

STARCH LOBBYISTS PEEVED ABOUT PESTICIDES

Starch Europe, the lobby group, told Morning Agri it was worried that the Commission could decide to set different pesticide rules for various crops, which would make storing of the crops more expensive. Current rules allow for the same amount of pesticide traces to be found in different crops. However, according to Starch Europe, there are attempts to set different Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) in different crops. This would mean that producers could no longer store different crops in the same silos, as residues would seep from from one crop to another. "This makes the life of starch producers more difficult as they cannot re-use the same storage facility for a different crop," a Starch Europe representative said.