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**DURSBAN REMAINS LABELED FOR ORNAMENTAL APPLICATIONS**

**Indianapolis, Ind. (June 8, 2000)** -- Dow AgroSciences LLC announced today an agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that will allow the continued use of Dursban\* insecticide (chlorpyrifos) on nursery stock. Chlorpyrifos products were among the first scrutinized under new standards resulting from the passage of the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA).

"We're pleased that growers will continue to realize the benefits of this product," said Bruce Miehle, general manager for Turf and Ornamental Products at Dow AgroSciences. "Chlorpyrifos products have been on the market for more than 30 years. More than 3,600 studies and reports have been conducted examining critical aspects of chlorpyrifos products as they relate to health and safety. No other insect control product has been researched more thoroughly."

The agreement that Dow AgroSciences announced includes a voluntary cancellation of most in-and-around-the-home uses of chlorpyrifos in the U.S., including use of the product as a full-barrier termiticide treatment in existing residential structures (post-construction). Use of products affected by this agreement will be allowed until existing stocks are depleted.

Use of chlorpyrifos in the U.S. as a termiticide for spot and local treatment will be allowed until December 31, 2002. Chlorpyrifos will remain available in the U.S. for use as a termiticide for new residential construction (pre-treat) until December 31, 2005. This date may be extended, however, based on the results of an exposure study specific to this application.

Retail sale of chlorpyrifos products in the U.S. will be allowed until December 31, 2001.

Chlorpyrifos will remain available for various U.S. nonresidential uses such as golf courses and ornamental nurseries as well as for all U.S. crop uses except tomatoes.

The agreement includes refinements in agricultural applications that result in a reduction of chlorpyrifos residues in the U.S. on apples and grapes.

This agreement is specific to the U.S. sale and use of chlorpyrifos.

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“The important news here is that growers can continue to rely on Dursban for their insect control needs on ornamentals,” Miehle emphasized. “We look forward to providing this time-tested product for many years to come.”

Ornamental producers who have questions can contact a Dow AgroSciences field representative or their distributor.

Dow AgroSciences LLC, based in Indianapolis, Ind., USA, is a global leader in providing pest management and biotechnology products that improve the quality and quantity of the earth's food supply and contribute to the safety, health and quality of life of the world's growing population. Dow AgroSciences has approximately 6,000 people in over 50 countries dedicated to its business, and has worldwide sales of more than US \$2 billion. Dow AgroSciences is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Dow Chemical Company.

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