



EPA Awards Glades Crop Care, Inc. for Significant Progress in Reducing Pesticide Risk

EPA's Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) has selected Glades Crop Care, Inc. as one of eighteen *PESP Champions* based on its outstanding efforts in promoting integrated pest management (IPM) toward the reduction of pesticide risk and its extraordinary level of commitment to protecting human health and the environment. According to Janet Andersen, Director of EPA's Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, "these eighteen PESP Champions deserve recognition for pushing the envelope by setting ambitious goals and implementing their strategies for reducing pesticide risk."

As documented in their PESP Strategies, the PESP Champions used most if not all of the following IPM tools to reduce pesticide risk: sampling to accurately determine pest population levels; training and demonstration of IPM practices; biologically-based technologies to control or manage pests; cultural practices, such as crop rotation or removing food and habitat for structural pests; using less toxic or reduced-risk pesticides such as insect growth regulators; and using conventional pesticides only when absolutely necessary.

PESP was established in 1994 with ten charter partners and today has over 130 members. The eighteen members designated as PESP Champions in 2002 are: American Pest Management, Inc., California Dried Plum Board, California Melon Research Advisory Board, Cranberry Institute, Gerber Products Company, Glades Crop Care, Inc., Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Lodi-Woodbridge Winegrape Commission, Low Input Viticulture and Enology of Oregon, Massey Services, Inc., Michigan Cherry Committee, Monroe County School Corporation, National Grape Cooperative, New York City Board of Education, Northeast Utilities, Pineapple Growers Association of Hawaii, U.S. Department of Defense Armed Forces Pest Management Board, and U.S. Hop Industry Plant Protection Committee.