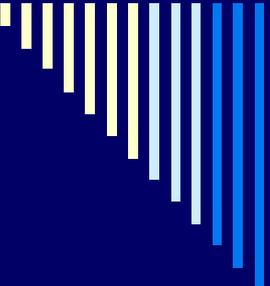


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- **CA Specialty Crops Council – who we are**
 - **Current Issues and Drivers in Agriculture**
 - **COGRAB Pest Management Strategic Plan**
 - **COGRAB / CSCC Outreach to EPA , USDA, DPR and other agencies**



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

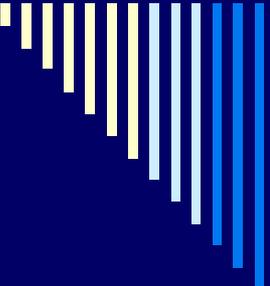
- Registration Issues
 - IR-4 - Folicur
 - White mold
 - Herbicides
 - Resistance Management
- IR-4 Commodity Liaison Committee via CSCC



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

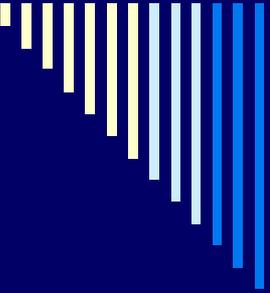
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- Water Regulations
- Drift management



COGRAB/ CA Specialty Crops Outreach

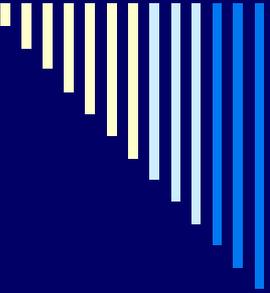
- Annual specialty crops tour July 12-16
- Commodity/ Grower delegation to DC March 10 & 11
- Comments to EPA
- Champion IR-4 submissions for COGRAB
- Pesticide Policy Dialogue Committee (PPDC)
- Bob Ehn, Tech Comm. Chair, CSCC





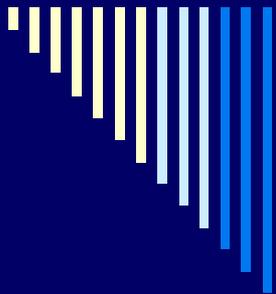
Managing Issues

- **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**
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The future is here...





Thanks!

