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Insuring Pesticide Compliance by Partnering Regulatory Programs with Extension

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Abstract

A farm employee pesticide exposure incident in early 2006 led to a comprehensive review of the University of Florida's compliance with state and federal pesticide regulations at 15 off-campus research and demonstration farms. Joint inspections by state regulators and extension specialists provided important feedback on measures the University farms needed to enact to fully comply with the pesticide regulations. From these voluntary inspections, the University of Florida developed and implemented short- and long-term compliance strategies to help ensure proper training for people using and working around pesticides on University farms.

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