

The pesticide subcommittee (Brain Thalmann, Kevin Paap, Dave Flakne and I) met to review and discuss the list of pesticide-related proposals from the full GCPP.

We bring the following forward for consideration by GCPP.

We support coexistence, communication, collaboration between farmers and beekeepers, and voluntary approaches to reduce pesticide risk to pollinators. We support the EPA's science-based risk assessment process and labels designed to protect pollinators. We support the legal and responsible use of pesticides as part of IPM programs to protect crops and honeybees, and use of non-pesticide pest management tactics, voluntary BMPs, and good-neighbor approaches to reduce risk to pollinators.

Specific proposals that we suggest be considered further by the GCPP are:

- 1. Increase education on IPM and proper pesticide application to farmers, beekeepers and homeowners who apply pesticides.**
- 2. Reduce/eliminate off-target movement of pesticides (dust, droplet or vapor drift) through applicator training, BMPs, demonstration, and continued research.**
- 3. Consider voluntary incentives to increase adoption of new, drift-reduction technologies (e.g., seed treatment formulations, fluency agents, and planter technologies).**
- 4. Consider voluntary incentives for implementing IPM strategies, including crop rotations and cropping systems which provide quality habitat and buffer sensitive areas.**
- 5. Recognize importance of invasive species prevention efforts as means to decrease future increases in pesticide use.**

IPM practitioners need access to and ability to choose to use (or not) a diverse set of chemical and non-chemical pest management tactics; therefore, we oppose attempts to further restrict pesticide use or to expand regulatory authority to local units of government.

We look forward to further, productive discussion at Friday's meeting.