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Court Tells EPA to Ban Chlorpyrifos

A U.S. appeals court ordered the Environmental Protection Agency to ban chlorpyrifos (clo-PEER-uh-foss) within 60 days. The decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reverses a Trump administration reversal of an Obama administration plan to impose a ban. Chlorpyrifos is used on cotton, corn, almonds and fruit trees including oranges, bananas and apples, to kill worms and insects. The pesticide has been linked to learning disabilities in children, according to the Hagstrom Report. EPA previously, in 2000, banned household use of chlorpyrifos over concerns the pesticide can harm the brain and nervous system. The Environmental Working Group calls the decision a "huge victory for public health. Meanwhile, CropLife America expressed disappointment with the decision, and is hopeful "EPA will consider all avenues of appeal" after review of the decision.

Brazilian Judge Suspends Glyphosate Use

A Brazilian judge has suspended the use of products containing glyphosate. The federal judge halted new registrations of products containing glyphosate and will suspend existing registrations while the Brazilian government reevaluates the toxicity of glyphosate products, according to Reuters. The decision, however, could face several appeals. Brazil's public health agency, as well as the Agriculture Ministry, have announced plans to file appeals. Herbicide manufacturers contend that Brazil's farmers have been safely using glyphosate for more than 40 years. A Brazil-based agribusiness industry association representative says he "thinks the judge is wrong," adding that the industry believes "the decision will be revoked somehow." Without glyphosate products, the industry contends "it's impossible to do agriculture." Brazil is the world's largest exporter of soybeans, driven largely by growing demand from China.

Farm Futures Survey: Farmer Support for Trump Slipping

A poll by Farm Futures shows support to Donald Trump from farmers is slipping. The survey found that 60 percent of farmers would vote

for the president if the election were held today. That's down from the 75 percent support level Trump received from growers in the 2016 election. Meanwhile, 24 percent said they would not vote for reelection and 17 percent were unsure. 78 percent of those who voted for the president in 2016 said they would still vote for him today. Trade policy appears to be the biggest sticking point as farmers and ranchers have applauded much of Trump's policy moves. 86 percent of those surveyed said Trump's move to reduce regulation is good for their farm. Even 42 percent of Clinton voters backed the president on that effort. However, just eight percent of farmers support Trump's claim that "trade wars are good and easy to win." Farm Futures surveyed 924 growers from July 20 to August 2. Farmers were invited by email to fill out an online questionnaire.