

SFIREG Joint Working Committee Meeting

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Agenda

- People and Pillars
- PREP Update
- Status of the SLITS Database
- Cooperative Agreement Guidance Discussion
- 2026 Crop tours and locations



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Administrator Zeldin's Pillars and OPP's Work

- **Pillar 1: Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American**
 - Utilizing new approach methodologies and integrating EDSP decisions and data needs into FIFRA decisions.
 - Refining pesticide use limitation areas (PULAs) to protect listed species and critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act.
- **Pillar 2: Restore American Energy Dominance**
- **Pillar 3: Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership**
 - Reducing the backlog of PRIA and non-PRIA actions, continued transparency with industry on performance metrics and performance data to show where progress is being made and where more improvement is needed.
- **Pillar 4: Make the United States the Artificial Intelligence Capital of the World**
- **Pillar 5: Protecting and Bringing Back American Auto Jobs**

PREP Update

Newly developed multi-day course for OPP's Pesticide Regulatory Education Program (PREP) Program

- Endangered Species Primer PREP, September 21-24th, Fort Collins, CO
- Participants will learn about:
 - How agency efforts result in protecting species while maintaining pest management tools
 - What coregulators can expect to see on pesticide labels
 - An overview of resources, partners, and tools available to assist implementation
 - A discussion of what additional information and resources are needed

2027 Season planning underway!



SLITS Database Update

State Labeling Information Tracking System (SLITS)

- A restricted-access communication platform developed 25 years ago by OPP in close collaboration with AAPCO and SFIREG.
- Primary tool for direct communication between states and product managers to facilitate compliance monitoring of pesticide products.
- Usage dropped significantly over the years:
 - 200-325 inquiries per year at its height (2003-2012) to on average ~130 per year (2013-2018) to less than 50 per year (2019-2023), less than 25 in 2024, 5 inquiries in 2025 and 1 inquiry in 2026 to date.
- EPA databases are being modernized and, in many cases, retired or replaced. Maintenance of the SLITS platform is no longer functionally viable and will be retired October 1, 2026, however the historic information will be maintained.

Future Label Inquiries

OPP is shifting to a more collaborative approach eliminating technical and access barriers and offering more straightforward assistance with product labeling compliance.

- For product specific inquiries, Project Managers (PM) welcome your direct communication:
 - Registration Division: [Additional contacts in the Registration Division](#)
 - Antimicrobial Division: [Additional contacts in the Antimicrobials Division](#)
 - Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division: [Additional contacts in the Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division](#)
 - Pesticides Reevaluation Division: [Contacts in the Office of Pesticide Programs, Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division | US EPA](#)
- Each registering division has ombudsman resources that can assist in identifying and connecting you to the appropriate PM for your inquiry.
<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-contacts/contacting-epa-about-regulating-pesticides-issues>
 - Registration Division Ombudsman: OPP_RD_Ombudsman@epa.gov
 - Antimicrobial Division Ombudsman: pesticidequestions@epa.gov
 - Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division Ombudsman: BPPDquestions@epa.gov
- For policy related questions or broader inquiries, the divisional ombudsmen are your first-line support along with EPA web-related resources such as Q&As when applicable.

FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance Update

- Currently using an Amended FY22-25 FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance.
- Using the original FY22-25 Guidance, OPP and OECA developed a FY26-29 version in 2024 with input from the regions and coregulators.
- Propose to add 2024 changes to amended version in use and submit to senior leadership in OCSPP and OECA for potential use in FY27-31.
- As a reminder, the FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance can be amended at any point as needed.

Cooperative Agreement Guidance Updates

Required Program Areas

Program Area
Basic Pesticide Program
Worker Protection Standard
Pesticide Applicator Certification
Product Integrity
Border Compliance
Pesticides in Water

Pick-List Program Areas

Program Area	OPP	OECA
Endangered Species Protection	X	X
Bed Bugs	X	
Pollinator Protection	X	
IPM	X	
Spray Drift	X	X
State/Tribal Comm. & Coordination	X	X
Fumigants & Fumigation		X
Emerging Public Health Pesticide Issues	X	X
eCommerce Proposed		X

Cooperative Agreement Guidance Updates

The only changes to be considered would be those incorporated into the draft FY26-29 version which was created in 2024. Changes include:

1. Updated the Endangered Species Pick-List program area and added enforcement activities;
2. Added “eCommerce Activities” as a new pick-list program area;
3. Updated program areas to reflect feedback received, changes needed and best practices;
4. Added a serious incident reporting requirement to the basic program area;

Cooperative Agreement Guidance Updates

5. Reduced requirements associated with “Pesticides in Water” required program area;
6. Updated the pesticide applicator certification required program area, focusing on implementation of revised pesticide applicator certification plans;
7. Revised the appendix describing the reporting of serious pesticide incidents (Appendix 11);
8. Updated the Guidelines on 5700 Forms and End-of Year Reporting; and
9. Transitioned end-of-year reporting method to the mandatory use of the FIFRA Grant Database.

2026 Crop Tours

April

- Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (MD)
- Cultivate Northwest (OR)
- National Potato Council Seed Treatment (MI)

May

- California Citrus Quality Council (CA)

June

- Chorman Spraying Demo (DE)
- IR-4 Crop Tour (DE)
- National Potato Council Agency Farm Tour (WI)
- ND Grain Growers Association (ND)

July

- ASPCRO Fumigant Crop Tour (CA)

August

- MI IPM Alliance (MI)
- Scotts Miracle-Gro (OH)
- Corteva (MD)
- Cotton Foundation (TX)
- Beck's Hybrid (IN)

September

- NAICC ESA Mitigation Farm Tour (SD & MN)
- N.C. Plant Sciences Initiative (NC)

October

- National Association of Landscape Professionals (VA)
- BASF Research Triangle Park, NC

Cultivate Northwest (OR)



National Potato Council Agency Farm Tour (WI)

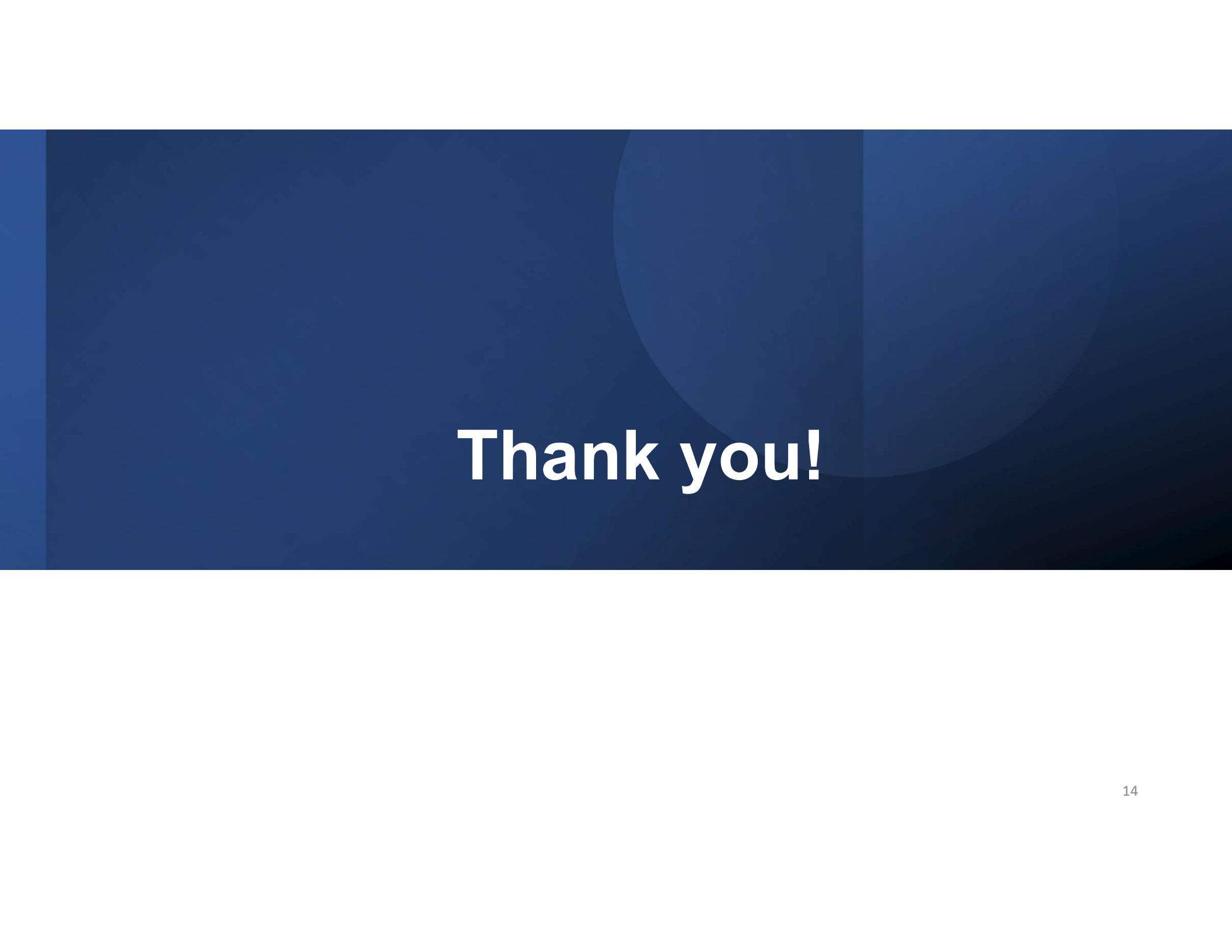


American Growers Association Tour



Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association Tour (FL)





Thank you!