ICCA Policy Committee

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Policy Committee Structure and Timeline

- Chaired by Isaac Wolford and Nick Guilette
- Staffed by Rachel Owen and Luther Smith
- 10 members from across the country
- Next year, plan to launch sub-committees
  - Regional Policy Task Force
  - Rapid Response Teams
Accomplishments

- NRCS Agreement on TSP Certification
- Comments Submitted
  - OSHA Heat Standard
  - Florida SB 1 – 4RNMS
  - Pesticide Certification Plans
  - Supply Chain Disruptions – CRP Early Termination
- Nominations
  - EPA Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Council (FRRCC)
- Coalitions/Stakeholder Meetings
  - ANPC, ABA, FACA, Ag Conservation Coalition
  - EPA, USDA
- CCA Conservationist of the Year
Farm Bill Priorities

• Farm Bill will be reauthorized in 2023

• We surveyed CCAs and Societies members to identify priorities (specific production category)

• Draft Priorities:
  1. Provide robust, diverse support for agricultural research
  2. Improve climate coordination to support translational research
  3. Facilitate FAIR data collection, sharing, and storage
  4. Support equitable outcomes in research, education, and production
  5. Leverage networks of trusted, on-farm advisers to meet technical assistance needs
Topical Scope of CCA Policy Work

**Soil & Water Management**
- USDA Conservation Programs
- Carbon/Ecosystem Services
- EPA Water Quality

**Integrated Pest Management**
- Pesticide/Herbicide Use Rules
- Pesticide Applicator/Certification Rules

**Nutrient Management**
- Nutrient Loss/Reduction
- EPA Water Quality
- Nutrient/Fertilizer Application Rules
- Nutrient and Manure Management Plans

**Crop Management**
- Regenerative Ag/Climate-Smart Ag/Organic Ag
- Biotechnology/Seed Science

**Certified Crop Advisers**
- Workplace Safety & Health
- Licensing & Technical Assistance
- On-Farm Research
Scope of CCA Policy Work

Legislation

Rulemaking

Outreach to CCAs
Questions for Board

• What is our big advocacy ask for CCAs?
• Should we explore an independent Hill visit for CCAs?
  • Educational/Professional Development focus for CCAs
  • Could have a few different asks – e.g., *Ag Innovation Act*,
• Should the policy office provide more advocacy resources for CCAs?
• How can we help in your state? Should we pursue licensing?
Get Involved

- Join the ICCA Policy Committee
- Join a Rapid Response Team or Regional Team
- Respond to Action Alerts
- Read the CCA Policy Updates for opportunities