

**WSSA Liaison to EPA-OPP (Office of Pesticide Programs)
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January 28 – February 2

The WSSA annual meeting was held in Crystal City, VA. This meeting was an opportunity to engage numerous individuals from the US EPA OPP in dialog. One of the biggest efforts was a round table dialog on dicamba hosted at OPP headquarters at 1 Potomac Yard. Drs. Scott Senseman, Aaron Hager, Larry Steckel, Jason Norsworthy, Bryan Young, and Tom Mueller shared research and observations related to dicamba off-target movement with groups from RD, PRD, and BEAD. I also worked with Dr. Barrett to create a program through WSSA for OPP employees who normally do not participate in WSSA to attend 1 or more days of the program.

March 12 – 16

I visited the offices of US EPA-OPP in Arlington, VA on March 12-6. One of the major topics of discussion is what a summer tour should look like, when it should be and what logistical arrangements would need to be made in order to make it work. The meetings were very productive and may help tie both groups closer to WSSA as well as help bridge some connections in the future. There was discussion about the putting together another group discussion on dicamba.

On March 15th, I gave a webinar in conjunction with US EPA OPP entitled “Managing Pesticide Spray Drift”. This was the first webinar hosted by the OPP and it was quite successful with 578 people attending from across the globe. Following the webinar, there was discussion about turning it into a series.