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Subject: RE: Dicamba Drift USA

Hi Pablo,

I'll get back to you on this.

Have a good weekend.

Cristina

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Hi Cristina,

We got an inquiry from the Brazilian Soybean Association asking is if we could put them in touch with an expert on U.S. experiences with regulating pesticide drift. I'm copying our Ag Attaché. If you think EPA could help, could you please connect us with someone in the agency that handles this issue? Note: the event date below has shifted, and we are confirming the new date.

Thanks for any help you might be able to provide,
--Pablo

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John --

Oliver mentioned that you may know someone who would be a good fit for this request below. Ill stop by to chat in a few minutes...

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From: Leonardo Minaré <leonardo@aprosojabrasil.com.br>
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Good morning Jenia,

As previously reported, on March 20 we will hold an event at the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply.

This event will be exclusively for the technology of Bayer Intacta 2 Xtend.

This technology provides resistance to soybean, maize and cotton to Dicamba herbicide.

A few years ago American soybean producers had many problems when these varieties were released commercially.

The problem was the same that we must have here in Brazil, the drift (deriva in portuguese) of the product in the application.

This drift can kill the other vegetables that have no resistance to the herbicide.

I will forward you some links, the USDA and other media reporting the problem with drift

https://www.rma.usda.gov/en/News-Room/Frequently-Asked-Questions/Dicamba-Drift

https://www.independentsciencenews.org/environment/dicamba-herbicide-drift-a-disaster-in-2017-will-be-much-worse-in-2018/

https://agfaxweedsolutions.com/2018/06/21/dicamba-injury-reports-2018-drift-issues-becoming-more-evident/

In that way I would like you to be able to indicate someone who can attend this event at the Ministry of Agriculture, to present the problems reported by the American producers and how they have managed to solve, or even succeeded was done.

It could be someone on behalf of the USDA or some American producer, someone who knows the real problem that Americans have gone through and that soon the Brazilian producers will have to go through.

Sincerely

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