

May 11, 2026

The Honorable Lee Zeldin  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Zeldin:

We are writing on behalf of the following specialty crop grower organizations to urge the EPA to promptly complete the registration of *pyraziflumid*, which was submitted to the EPA in November 2019. We are grateful for EPA's significant progress in addressing the backlog of pending pesticide registration actions and are hopeful that EPA will register this product by the end of August 2026.

Specialty crops, including pome fruit, tree nuts, grapes and other small vine fruits are vital to our states' economies, food security, and the livelihood of thousands of family farmers. Yet, these crops face increasing pressure from destructive fungal diseases, evolving pest resistance, and a steadily narrowing set of effective management options. Specialty crop growers operate under some of the most stringent regulatory requirements in the nation, which makes access to safe, effective, and innovative tools critical.

*Pyraziflumid* represents an urgently needed tool for specialty crop growers because it offers:

- Excellent efficacy at low use rates
- Broad-spectrum disease control for high-value crops that have limited alternatives;
- Among the most highly active SDHI fungicides on some of the most damaging fungi species; and
- Compatibility with Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs, supporting sustainable and responsible production.

Without access to new products like *pyraziflumid*, our growers face diminished yields, greater economic losses, and increased risk of pest resistance. Ultimately, this threatens the supply of safe, abundant, and affordable fruits and nuts to American consumers.

In addition, *pyraziflumid* is currently registered in 13 other countries, disadvantaging American growers who do not have access to this tool. Currently *pyraziflumid* is registered in Mexico, Canada, Japan, Korea, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Jordan, Ukraine, Vietnam, Colombia, Egypt and Pakistan.

We urge EPA to register *pyraziflumid* by the end of August 2026 to ensure that American growers have the tools they need to continue producing the specialty crops that are essential to our nation's food system.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to science-based regulation that supports both environmental stewardship and American agriculture.

Sincerely,

AmericanHort  
California Apple Commission  
California Blueberry Commission  
California Cherry Growers and Industry Association  
California Fresh Fruit Association (CFFA)  
California Pear Growers  
California Specialty Crops Council  
California Wild Rice Advisory Board  
Colorado Nursery & Greenhouse Association (CNGA)  
Michigan Farm Bureau  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
NC Nursery and Landscape Association  
North American Blueberry Council  
Olive Growers Council of California  
Olive Oil Commission of California  
Oregon Association of Nurseries  
Pennsylvania Farm Bureau  
Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association  
Walnut Alliance  
Washington Blueberry Council  
Western Growers