

Resolution #17 – York Region SCIA – Researching Impacts of DON on Grain Marketability

WHEREAS corn ear moulds containing vomitoxin, also known as deoxynivalenol (DON) have caused a big emotional and costly issue for Ontario’s corn farmers, and,

WHEREAS Ontario’s farmers want to produce good quality and saleable grains for all markets.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA support Grain Farmers of Ontario with expertise, information and research dollars to address this quality issue.

Moved Don Oliver, Seconded by Dave Deacon (York SCIA).

Carried

Send letter of support to GFO

**SENT TO Crosby Devitt, Vice President, Grain Farmers of Ontario (GFO)
Barry Senft, Chief Executive Officer, GFO**

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Resolution #18 – York SCIA – Variability of DON Testing Results

WHEREAS testing results for Deoxynivalenol (DON) has been variable and inconsistent at elevators and export ports.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA support a standardized testing procedure for DON and other troublesome grain moulds.

Moved Don Oliver, Seconded by Dave Deacon (York SCIA).

Carried

SENT TO Richard Smibert, President, The Ontario Agri-Business Association (OABA)
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
Dr. Franco J. Vaccarino, President and Vice Chancellor, University of Guelph
Gino Castonguay, Chief Grain Inspector for Canada, Canadian Grain Commission (CGC)

COPY TO Dave Bутtenham, Chief Executive Officer, The Ontario Agri-Business Association (OABA)
Crosby Devitt, Vice President, Grain Farmers of Ontario (GFO)
Barry Senft, Chief Executive Officer, GFO

RESPONSE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ONTARIO AGRIBUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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Resolution #19 – York SCIA – Deregistration of Older Pesticides

WHEREAS Canada's food systems require many different chemical and organic products to manage weed, fungi and insect problems that harm food production, and,

WHEREAS Health Canada seeks through the Pest Management Regulatory Agency to ban or severely reduce usage of older chemistry, and,

WHEREAS these actions reduce useful and usually cheaper products to alternate against the evolving resistance of many pests,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA request that Health Canada decrease removing older chemistries until safety, environmental concerns and usage decline dictates its deregistration.

Moved Don Oliver, Seconded by Jordan Coates (York SCIA).

Carried

**SENT TO The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health
Linda McIntosh, Pest Management Regulatory Agency- Compliance
program, Ontario Region**

RESPONSE FROM PESTICIDE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM, HEALTH CANADA

Hi Ms. Van De Peer,

Acknowledging receipt of your letter. As it was also directed to the Minister of Health, I will work with Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) to coordinate a response.

Thank you,

*Linda McIntosh
Regional Manager, Pesticide Compliance Program
Regulatory Operations and Enforcement Branch
Health Canada / Government of Canada*

RESPONSE FROM MINISTER OF HEALTH CANADA

On behalf of the Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health, thank you for taking the time to write. Please be assured that your correspondence is being carefully reviewed.

The Minister greatly appreciates receiving the views of Canadians on matters that are important to them.

*Again, thank you for writing.
Executive Correspondance Division*

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RESPONSE FROM PEST MANAGEMENT REGULATORY AGENCY

Dear Mr. Graham,

I am responding to your letter, which the Office of the Minister of Health, the Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, forwarded to me on May 23, 2019. You wrote in order to share a copy of a resolution passed by your association, regarding the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA)'s pesticide re-evaluation program.

As you know, pesticides are regulated federally in Canada, under the Pest Control Products Act (PCPA), which is administered by Health Canada's PMRA. Our number one priority is to protect the health and safety of Canadians and their environment.

Before a pesticide is allowed to be used or sold in Canada, it must undergo a rigorous scientific assessment process that provides reasonable certainty that no harm, including chronic effects such as cancer, will occur when pesticides are used according to label directions. Results from more than 200 types of scientific studies must be submitted to determine whether the pesticide would have any negative effect on people, animals (including birds, mammals, and other wildlife), or plants, including organisms in the soil and water. This assessment takes into consideration sensitive populations, such as pregnant and nursing woman, infants, children and seniors.

The PCPA requires that all registered pesticides on the market be re-evaluated on a cyclical basis, in order to assess whether they continue to meet the Department's health and environmental standards and hence whether they should continue to be permitted for use in Canada. Only those products that PMRA determines to be acceptable for continued use are allowed to remain on the Canadian market.

You may be interested to know that we are currently undertaking a review of our re-evaluation program with the objective of increasing both its efficiency and effectiveness. This is a broad review aimed at ensuring a sustainable post-market program that continues to protect health and the environment, while being efficient from a stakeholder and regulatory perspective (e.g. timeliness, appropriate engagements). Science-based decision-making will continue to be the core of pesticide regulation, and health and environmental protection will continue to be paramount in making those decisions.

Since fall 2018, we have consulted with a broad range of stakeholders, including provinces, non-government organizations and other federal departments, to understand their views regarding the re-evaluation programs of the PMRA and other regulators. We thank you for your comments. We will take into account all views provided and consider them as we develop options to maintain a robust re-evaluation program.

Should you have further questions regarding pesticides and the federal pesticide regulatory system, you are encouraged to reach out to our Pest Management Information Service by writing to 2720 Riverside Drive, Mail Stop 6606D2, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9. Alternatively, you may also contact the service by telephone, by dialing, toll-free, 1-800-267-6315, or by e-mailing hc.pmra.info-arla.sc@canada.ca

Thank you for writing,

Sincerely,
J. Flint for
Richard Aucoin, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Pest Management Regulatory Agency

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