

CONSERVATION-ENVIRONMENTAL-CROP PROTECTION COMMITTEE

SUBSECTIONS:

Cons=Conservation

E=Environmental

CP=Crop Protection

CONSERVATION

Conservation Policy Statement

The Idaho Grain Producers Association supports

- grower developed tillage practices and Best Management Practices that are economically feasible to meet conservation plans,
- increasing state funding that will encourage the use of tillage practices that will improve air, water and soil quality,
- the concept of the 'Idaho One Plan,'
- Idaho and adjoining sister states enforcing noxious weed laws and supporting efforts to educate the public,
- continued funding of STEEP III,
- new conservation funding for conservation practices,
- the proposed CREP program,
- consistent implementation and interpretation of conservation programs and regulations between Idaho and its sister states.

The Idaho Grain Producers Association will continue

- to monitor the CRP program rules to protect Idaho producers,
- to be a leader in providing grower representatives on agriculture committees at the County, State, and Federal levels,
- to work with NRCS in drafting a volunteer nutrient management program for Idaho producers.

The Idaho Grain Producers Association is opposed

- to conservation dollars going to environmental groups who fight agriculture.

Resolution No. Cons-1 - CRP Soil Rental Rates

The Idaho Grain Producers Association supports the standardizing soil types (classifications) across regional, agricultural production areas without regard to state or county boundaries when determining rental rates.

RESOLUTION NO Cons-2 - CRP and CREP

The Idaho Grain Producers Association (IGPA) supports the wise use of CRP and CREP as a natural resource tool. IGPA will work to make sure CRP and CREP will be used only on environmentally sensitive land.

Resolution No. Cons-3 - Best Renewal of Expiring CRP Contracts

The Idaho Grain Producers Association will work with NAWG and NBGA to develop and implement through FSA a new CRP rule that will provide the opportunity for farmers to renew wheat and barley base to expiring CRP contracts. The base would be renewed over a 3-5 year period by planting the crop from the base that was forfeited when the CRP contract was signed.

Resolution No. Cons-4 - CSP

The Idaho Grain Producers Association (IGPA) supports CSP as a consistent, equitable and fully funded stand alone program with funding to be distributed by FSA. IGPA also supports CSP as a continuous sign up program.

Resolution No. Cons-5 - Highly Erodible Land (HEL) Status Reviews of Non-HEL

The Idaho Grain Producers Association will work with NRCS and FSA to establish a new rule that when fields are combined, if there are not highly erodible land (HEL) present in any of the fields being combined, the entire combined field will remain non-HEL without needing a NRCS status review. If any of the combined fields have HEL acres then a status review is required.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Environmental Policy Statement

The Idaho Grain Producers Association supports

- the recovery of salmon using the combination of native and non-native genes and utilization of improved collection and transportation systems,
- current US food safety regulations and opposes stricter regulations that could reduce our ability to compete in world markets,
- substantial reform of the Endangered Species Act,
- the Quality Assurance Laboratory at the College of Southern Idaho with funding by Idaho State General Fund,
- alternative crop protection products,
- the reduction of non-point source pollution,
- combating non-native predators.

The Idaho Grain Producers Association

- will actively participate in the opposition to the removal of dams on the Snake River and the Columbia River.

The Idaho Grain Producers Association opposes

- flow augmentation.

CROP PROTECTION

Crop Protection Policy Statement

The Idaho Grain Producers Association supports

- the use of science based data during the EPA's chemical registration, and re-registration process,
- and encourages Congress and USDA to monitor and ensure that the EPA decisions are based on the best available science,
- and believes that the Idaho Department of Agriculture should retain regulatory authority for pesticide use in Idaho,
- and will work with the Idaho Department of Agriculture to support the pesticide licensing and education program,
- emergency registration such as Section 18,
- the administration rule change that removes Sec. VII consultation requirements for new chemical registrations,
- continued enforcement of organic standards for certification by the regulating authority.