Oregon Pesticide Use Reporting System

With administrative rules finalized in December 2001, Oregon’s Pesticide Use Reporting Law was implemented January 1, 2002. A temporary reporting system is online and currently accepts user registration information and pesticide use reports. The reports for calendar year 2002 are not due until January 31, 2002.

Here is a quick summary of the administrative rules adopted for the Pesticide Use Reporting System (PURS):

- **“Pesticide User”** means any person who uses or applies a pesticide in the course of business or any other for-profit enterprise, or for a governmental entity, or in a location that is intended for public use or access.

- A farming operation with $1000 in gross agricultural sales is considered a for-profit enterprise for the purpose of pesticide use reporting.

- Small woodland owners who fall under the jurisdiction of any portion of the Oregon Forest Practices Act is considered a for-profit enterprise for the purpose of pesticide use reporting.

- All pesticide products applied by each pesticide user are to be reported at least once yearly to the Department of Agriculture. All pesticide use in a given calendar year must be reported no later than January 31 of the following calendar year. Pesticide use may be reported on a more frequent basis if so desired.

- The information to be reported includes: identification of the pesticide user; name of the specific pesticide product used; date of use; amount used; description of the type of site where the pesticide was used; purpose of pesticide use; and, location of pesticide use.

- For uses made to agricultural sites, the location of use is to be reported by township, range, and section. If the use site encompasses more than one section, then the section in which the majority of the use occurred should be reported. For uses made to urban or general type sites that are not publicly owned, the location is to be reported by zip code. For uses made for or by a public or government body on public property (including schools and parks), the location is to be reported by address.

The administrative rules go into far greater detail and describe several options for aggregating information. To review the administrative rules visit the Department’s website at http://oda.state.or.us/purs or contact the Pesticides Division at 503-986-4635 to obtain a copy.

Additionally, the Department has developed worksheets to assist pesticide users in maintaining required information for reporting into PURS. These worksheets are intended to help the pesticide use organize the required information and may reduce the time required to enter PURS reports. Copies of the worksheets may be printed from the website or obtained from the Pesticides Division. Users are advised to check the website periodically for updated news and information, or contact the Pesticides Division.