

Truth or Myth? Neonicotinoids and Their Impact on Pollinators: What is the Science-Based Research?



California is Made Up of Diverse Landscapes and Cultures



Most Populous State in the Nation

Large Urban Footprint

Rich Habitat



Biological Desert



California is the Largest Agricultural State in the Nation



Many Crops with Challenges that Rely Upon Pesticides



DPR Regulates Pesticide Use in California

Science Based Regulatory Organization



DPR scientists collect runoff from Alfalfa fields in Davis



DPR scientists monitor pesticides in air in Salinas



DPR based at Cal EPA in Sacramento

California County Agricultural Commissioners



- **Local Enforcement by County Agricultural Commissioners and their 280 biologists in the field.**
- **DPR gives approximately \$27 million per year to CAC for pesticide enforcement and training.**
- **They conduct around 17,000 inspections per year.**

Protection of Human Health e.g Farmworkers and Residents



Protection of the Environment



Foster Reduced-Risk Pest Management IPM-Integrated Pest Management



UC Statewide IPM Program
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Licensed, Trained Professional Pesticide Applicators



**PCAs and
Kern County
Agricultural
Commissioner
at Valpredo
Farms, Kern
County**

Use of Technology-Keep Pesticides on Target Away From Humans and the Environment



Enforcement

**Enforcement
protects all**

**Consistent, fair,
meaningful**

**County Agricultural
Commissioners are
enforcement
partners**



Pesticide Residue Monitoring Program

Samples collected from:

- Wholesale and retail outlets
- Distribution centers of chain supermarkets
- Farmers' markets etc.



DPR Registration Process

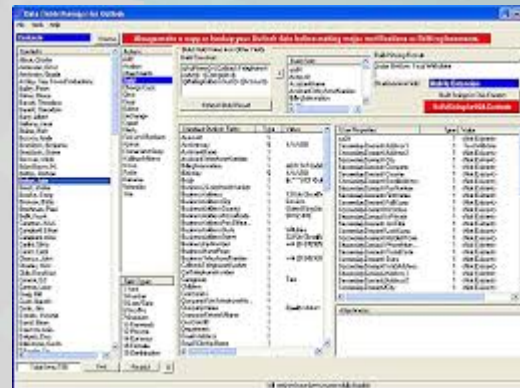
Data Review



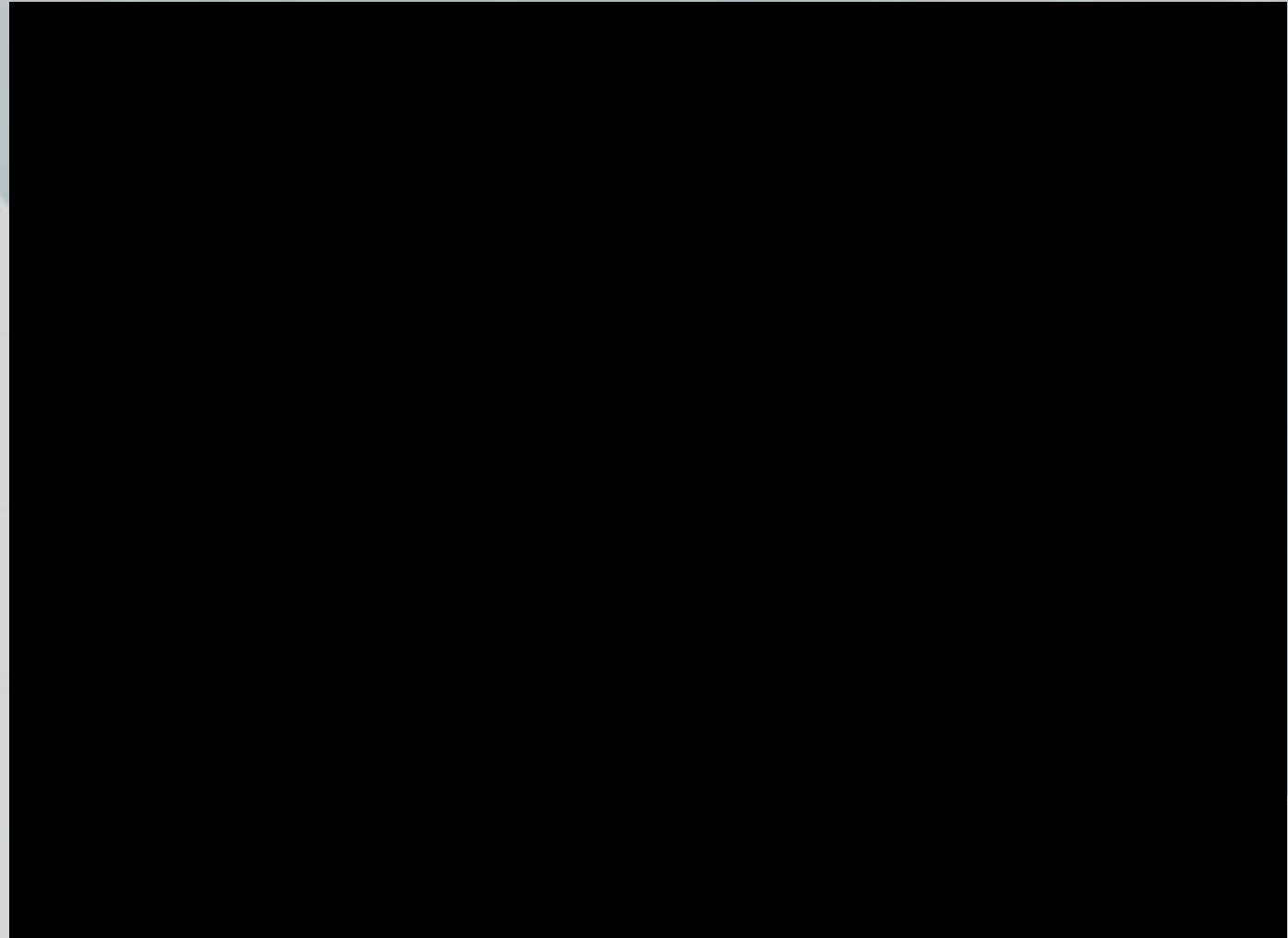
Acute toxicology
Phytotoxicity
Environmental fate
Product chemistry
Chronic toxicology
U.S.EPA approved label
Volatile emissions
Fish and wildlife
Efficacy

Physical and Chemical Hazards:
Do not puncture or incinerate
not use this product in conduits
because of possible shock hazards

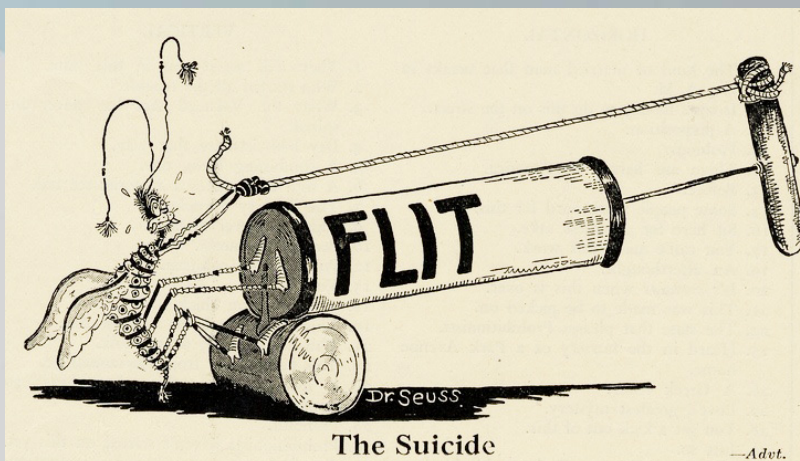
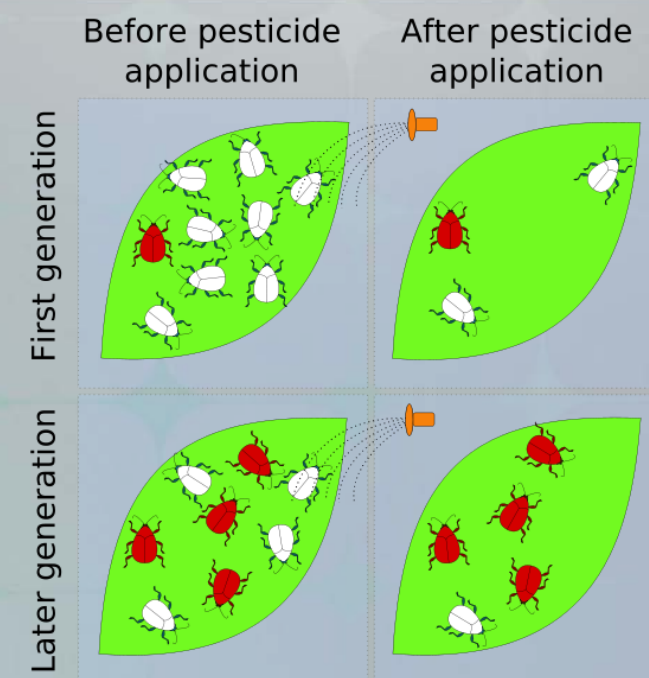
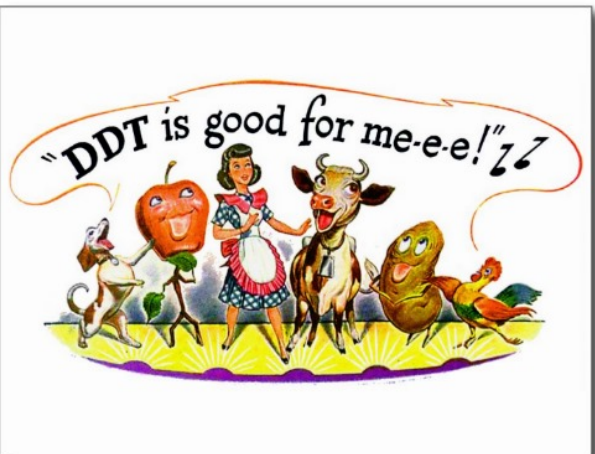
FIRST AID:
IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING:
Take off contaminated clothing
Rinse skin immediately with water
Call a poison control center
IF INHALED:
Move person to fresh air.
If person is not breathing, call 911



Evolution of Pesticides and Their Application



Pest Treadmill-Continuous Improvement in Meeting the Food and Public Health Protections that Pest Control Provides



IPM Innovator Awards



—Clockwise from top left: Dixon Ridge cover crop; Marin County IPM landscape; Gallo's Sonoma Vineyard; and Spring Mountain Vineyard bluebird box



Biopesticides-Perception vs. Reality

Biopesticides are considered “reduced risk.” They have the capability to affect humans and need to be considered in making registration decisions.



Environmental Fate of Pesticides



Neonicotinoid Reevaluation



–DPR has
282
pesticide
products
under
review

Education and Training



Keys to Success



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Questions?

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