



Oregon

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MAY 1st Geese Advisory Zinc Phosphide and Grass Grown for Seed

Due to reports of geese remaining in the Willamette Valley longer than usual, it is very important that all precautions be taken to prevent ANY chance of geese being killed by above-ground applications of zinc phosphide.

Zinc phosphide poisoning of geese or other migratory birds will not be tolerated. It is illegal to kill geese with zinc phosphide. Additional incidents may result in the severe restriction or a total ban of the use of zinc phosphide in the Willamette Valley.

There are three Special Local Need (SLN) labels for the use of zinc phosphide above-ground in/on grass grown for seed (labels amended April 2008). To prevent zinc phosphide exposure to geese, label statements on the SLNs include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Applications are only allowed May 1 through August 31.
- ◆ Do not make applications if geese or other migratory birds have been observed in the field within the last seven (7) days.
- ◆ If geese are observed in the treated field within seven (7) days of the application (ie. after the application), hazing is recommended. A hazing permit is not required.
- ◆ Users are advised that the Migratory Bird Treaty Act makes it unlawful to kill any migratory bird except as permitted by regulation. **Any bird deaths caused by application of this pesticide is a violation of both state and federal law.** In North America, all birds are considered migratory except for upland game birds (e.g. grouse, ptarmigans, prairie-chickens, quail, ring-necked pheasant and wild turkey) and introduced bird species (e.g. European starling, house sparrow, and rock dove).

MAKE SURE NO GEESE HAVE BEEN IN YOUR FIELD ANY TIME WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE MAKING A ZINC PHOSPHIDE APPLICATION AND HAZE THEM OUT IF THEY SHOW UP AFTER AN APPLICATION. THE USE OF ZINC PHOSPHIDE IS AT STAKE.

The three SLN labels amended (April 30, 2009 expiration date) are:

- (1) HACCO/ Prozap Zinc Phosphide Oat Bait, (EPA Reg. No. 61282-14), OR-990009.
- (2) Bell/ ZP Rodent Bait AG (EPA Reg. No. 12455-17), OR-990034
- (3) HACCO/ Prozap Zinc Phosphide Pellets (EPA Reg. No. 61282-49), OR-050009.

Labels are available at <http://www.pnn.wsu.edu/pnnor.html#Section24cs>

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