

Obsolete pesticide collection campaign comes to Prince Edward Island

October 31, 2011 - Ottawa, ON – Over the next two weeks, farmers in Prince Edward Island are being invited to participate in an obsolete agricultural pesticide collection program.

Prince Edward Island agricultural producers can drop off their unwanted or obsolete agricultural pesticides at one of seven collection locations between Nov. 1 and Nov. 14.

The collection program is operated by CleanFARMS, an industry-led national not-for-profit agricultural waste management organization. The obsolete pesticide collection program operates around the country, generally occurring in each province every three years.

“CleanFARMS is committed to providing programs to collect unwanted or obsolete agricultural pesticides in an environmentally responsible way, at no cost to farmers,” says Barry Friesen, general manager of CleanFARMS.

Since 1998, Prince Edward Island farmers have returned more than 42,000 kilograms of obsolete pesticides. After collection, the pesticides are taken to a licensed waste management facility where they are disposed of through high temperature incineration.

“We know that farmers care a lot about the environment. This becomes abundantly clear when we see their participation rates in programs like the obsolete pesticide collection program as well as our empty pesticide container recycling program,” says Friesen.

Farmers are invited to return all of their obsolete or unwanted agricultural pesticides in a secure container with the product label attached. This program is strictly for agricultural pesticides; adjuvants, fertilizers, spray rinsate, treated seed, paint, solvents and domestic pesticides will not be accepted.

Collections will take place at the following locations from Nov. 1 - 14:

PEI Agromart, Albany, 1804 Route 115
Cavendish Agri Services, Charlottetown, 19 Riverside Drive
McCain Produce, New Perth, 4763 Baldwin Road
Cavendish Agri Services, O’Leary, 41 North Street Ext
McCain Produce, Summerside, 168 Greenwood Drive
Cavendish Agri Services, Montague, 256 Brundenell Point Road
Cavendish Agri Services, Travellers Rest, 848 Read Drive

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