

MASSACHUSETTS PESTICIDE USE/SALES REPORTING

- ❑ M.G.L.c. 132B, Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act
- ❑ 333 CMR, Regulations
- ❑ Pesticide Program is housed within the Department of Agricultural Resources
- ❑ Approximately 9000 licensed individuals

MASSACHUSETTS PESTICIDE USE/SALES REPORTING

- ❑ Used to be hard copies
- ❑ Organize and file thousands of reports
- ❑ Not able to easily search information
- ❑ Need and want from Department and public to have reports digital

USE/SALES REPORTING

- ❑ Applicators/Dealers are required to submit use/sales reports from the previous year
- ❑ Notice is sent out at the beginning of each year
- ❑ Reporting is open for several months
- ❑ A company is allowed to report use on behalf of the applicators

REPORTING SYSTEM

- ❑ Simple, easy to use form
- ❑ Posted on our website (link to form is sent to licensees)
- ❑ Applicators seem to like it
- ❑ Enter information manually (cannot upload forms)
- ❑ Drop down list of EPA Registration Number for product list

USE REPORTING

- ❑ Company Information
 - Name
 - Address
- ❑ Applicator Information
 - Name
 - License Number
- ❑ Product Information
 - Name
 - EPA Registration Number
 - Active Ingredient
 - Amount Used
- ❑ Crop/Site Treated
 - Turf
 - Ag (Specific)
 - Structural Pest

SALES REPORTING

- ❑ Company Information
 - Name
 - Address
- ❑ Dealer Information
 - Name
 - License Number
- ❑ Product Information
 - Name
 - EPA Registration Number
 - Active Ingredient
- ❑ Customer Information
 - ❑ Name
 - ❑ License Number
 - ❑ Amount purchased

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- ☐ Post information online
 - Product
 - EPA Registration Number
 - Active Ingredient
 - Amount Used
- ☐ Do not list company or applicator information
- ☐ Can request through a Public Records Request
- ☐ Do not collection location; M.G.L.c. 128, Section 7A prohibits us from sharing that information.
- ☐ [Annual Pesticide Use Information | Mass.gov](#)

REPORTING SYSTEM LIMITATIONS/CHALLENGES

- ❑ Resources were not provided; Worked with what we had
- ❑ Lack of resources = Simple form = Limitations
- ❑ Not able to make all fields mandatory
 - Information we receive may be missing information
 - “Other” units
- ❑ Not able to accept more than 30 entries by one reporter before them having to submit a whole new report
- ❑ Back-end information received in a manner that requires a lot of work to make it searchable and understandable.
- ❑ Does not include all pesticide use/sales (only licensed individuals)

QUESTIONS

☐ Sales vs. Actual Use

- Do not work together...sales are for RUP's only; use is for all pesticide use. If that is a data point that needs to be looked at, it would take a lot of work and be limited.

☐ Resources

- Few months to develop and work with platform (3 MDAR staff)
- One MDAR point person to notify, answer questions, convert data once we are done collecting the information.
- Two MDAR staff to conduct audits

☐ Things to Keep In Mind

- Reason for the data (what questions is the data suppose to help answer and does it do that?)
- Who is in charge of hosting platform and collecting the data?
- Can the agency handle the work this will entail
- Resources/work will vary depending on what is intended on being collected, platform used, and the expectation of what the data will be used for once it is collected



Taryn LaScola
Director of Crop and Pest Services Division
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural
Resources

Taryn.lascola@mass.gov

(617) 626-1776