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First Jointly Reviewed Reduced Risk Chemical Marketed in Canada and United States

Cyprodinil (Vangard®), a reduced risk Novartis fungicide for use on apples, is the first chemical to be jointly reviewed by Canada and the United States (U.S.) under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Technical Working Group (TWG) on Pesticides. Cyprodinil has been shown to pose lower risks to human health than traditional chemical pesticides. The shared work of evaluating the registration submission package was completed within one year, and the simultaneous registration gives Canadian and U.S. fruit growers equal access to this new, safer product. As a result of efficacy data being reviewed during the registration, the product's label now indicates an overall reduction of some 40 percent from the original proposals for Vangard's use rate, timing and frequency. This lessens potential environmental and human exposure and means cost savings for users.