



## CONSUMER ASSURANCE & MRL UPDATE

### FENBUTATIN OXIDE EU MRL CHANGE – IMMEDIATE

Citrus growers using Fenbutatin Oxide (Torque) should note the EU Commission decided that the citrus MRL for Fenbutatin Oxide will be reduced to 0.01 mg/kg. This new value is expected to come into effect six months after the decision is published in the EU Official Journal, and publication is expected sometime in January 2019. In other words, the lower Fenbutatin Oxide MRL will be in place for citrus fruit on the market in July 2019.

CGA and CRI are looking at data to support retaining some uses of this product that will still enable compliance with the lower MRL. However, at this stage the available data is not promising and producers are advised that the Fenbutatin oxide recommended usage restriction may be changed to “Not later than 90% petal fall”. It is hoped that suitable data becomes available to support a shorter withholding period. There are commercial residue results that suggest a withholding period of 210d PHI may be feasible, but this must still be confirmed with proper residue breakdown trials.

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