requests comment on the **proposed REIs for mancozeb** as listed below. Mancozeb chemically is an ethylene(bis)dithiocarbamate (EDBC). Her email follows. Please respond to Dhol by email with a cc to me as I am compiling responses for the NE IPMC. Please provide input on REIs that need revision for the commodities as listed below; include the practices required to grow the commodity that would necessitate a different REI than proposed. If the REI given works for the commodity in your State, state that as well. *thanks- pdh.*

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Good Day;

EPA is looking at considering mitigation measures for mancozeb. For workers (applicators/handlers), they are considering the use of PPE (single layer and PF 5 respirator) for most crops. This is an improvement to the current double layer required on the label. For turf, they may require the use of water soluble packs and for seed treatments a closed capture system for dust formulations.

The current Re-Entry Interval (REI) is 24 hours for all crops. For most crops, they are proposing a change, for others they need your feedback to understand the cultural practices relative to mancozeb application.

Listed below are the suggested REIs, and questions, for each crop. If a crop is not listed, the REI will not be changed. Please let me know if there are activities growers need to do that this REI would inhibit.

Proposed REIs:

- Greenhouse cut flowers: 3 or 4 days (when do workers perform high contact activities?)
- Cranberry: 2 days
- Banana: 2 days
- Tobacco (field): 2 days
- Apples: What is the maximum feasible REI? What activities follow an application?
- Christmas Trees: What is the maximum feasible REI? How soon after application do growers shear trees?
- Turf: When do workers need to enter? What activities?
- Potatoes, Sugar Beets: Is there any hand harvesting? What is the maximum feasible REI? What activities need to be done following an application?
- Asparagus: 1 day
- Cucurbits: What is the maximum feasible REI? What activities need to be conducted following an application of mancozeb?
- Tomato: 1 - 2 days
- Grapes: What is the maximum feasible REI? How soon after application do workers need to enter? What activities?

Let me know if you have any questions.

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