

February, 2010

Re: Docket No. APHIS-2007-0044

To Whom It May Concern:

As an agriculture producer, I would like to offer my support to the deregulation of Roundup Ready alfalfa. I recognize that the Roundup Ready trait in crops is a proven, safe, effective and well-accepted technology that delivers proven benefits to farmers.

This technology since it was pulled from the seed has deprived farmers for nearly three years the benefits of Roundup Ready alfalfa. This occurred at a time when this technology could have helped many famers reduce costs and maintain a competitive edge to survive through recent periods of severe market volatility, especially in the dairy industry. Roundup Ready alfalfa is an environmentally safe and economically sound choice that should again be made available to the seed, forage and livestock industries.

The benefits of the Roundup Ready trait have been proven in other crops such as corn, soybeans, and sugar beets. These benefits extend from increased production, reduced crop injury, safe technology for the handlers and to the environment. Allowing the technology to be used in alfalfa will open the door for these benefits to be realized by this crop as well.

I strongly encourage that Roundup Ready alfalfa be allowed to be brought back to the market for the 2010 growing season.

Sincerely,