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State Approval of Two Prairie Dog Baits Extended for another Two Years

Last fall, the Colorado Department of Agriculture approved state Special Local Need (SLN) registrations for two prairie dog baits: Rozol Prairie dog bait and Kaput D Prairie dog bait. After reviewing additional data provided by each registrant, CDA has extended the approval of these two products for an additional two years.

Both of these potent anticoagulant rodenticides are federal Restricted Use Pesticides and have numerous restrictions on the label. Many of these restrictions are for the protection of nontarget species. It is important that each user of either of these two SLN products read and follow all of these label directions. Some of these restrictions are briefly described below:

- Both products are classified as federal RUPS. They can be sold to and used only by licensed applicators and are for sale only by licensed dealers.
- Applicators must obtain, read, and follow the SLN label directions. You also must carry this SLN label with you while making applications.
- Dealers and applicators must comply with RUP record-keeping requirements.
- Use is limited to specific counties, east of the Rockies.
- For use only on black-tailed prairie dogs (*Cynomys ludovicianus*).
- For use only in non-crop and rangeland areas.
- To be applied at least 6 inches down into prairie dog burrows.
- To be applied only into active burrows.
- To be applied only during the fall and winter.
- Any dead prairie dogs found on the surface must be collected every 1-2 days and buried at least 18 inches deep.

Since these are both federal Restricted Use Pesticides, ranchers and farmers will need to have a private applicator license to purchase or use them. For information on obtaining your private pesticide applicators license, call 303-239-4186. Exam materials can also be ordered on-line at the following website:

<https://www.colorado.gov/apps/cda/pesticide/applicator/exam/welcome.jsf>

As with all Restricted Use Pesticides, records of each application must be kept in accordance with the USDA recordkeeping standards. CDA is planning on conducting recordkeeping inspections this year on some of the private applicators who purchase these products.

More information on these recordkeeping requirements can be obtained at the following USDA website:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/science/prb/sdpr.htm>