

Alfalfa (and other field crops) Blogs – Electronic Communications of Interest to You!

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Key Alfalfa Insecticide Retained: Chlorpyrifos Ban Averted at Last Minute



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It's not clear that alfalfa growers fully knew that one of the most widely-used insecticides in their crop was about to be completely eliminated from use nationwide.

But it was - nearly. NOT an April Fools Day joke!

A complete withdraw of 'tolerances' (legal uses) for chlorpyrifos (Lorsban, Lock-on) was scheduled for 31 March, 2017 but on 29th March, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) made a decision that it would not proceed forward at this time with a revocation of all uses for this pesticide. Links to the EPA decision [press release](#) can be found

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