California Onion and Garlic Research Advisory Board Annual Meeting 2010

Lori Berger, Ph. D., CCA, PCA
- CA Specialty Crops Council – who we are
- Current Issues and Drivers in Agriculture
- COGRAB Pest Management Strategic Plan
- COGRAB / CSCC Outreach to EPA, USDA, DPR and other agencies
California Specialty Crops Council

- Multi-commodity partnership 2000
- Minor Crops…….”Specialty Crops”
- FQPA driven….air, water, intl. regs, food safety, sustainability
- Membership growing: Garlic, onions, tree fruit, veggies, strawberries, dried fruits, processed fruit, cut flowers, honey bees…
Pest Management and Stewardship

1. Proactive Registration Strategies (IR-4)
2. Identify Regulatory Drivers
3. Create Linkages w/ Key Influencers – Focus on Federal
4. Outreach re: Technical /Regulatory Challenges of SC
5. Member Education
6. Provide Technical Support in Event of Crisis
Current Issues

- Registration Issues
  - IR-4 - Folicur
  - US EPA - Movento
  - Intl. – MRLs

- Water quality – Surface and ground water, NPDES
- Air quality – VOCs (fumigants, ECs)
Ongoing/Emerging Issues

- Registration – good science
- Spray drift
- Endangered species
- Nutrient management
- Food Safety Regs – Commodity Specific
IR-4 Minor Use Registration

- Registration Issues
  - IR-4 - Folicur
  - White mold
  - Herbicides
  - Resistance Management

- IR-4 Commodity Liaison Committee via CSCC
Pest Management Strategic Plan

- Registration
  - IR-4 - Folicur
  - Endura White rot
  - Shark Herbicide
  - Minor Use Issues – work in partnership
  - Resistance Management

- Regulatory Equity – Intl.
- Drift management to reduce crop damage
Monitor/ Engage

- IR-4
- Sustainability Initiatives
- VOCs
- Water Regulations
- Drift management
COGRAB/ CA Specialty Crops Outreach

- Annual specialty crops tour July 12-16
- Commodity/ Grower delegation to DC March 10 & 11
- Comments to EPA
- Champion IR-4 submissions for COGRAB
- Pesticide Policy Dialogue Committee (PPDC)
- Bob Ehn, Tech Comm. Chair, CSCC
Managing Issues

- Industry identified priorities
- Good science
- Good communication
- Record keeping
- Utilization of emerging technologies
- Opportunities - e.g., NRCS EQIP
- Commitment to continuing education
- Communication with stakeholders outside of ag
- COGRAB Program Support
- Working as a Team
The future is here...
Thanks!