



Oregon
Department
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ADVISORY NOTICE
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**FALSE AND MISLEADING LABELING FOR
BASAGRAN HERBICIDE/YELLOW NUTSEDGE SUPPRESSION
BULB ONIONS GROWN IN OREGON/IDAHO**

This letter is to provide pesticide users/distributors/consultants/retailers notification regarding the distribution of false and misleading label information associated with the pesticide product Basagran Herbicide. The active ingredient contained in Basagran Herbicide is bentazon. No pesticide product containing bentazon is registered for use on onions and there is no established tolerance for bentazon on onions. Therefore, use of a pesticide inconsistent with its label is a violation of state and federal law and subject to enforcement action by the Department of Agriculture and/or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture have confirmed the distribution of false and misleading label information associated with the use of Basagran Herbicide on onions for suppression of Yellow Nutsedge. This information appears in the form of a supplemental label, and provides application instructions for the use of Basagran Herbicide on bulb onions grown in Idaho/Oregon for Yellow Nutsedge suppression.

The use of any pesticide product containing the active ingredient bentazon on onions will be considered use inconsistent with product labeling even if the grower/applicator had a copy of the false and misleading label in his possession. Using bentazon on onions will also result in the Department of Agriculture issuing an embargo on the crop and potential destruction of onions treated with a bentazon product.

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RESOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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