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## What and Why

#### What

 Protect human health and the environment by making sure pesticides are used in a safe and legal manner.

#### Why

- Everyone uses pesticides.
- Everyone needs pesticides.
- Everyone is impacted by pesticides.





## **Budget and Staffing**

#### **Section Budget**



#### Staffing

21 Field Staff

2 Field Supervisors

4 Program Specialists

1 Admin Support

5 Exam Monitors\*

1 Section Manager

## Registration, Certification, and Licensing

- Register Pesticides
  - 16,000 products/year
  - Special Local Needs (SLN/24c registrations)
  - Emergency Exemptions (Section 18's)
- Certify Applicators
  - 24,000 (16,000 commercial, 7,000 private)
  - 17,000 exams/year
  - 1,800 seminar approvals
- License Businesses
  - 2,300 pesticide applicator business licenses
  - 260 restricted use pesticides deal licenses



## Inspections

- Misuse investigations
- Federal (PEI and MPI)
- Marketplace
- WPS
- Bulk storage
- Planned Use
- Road Checks

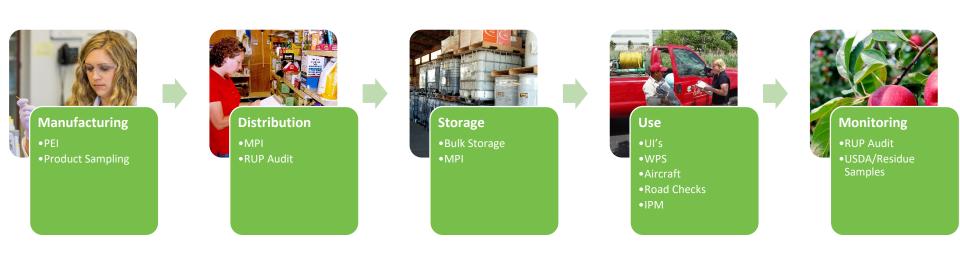
- IPM schools, daycares and healthcare
- Aircraft
- Product integrity sampling
- USDA follow-up
- RUP audits

### Enforcement





#### Assurance



# Issues and Looking Ahead

- Public perception
- Pollinator health
- Cannabis (marijuana/hemp)
- Invasive species
- Technology





# Pesticide Misuse Can Be Tradgic

Father uses potent chemical to kill rodents, accidentally poisons entire family; 4 dead



NEWS

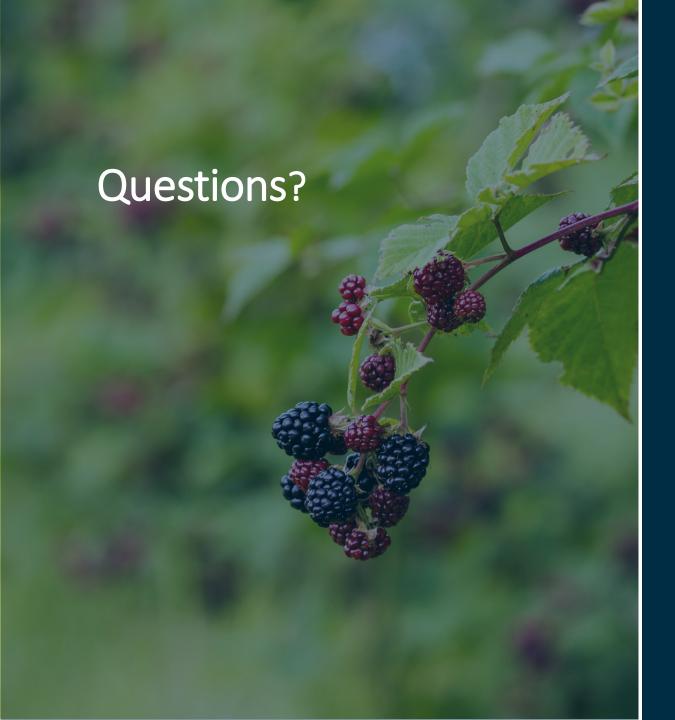
# Delaware family poisoned by pesticide on Virgin Islands vacation will likely never recover: officials

Feds Offer Reward For Information After Pets, Wildlife Poisoned in Northern Wisconsin

Investigators Say Raccoons, Coyotes, Weasel, Dogs, Timber Wolf Were Killed

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