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Deb,

Attached is the background paper for Doug's reference regarding the work accomplished nationally on pollinators by EPA and R8 achievements. We will share this document with other regional ag advisors for their background knowledge in working with their pesticide programs to develop briefings and or events as appropriate for their RAs.

A few stand out points specific to R8:

- The top 3 producing honey states in the Unites States are in R8: ND, SD and MT.
- All R8 states have developed and are implementing managed pollinator protection plans (MP3s). These plans were developed in collaboration with growers, applicators, beekeepers, and others.
- ND had the first MP3 plan nationally and the ND Department of Agriculture led the SFIREG effort to write the guidance for states to use when developing their own MP3s.
- R8 is the sublead region on pollinator protection and has worked closely with EPA's Office of Pesticide Protection on the development of national materials since 2014.
- R8 has previously worked with R4 and R5 to conduct training webinars for states and tribes on EPA's Bee Inspection Guidance.
- R8 also developed a guide in 2015 with CSU for CO beekeepers on integrated hive management for pest and disease control in beehives, including cultural, biological, and chemical control methods. This guide was distributed throughout R8 as well as several other regions. R8 is currently working with CSU to update this guide which is anticipated to be distributed in 2019.

Please let us know if Doug wants a briefing on this or is interested in us planning an event. However, given the work the sates have and continue to achieve in this area, there does not seem to be a need to engage these groups currently. We can work with our state partners to expand distribution of the updated integrated hive management guide, once available in 2019.

Thanks!

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