

Appendix B. Supporting Letters



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RE: USDA CCA network development, pesticide use

The International Certified Crop Adviser (ICCA) Program is pleased to partner with USDA Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP) regarding collecting data from CCAs on pesticide use.

We understand the data collected will be held in aggregate with no identifying information to the individual. The collection process will involve a brief, electronic survey and administered through the ICCA Program office in Madison, WI. Efforts will be made to continually refine the audience parameters to increase the effectiveness.

The ICCA has now worked with OPMP on four surveys. OPMP has consulted our staff ahead of each survey to determine the proper timing for sending the questionnaires as well as the relevance to our members. We believe the process has low burden for our staff and members compared to the overall benefit.

The primary goal of the project is to assist US-EPA in making pesticide use decisions and enhance their knowledge in this area.

There are 12,871 Certified Crop Advisers (CCAs) throughout North America represented by 34 Local Boards (state/province/region). There are 10,720 CCAs in the United States where the survey will be focused.

We appreciate the opportunity to continue partnering with USDA OPMP on this project and look forward to continued collaboration.