

2018 Summer Conference

Concepts For A Spray Quality Program.....

A Slight Paradigm Shift

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Background

- Dicamba and 2,4-D have left the building
- Registrant backing needed for a program aimed specifically at DRT for the applicator/grower to see value
- Variable buffer zones likely an uphill battle at best
- A DRT program that is active/tank mix specific would be very limiting

If not DRT, then what?

- Target efficacy
- Spray quality would reflect a narrowed span around a given nozzle's design output
- A rating system (stars?) to equate level of droplet size control to the target range for a given nozzle type
- Criteria and standards would ultimately be coordinated by the CPDA

What it is not

- It is not a "wind tunnel" program
- It is not designed to replace DRT adjuvants
- · It is not targeted towards EPA program approval

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How might we get there?

- Determine if adjuvant retailers and distributors see a path towards value that would be recognized by the growers and applicators
- Form a working group to outline initial protocol and program details
- Cull existing data and/or run some efficacy trials with various cooperators to determine relevance
- Program to run as part of CPDA Certification

