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To: NOP, Webmaster
Subject: Spinosad petition

Dear Mr. Richard Matthews,

I wish to register my SUPPORT for the organic certification of spinosad.

I am a tree fruit pest management consultant to both organic and conventional producers. I can attest to the fact that at this time, organic cherry producers have no effective options for the control of cherry fruit fly, a quarantine pest. The new pyrethrum formulations, incidentally, lacking rotenone and PBO, are ineffective on cherry fruit fly. Organic producers of nectarines and certain varieties of apples such as granny smith and braeburn are afflicted with thrips, for which there also is no effective organic control. The certification of spinosad would remedy these problems.

Thank you,
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