



Update on ASTA's Agricultural Chemical Advocacy Efforts

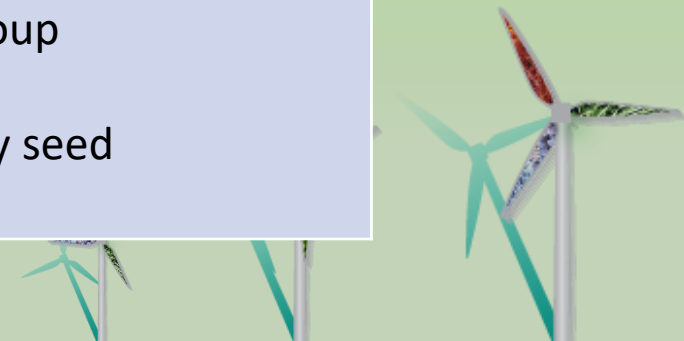
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Crop Grouping Proposed Rule

Proposed rule published August 27, with a 60-day comment

Current Crop Group	Proposed Crop Group
<p>Crop Group 19 Herbs and Spices Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 68 commodities• Rep crops: basil (fresh & dried); black pepper; chive; celery seed or dill seed	<p>No equivalent</p>
<p>Herbs Subgroup 19A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 36 commodities• Rep crops: basil (fresh & dried); chive	<p>Crop Group 25: Herb Crop Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 316 commodities• 2 subgroups: dried and fresh• Rep crops: Dried: dried basil and dried mint, Fresh: fresh basil and fresh mint
<p>Spices Subgroup 19B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 32 commodities• Rep crops: black pepper; celery seed or dill seed	<p>Crop Group 26: Spices Crop Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 167 commodities• Rep crops: dill seed or celery seed



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- Proposed rule acknowledges monitoring data may be used for spices
- ASTA formed a task for to inform our comments
- Comments were submitted in Oct, ASTA then met with EPA in Feb
- Comments:
 - Thanked EPA for monitoring data policy/requested clarification
 - Requested flexibility on the “representative crop”
 - Requested expansion of crop groups to include additional commodities
 - Requested automatic extension of MRLs on dill seed to entire crop group





- Red pepper, dried (*Capsicum frutescens* L. or *Capsicum annuum* L.)
- Paprika, dried (*Capsicum annuum* L.)
- Ginger, dried (*Zingiber officinale* Rosc.)
- Turmeric, dried (*Curcuma longa* L.)
- Sesame (*Sesamum indicum* L.)
- Pink pepper, dried (*Schinus terebinthifolius*)
- Arrowroot, dried (*Maranta arundinacea*)
- Elderberry, dried (*Sambucus* spp.)
- Garlic, dried (*Allium sativum*)
- Onion, dry bulb and green (*Allium cepa*, *A. fistulosum*)

Requested Additions to Crop Group 26



Requested Additions to Crop Group 25



Echinacea Purpurea, dried

Celery leaf, dried (*Apium graveolens*)

