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More States Get Permit to Use Bird Repellent on Corn and Rice Seed

New Castle, DE; March 17, 2009 — Farmers in Texas and Wisconsin can now use Avipel[®] to protect field and sweet corn from cranes. Effective dates are March 12, 2009, for Texas and March 17, 2009, for Wisconsin. A total of six states including Louisiana, Mississippi, Michigan and Minnesota now have Avipel[®] Section 18 approvals.

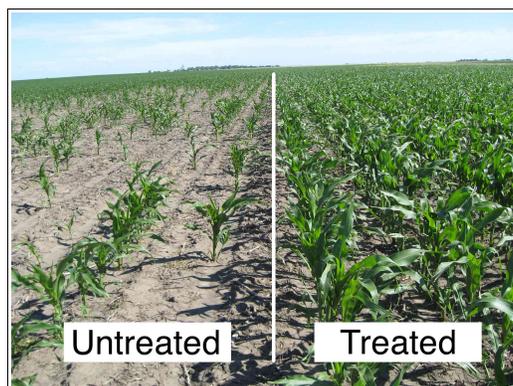
The EPA also granted Mississippi a Section 18 for AV-1011 Rice Seed Treatment. Mississippi joins Louisiana and Missouri in gaining permission to apply the bird repellent to rice seed.

Many farmers face moderate to severe crop damage from a variety of birds. Cranes, pheasants, blackbirds and grackles are among the most common species that find newly planted corn or rice seed to be an attractive food source. The attached photograph demonstrates typical damage caused by birds. Coating seeds with Arkion[®] Life Sciences' products causes birds to have a digestive upset and avoid the seed; and after sampling the treated seed, birds look for other food sources. Avipel[®] Corn Seed Treatment and AV-1011 for rice offer a safe, effective and humane solution to crop damage by foraging birds. It also saves farmers the time and money involved in replanting damaged fields.

These products are non-lethal to birds and have been shown to be highly effective in protecting corn and rice seed from birds in over four years of use in states with particular bird problems such as Mississippi, Michigan, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Information about approved uses and labels may be found at: www.ArkionLS.com.

Arkion[®] Life Sciences has been a pioneer in the development and commercialization of several formulations of bird repellent and bird management technologies. In addition to Avipel[®] for crop protection, Arkion's patented formulations of anthraquinone effectively repel geese from turf grass with FlightControl[®] Plus and birds from structures through Airepel[®] Humane Bird Management.

Arkion[®] Life Sciences LLC, based in New Castle, Delaware, is a technology-based company leading in the discovery, development and marketing of environmentally friendly, natural or nature identical bioactive compounds. Arkion[®] has three major businesses: Airepel[®], supplying bird repellents which feature a non-lethal method to control where birds feed and roost; Hyperimmune eggs with markets in human and animal nutrition; and Bio-Technical Resources (Manitowoc, WI) which develops processes and products based upon fermentation technology such as glucosamine, *N*-acetylglucosamine and natamycin.



Pheasant damage in a corn field near Mansfield, SD, courtesy of Joel Bierman, Pioneer Hi-bred International.