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ATTENTION: Commercial Applicators Wishing to Apply Restricted or Limited Use Pesticides  
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Commercial Applicators are reminded that application of restricted or **limited use** pesticides on one's own property for raising christmas trees, nursery stock, blueberries or other agricultural commodities requires a **Private Applicator license**.

This rule exists based on the following statutes: 22 MRSA 1471-C(5) which describes the definition of a "Commercial Applicator" as any person...who uses or supervises the use of any limited or restricted-use pesticides on any property other than as provided by subsection 22. Subsection 22 reads, " Private Applicator" means any person who uses or supervises the use of **any pesticide which is classified for restricted or limited use for purposes of producing any agricultural commodity** on property owned or rented by him or his employer...

This may seem to be a hassle, but if you--the Commercial Applicator--were taken to court for misuse of the limited use product and you did not have the proper Private Applicator license, you wouldn't have much hope of winning your court case. Also, an insurance company may not cover any damages caused by an applicator who was not properly licensed.

As of this date the BPC will **not** issue any limited use pesticide permits to Commercial Applicators intending to use such products on their own property unless they obtain a Private Applicator license. The Private Applicator license is available to Commercial Applicators based upon their current Commercial Applicator certification. We also recommend that any Commercial Applicator who has already received a permit for the 1992 season apply for a Private Applicator license based on their Commercial Applicator certification.

Applications for Private Applicator licensing are available from the address or phone number listed above. The fee for this license is \$6.00 for a three year period. If you have any questions, please call me at 287-2731.