

Proposed Press Release

Status of Sucker Control Chemicals for Flue-cured Tobacco in 1970

An evaluation committee on agricultural chemicals for tobacco, comprised of representatives from the Ontario Flue-cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board, domestic and export buying companies, Soils and Crops Branch, ODAF, Research Branch, CDA, Department of Industry Trade and Commerce and Plant Products Division CMA, met twice to review the application of sucker control chemicals on flue-cured tobacco. A decision was reached to conditionally accept only fatty alcohol agents for 1970 on a trial basis for one year only, and that have had at least one year testing on Canadian tobacco. The products which have been tested are Delspray T-149 and 16309. The chemicals, Penar, Off-Shoot-T and Emgard, used on a trial basis in 1968 and 1969, are now considered unacceptable to the industry. The committee agreed to accept the two fatty alcohols with the understanding that all materials under test would be reviewed again in one year before any are accepted for general use in 1971.

Fatty alcohols have been tested for three years at the Tobacco Research Station, Delhi, with good success in controlling sucker growth and without causing any noticeable change in quality, including chemical and physical characteristics of the cured leaf.

Information on the use of fatty alcohols for sucker control will be provided by the Tobacco Extension Personnel of the Soils and Crops Branch, ODAF, and the Tobacco Research Station, Delhi.

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