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PESTICIDE MODERNIZATION WORKING GROUP

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 13th, 2026

Room 1C at the Legislative Office Building and via Zoom

Meeting Objectives

By the end of this meeting, the group will:

- Develop an understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Director of Crop and Pest Services at the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources.
- Learn about the division's programs and responsibilities related to pesticide regulation, oversight, and reporting.
- Explore Massachusetts' experiences and practices that may inform Connecticut's pesticide modernization efforts.
- Ask questions and share comments with the guest speaker.
- Identify follow-up information needs and next steps for the working group.

1. Welcome and Meeting Overview

- Welcome and opening remarks
- Brief recap of the previous meeting
- Review of meeting objectives and agenda

2. Introduction of Guest Speaker

Welcome **Taryn LaScola, Director of Crop and Pest Services at the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources.**

3. Guest Presentation: Crop and Pest Services in Massachusetts

Taryn LaScola will discuss her role as director and the programs and responsibilities she oversees. Suggested topics include:

- Pesticide-related programs, regulatory responsibilities, and oversight
- Pesticide reporting and recordkeeping practices
- How pesticide information is collected, managed, and used
- Experiences, challenges, and lessons that may be relevant to Connecticut

4. Member Questions and Comments

Members will have an opportunity to ask questions, share comments, and discuss the presentation with the guest speaker.

Suggested discussion questions:

- What challenges has Massachusetts experienced with pesticide reporting and data collection?
- How does the department support reporting entities in understanding and meeting requirements?
- What lessons or recommendations could help Connecticut modernize its pesticide reporting system?

5. Working Group Discussion and Next Steps

- Discuss key takeaways from the guest presentation
- Identify practices or approaches for further consideration in Connecticut
- Identify additional questions and follow-up information needs
- Review next steps and any assignments before the next meeting

6. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- Final comments from members
- Closing remarks and adjournment