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Nebraska Corn Joins Call-To-Action to Protect Atrazine

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LINCOLN, Neb. - The Nebraska Corn Board (NCB) and the Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) are urging farmers to submit comments to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). On June 30, the EPA announced an upcoming revision of atrazine's registration. This new level of concern for atrazine will vastly reduce the herbicide's effectiveness, hindering farmers' ability to utilize this critical tool.

Farmers need to relay to the EPA that atrazine is a valuable weed control product on their operation. The EPA's proposed rule would lower the level of concern (LOC) to 3.4 ppb. To continue to apply this herbicide, farmers would need to adopt various mitigation strategies.

"Farmers need tools in their toolbox to continue providing safe feed, food and fuel for the world," explained Andy Jobman, chairman of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association and farmer from Gothenburg. "The EPA needs to hear from any and all farmers about how detrimental this proposal would be to our operations."



“Atrazine is a safe and effective tool for corn farmers that benefits the environment from unnecessary tillage,” said Jay Reiners, chairman of the Nebraska Corn Board and farmer from Juniata. “We need to take the time as farmers to share with the Environmental Protection Agency the vitality of this product on our farms.”

Comments can be submitted to EPA, and advocates are encouraged to include information about how the proposed level of concern and required mitigation strategies would impact their individual operations. The public comment period is now open, and farmers can voice their support for atrazine at ncga.ws/atrazine. Farmers have until September 6, 2022, to submit their comments.

The Nebraska Corn Board is funded through a producer checkoff investment of ½-cent-per-bushelcheckoff on all corn marketed in the state and is managed by nine farmer directors. The mission of the Nebraska Corn Board is to promote the value of corn by creating opportunities.

The Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) is a grassroots commodity organization that works to enhance the profitability of corn producers. NeCGA has more than 2,500 dues-paying members in Nebraska. NeCGA is affiliated with the National Corn Growers Association, which has more than 40,000 dues-paying members nationwide.

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