

CropLife America

EPA Registration Delays: Innovations on Hold

Many crop protection innovations, developed by companies with significant U.S. presence, have cleared EPA's rigorous, science-based review. Under federal pesticide law, the EPA is required to complete registration reviews within statutory deadlines, but these actions are significantly overdue, many by more than two years.

- Each represents 10-13 years of development and hundreds of millions of dollars in R&D.
- Each has been found safe by EPA's own scientists to human health and the environment when used according to the label.
- Foreign producers benefit from American-developed products while U.S. farmers wait.

There is no scientific basis for further delay. This is a political decision.

- **The science is complete. The law requires action.** EPA's technical staff finished their reviews, and risk assessments are done. This delay violates statutory deadlines and sets a dangerous precedent for the entire science-based registration process.
- **American farmers are paying the price.** The 2026 growing season is underway. Every week these registrations sit unsigned is a week U.S. farmers are denied tools their foreign competitors may already have. Delays translate directly into higher pest losses, lower yields, and higher food prices.
- **This undermines re-shoring and MAHA.** No company will put iron, steel, and concrete in the ground in a country with an unpredictable regulatory system. Political interference in the approval process drives investment offshore and contradicts the Administration's own MAHA Strategy, which calls for more timely reviews.
- **Food security is national security.** U.S. agriculture is a \$176 billion export engine. Blocking proven innovations makes food more expensive, less available, and less secure.

The Economic Impact

- Delayed registrations mean higher losses to weeds, pests, and diseases — costs that move through the food system as higher prices at the grocery store. Every delay widens that gap and weakens America's position in global agricultural markets.
- The Administration's dietary guidelines emphasize protein consumption. The crops that feed American livestock and fill American plates depend on EPA-approved tools. Blocking new registrations undermines the nutritional goals MAHA is designed to advance.

Our Ask

- **Approve the many registrations.** The science is done and the law requires action. American farmers cannot wait another planting season.
- **Follow the law.** Statutory deadlines are not suggestions.
- **Trust the science.** EPA's scientific findings, not political considerations, should be the basis for the decision.
- **Deliver certainty.** U.S. companies cannot be asked to re-shore while U.S. regulatory agencies create uncertainty that makes those investments untenable.



Dear President Trump,

Your [February 2026](#) Executive Order invoking the Defense Production Act for crop protection products sent a clear signal: America's food supply is a national security priority, and foreign dependency is not an option. We share that priority.

We are state agribusiness associations representing farmers, growers, manufacturers, retailers, and agricultural businesses across the country. We write to urge your Administration to direct the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue final approval decisions for crop protection products that have already completed EPA's scientific and risk reviews but remain unregistered past their statutory deadlines, some by more than two years.

The U.S. crop protection industry is central to America's manufacturing strength, food security, and agricultural competitiveness. 92.5% of the pesticides used in the United States are manufactured domestically, and the crop protection industry contributes \$26 billion to U.S. GDP, supporting nearly 175,000 American jobs. It also leads the world in agricultural research and development, producing the tools farmers need to compete globally and keep U.S. agriculture strong.

Yet several new pesticides that have cleared EPA's full scientific review are still waiting for final approval that will allow farmers to access them. These products each represent between 10 to 13 years and hundreds of millions of dollars in research and development. EPA scientists have found them safe for human health and the environment. There is no scientific basis for continued delay. The science is done, and the law requires action.

This delay directly undermines your economic and national security agenda. Your administration has emphasized the need to [restore American manufacturing](#), secure critical supply chains, uphold [Gold Standard Science](#), and ensure that federal bureaucracy does not stand in the way of [domestic investment](#). When fully reviewed products sit unregistered, farmers lose access to needed tools, companies face uncertainty that discourages investment, and foreign competitors gain an advantage.

The American agricultural economy depends on your leadership and swift action. We respectfully urge you to direct EPA to finalize approvals for crop protection products that have successfully completed scientific review. Doing so would advance your Made in America agenda, uphold Gold Standard Science, and provide immediate relief to farmers and the entire agricultural supply chain.

Respectfully,