
IR-4 FOOD-USE PROGRAM

Successes for the quarter are listed in the attached table starting on page 20.

IR-4 Food-Use Research - 2002

The final tally for the 2002 research program is in; IR-4 conducted 104 residue studies supported by 617 field trials. IR-4 is already gearing up for 2003 research. The IR-4 Food Use Workshop was held in September and the final research plans were made at our National Research Planning meeting held on October 29 and 30, 2002.

The number of field trials scheduled for 2003 by region are as follows:

	Residue Trials
Northeast:	94
Northcentral:	98
Southern:	122
Western:	220
USDA-ARS:	69
Canada:	59
Total:	662

The 2003 program of 662 field trials will support a total of 96 residue studies. Many protocols have been drafted and are currently being reviewed by IR-4 field and laboratory personnel as well as industry representatives. Most of the protocols will be signed and sent out by the end of January.

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Food Use Regulatory Accomplishments 2002

As IR-4 and EPA wind down the year, we continue to see a high number of new uses for minor crop growers. Approximately one hundred tolerances were established based on IR-4 data. The new tolerances should be able to support up to 400 new minor uses on crop protection chemical labels. Some of the products with major minor crop expansions include: Fenhexamid, Clethodim, Fludioxonil, Pyriproxyfen, Fosetyl-Al, Azoxystrobin, Halosulfuron, Clopyralid, Dimethomorph, Spinosad, and Cyfluthrin. EPA has already posted their 2003 workplan ([Http://www.epa.gov/opprd001/workplan/newuse.htm](http://www.epa.gov/opprd001/workplan/newuse.htm)), which looks to be another active year for IR-4 projects.

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Industry Meetings with IR-4 during the 4th Quarter 2002: IR-4 met with several industry groups for regulatory strategy meetings over the past few months. The purpose of these meetings is to look at partnership opportunities that will optimize product petitions on the EPA's 2004 Workplan. To date, meetings have been held with Bayer CropScience, Nichino, Gowan, Amvac, Arvesta, and Valent. Additional meetings are being planned with Syngenta and BASF.