
CDMS CHEMSEARCHSM:

AN ONLINE SOLUTION
FOR PESTICIDE DATA

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CHEMSEARCH^(SM) & IFAS EXTENSION

In Summer 2004 IFAS initiated a statewide trial of the pesticide database ChemSearch^(sm), a commercial database from CDMS Inc. ChemSearch^(sm) allows users to search for pesticide label information from 90+ manufacturers by crop, pest, active ingredient, and brand name. Helpful label summaries provide quick access to key information. Data is updated daily.

The objective of the trial is to provide faculty members who make pesticide recommendations with rapid online access to information about registered materials. The trial is intended to complement the work of the PIO, IFAS Management Guides and IFAS Extension specialists.

ChemSearch

WHO CAN USE CHEMSEARCH^(SM)?

A subscription has been provided for every county extension office in Florida. Additional subscriptions have been obtained for select REC's, UF Departments, and IFAS programs with extension responsibilities related to pest management. All users at a particular location may share the same subscription. Usernames and passwords were sent to the

director or chair of each location Summer 2004. If you have not seen the information for your location, contact the IPM Florida office (dsonke@ufl.edu or 352-392-1901 x205).

HOW DO I ACCESS CHEMSEARCH^(SM)?

Go online to <http://www.cdms.net> and click on the ChemSearch logo. Enter the username and password for your location when prompted. Once logged in, click the "Search Label Summaries" logo. From this point, ChemSearch is simple to use and self-explanatory.

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WHAT CROPS DOES CHEMSEARCH^(SM) COVER?

ChemSearch^(sm) contains pesticide label information for both agricultural and "turf and ornamental" crops. It contains few, if any structural pesticide materials, and its home landscape selection is mainly limited to the largest manufacturers rather than off-patent products and local brands. However, extension faculty have commented that they find ChemSearch helpful for learning about active ingredients available to household consumers.

CDMS Inc. has requested that IFAS users be on the lookout for materials that are not found in the database. If you should come across a product which you feel should be in the database, just use the

feedback form to let CDMS know. Such requests help them to negotiate listings with manufacturers.

HOW LONG IS THE STATEWIDE TRIAL?

The trial began in July '04 and ends in June '05. Extension offices that find the tool useful may renew their subscriptions beyond this point at a low negotiated IFAS rate.

HOW DOES IT COMPARE TO THE GREENBOOK?

While ChemSearch is a bit more expensive than the Greenbook, it represents more than twice as many manufacturers as Greenbook. The software is also easier to use than the online Greenbook, and has features that faculty members find helpful. (Examples are easy to read label summaries, label comparison features, and ability to e-mail results to clients.)

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Call Daniel Sonke at the IPM Florida office.

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