



Group D: Commodity Groups/Growers

Minor Use Summit
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Break Out Group

- Diverse Interests Represented
- Included Industry and Support Institutions
- Reviewed Questions
- Issue Identification Discussions
- Developed Recommendations

Issues

- Need for Diverse Tool Box
- Differences in level of engagement by industry and growers
- Desire for Lack of Barriers to Trade
- Support for Flexibility in Addressing Pest Control needs
- Mechanism to Facilitate Information Distribution and Access
- Need for Common Understanding of Risk Assessment and Decision Outcomes
- Lack of consistency in product stewardship on-farm

Problems

- Lack Of Harmonization in Risk Assessment and Regulatory Decision Outcomes
- Funding to Support Programs Internationally or at the Regional or Country Level
- Differences in Status of Regulatory Programs
- Perceived Lack of Confidence in Some Regulatory Processes
- Difficulty in finding information to support minor uses

Recommendation 1

- Strongly support the development of a process that results in a decision allowing global use of plant protection products based on harmonized data submissions, risk reviews, and a single/consistent standard governing movement of agricultural products and their processed components

Recommendation 2

- Support the development of a focused information system to access existing and future databases that include the following:
 - Grower Priority Needs
 - Regulatory Decisions (including labels)
 - Residue Data
 - Risk Assessment Outcomes
 - Efficacy Data
 - Occupational Exposure Data
 - Existing MRLs

Recommendation 3

- Facilitate the development of a platform for global grower networking with crop protection industry, other industry partners, academics, regulatory agencies, and other governmental entities

Recommendation 4

- Harmonization of factors affecting regulatory processes:
 - Global MRL Establishment (CODEX baseline)
 - Crop Groupings/Representative Crops
 - Zone Maps
 - Standardization of Efficacy/Residue Protocols
 - Standardization of Risk Assessment Processes

Recommendation 5

- Support the Development of Programs Like IR-4 To Support Minor Uses Where No Such Program Exists

Recommendation 6

- Development of a Program of Incentives to Support Minor Crops through Initial Registrations and Label Extensions to Minor Crops
 - Data Protection
 - Expedited Reviews/Timeframes
 - Regulatory Fee Exemptions/Waivers

Recommendation 7

- Support Global Baseline Training to Support Good Agricultural Practice on the Use of Plant Protection Products