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## IR-4 FOOD-USE PROGRAM

### IR-4 Food-Use Research - 2001 and 2002

The final tally for the 2001 research program is in; IR-4 conducted 107 residue studies supported by 608 field trials. IR-4 is already gearing up for 2002 research. The IR-4 Food Use Workshop was held in September and the final research plans were made at our National Research Planning Meeting on October 29 and 30, 2001.

The numbers of field trials scheduled for 2002 by region are as follows:

**684 Trials  
Scheduled  
for 2002**

Area	Residue Trials	Performance
Northeast:	84	10
Northcentral:	95	6
Southern:	115	25
Western:	194	13
USDA-ARS:	99	33
Canada:	10	
Total:	597	87

The program of 597 field trials will support a total of 109 residue studies. The 87 performance trials will support only "A" priority performance studies. The performance studies are generally reserved for projects already having crop group residue data, but still require efficacy data to convince registrants to put additional crops on the label.

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### Food-Use Regulatory Accomplishments 2001

As IR-4 and EPA wind down the year, we can see how our efforts continue to result in high numbers of new uses for minor crop growers. Approximately one hundred tolerances were established, based on IR-4 data. The new tolerances support 477 new minor uses on crop protection chemical labels. Again this year, IR-4 has been successful in utilizing "Super Crop Group Strategies" as noted for the many new uses resulting from IR-4's submissions on azoxystrobin fungicide. However, there were a much greater number of new uses based on actual data submitted by IR-4. The complete breakdown of IR-4 supported clearances are 477 new chemical clearances, 21 new biopesticide food clearances and 66 Section 18 uses for a total of 564 uses.

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