USDA Role in Resistance Issues

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• 7 Mission Areas (4 involved in resistance issues)
  • Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services
  • Marketing and Regulatory Programs
  • Natural Resources and Environment
  • Research, Education and Economics
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• 19 Agencies (8 may be involved)
  • Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
  • Economic Research Service (ERS)
  • National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)
  • National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
  • Forest Service (FS)
  • Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
  • Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
  • Risk Management Agency (RMA)
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• 18 Offices (at least 2 involved in resistance)
  • Office of the Chief Scientist (Catherine Woteki)
    • Official communication with agencies
  • Office of Pest Management Policy
    • Background communications with agencies
    • Coordination among agencies
    • Federal IPM Coordinating Committee (FIPMCC)
    • All pest disciplines and biotech represented (AC-21)
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Roles for USDA

• Research (ARS, NIFA, FS, ERS, NASS)
• Education (NIFA, NRCS, ERS, OPMP)
• Outreach (NIFA, NRCS, OCS, OPMP)
• Regulation (APHIS, RMA)
Examples of Activities

• Respond to Congressional Inquiries
  • All agencies on demand

• Active communication among agencies
  • FIPMCC – quarterly meetings

• Specific communication with EPA
  • OPMP, OCS – as needed, at least monthly

• Outreach with outside agencies
  • Professional societies, trade groups, registrants, NGOs, etc. - continuous

• Funding specific activities
  • NRC of NAS cooperative efforts – as appropriate