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IMPACT REPORT



Working to Maximize Every Harvest.™

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A bolder voice for every harvest.

This year was one of courageous growth and evolution for CropLife America (CLA). Our member company innovations yielded many opportunities for CLA to discuss agriculture's significant modernization. As changing tariff policy created global turbulence, CLA responded with proactive and innovative solutions; and while social media continued influencing many decision-makers' perception of pesticides, CLA offered clear, verified, science-backed information on social channels and our website. Far from retreating in a difficult policy and regulatory environment, CLA put our collective shoulders to the wheel and stayed focused, expanded our partnerships, and shared an optimistic and exciting vision of agriculture today and for the future.

Underlying our work are our members, who give CLA their time, expertise, and passion for agriculture and pesticide policy. We were also supported by the new Strategic Plan pillar adopted in February by the CLA Board of Directors: *Build Awareness of Modern Agriculture*. Recognizing the importance of CLA being a leading voice for pesticide policy and information in a crowded policy environment, the Board empowered CLA to stand tall.

And we did. At every opportunity, CLA emphasized that today's crop protection technologies play an irreplaceable role in helping American farmers produce safe, affordable, and abundant food, fuel, and fiber for our nation and the world. In comments, legal briefs, letters to legislators, and the media, CLA stood up for the robust, science-based, proven federal regulatory system governing pesticides implemented by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and for the state role in overseeing pesticide use. We championed the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and transparent standard operating procedures to increase EPA's efficiency, while advocating for increased resources, alongside agricultural partners, for the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP). We broke through an unprecedented nine-month stall in pesticide registration processing with thoughtful yet relentless presentation of the adverse impact the delays were having on American grower competitiveness before all levels of the federal government, including the president. We cultivated our grower partners, showing true appreciation for their support and participating meaningfully in their events, conferences, and meetings.

Complementing our bolder presence, CLA unveiled a refreshed brand identity, with a modernized logo, an overhauled website, and a new tagline: **Working to Maximize Every Harvest**. Together, these changes reflect who CLA is today and our deep and proven commitment to supporting growers through innovation, advocacy, and collaboration. We expanded member recruitment efforts to biopesticide companies, spotlighting their role in integrated crop management systems and modern agriculture.

In February, we welcomed new Board Chair Steve Petersen, president of Gowan Company, and in April, new Executive Director of Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE), Scott Herndon. New leaders bring new ideas, energy, and opportunities that will take CLA's work to even higher levels.

On behalf of the entire staff, thank you for your continued support and engagement. I look forward to continuing this upward and bold trajectory. CLA will be ready to stand out and speak up — both in the moments that we create and in those that arise, in the coming year.

Sincerely,



Alexandra Dunn
CropLife America President and CEO



Introducing a fresh expression of a deeply rooted mission.

In early 2026, CropLife America's leadership took a close look at our brand and what it represents to our members, agriculture, and food production. Through interviews and thoughtful examination of our organization, one idea consistently rose to the surface: **our work is grounded in the science, innovation, and tools that help agriculture advance.**

Whether we are advocating for a faster, more predictable pesticide registration process, protecting market access, championing innovation, or helping others better understand modern agriculture, the purpose is the same: to help growers protect what they plant and realize the potential of their efforts.

That idea became *Working to Maximize Every Harvest*. More than a tagline, it is a simple expression of CLA's role — connecting our members, our priorities, and our work for the years ahead.



An aerial photograph of a vast, flat agricultural field under a clear blue sky. The field is divided into long, straight rows of crops. In the lower center, a yellow tractor is pulling a long, low-profile sprayer that is releasing a fine mist of pesticides over the field. The perspective is from a high angle, looking down the length of the field towards the horizon.

CropLife America is the leading trade association for manufacturers, formulators, and distributors of pesticide products. As a vital part of the agricultural system, this specialized science brings innovative and dependable tools to support U.S. farmers to improve their yields of food, fuel, and fiber.

Our Vision

To help ensure that our members' dedication, expertise, and technologies are recognized for the crucial role they play in supporting agriculture and protecting our nation's food supply.

What We Do

Modern pesticides reduce risks from weeds, pests, and diseases and improve outcomes for U.S. farmers. As a vital part of the agricultural system, this specialized science provides innovative and dependable tools to protect crops and improve yields for food, fuel, and fiber. CropLife America and its members help bring certainty to farmers by advocating for the science and tools that advance their harvests to serve the world, starting at the ground level.

Our Core Priorities



CORE PRIORITY #1

Improve the Pesticide Registration Process

Our Focus

Advance a timely, predictable, and science-based pesticide registration process that gives farmers access to the tools they need to protect crops, improve productivity, and keep U.S. agriculture competitive.

Our Priorities

REGULATORY REFORM: Advance improvements that support timely, consistent, and durable EPA registration decisions.

MODERNIZATION & OPTIMIZATION: Support adoption of AI and data and workflow improvements within EPA OPP.

PRIA REAUTHORIZATION: Build bipartisan support for the enactment of the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) 6 to strengthen regulatory certainty and OPP performance.

CropLife America's Impact

▶ Advanced PRIA Reauthorization

Engaged with EPA leadership, congressional offices, grower organizations, and industry stakeholders to develop recommendations to shape bipartisan legislation reauthorizing PRIA 6. CLA's efforts advanced priorities focused on registration predictability, digitalization, and AI implementation, with the goal of increasing the rate at which EPA meets PRIA registration timelines.

▶ Increased Federal Funding for OPP

Advocated before Congress, along with coalition partners, to increase appropriated funding for OPP. CLA's efforts contributed to House passage of legislation which would increase OPP funding by \$3 million. This will increase OPP's capacity to process registrations and better meet PRIA registration timelines.

CLA urged full funding for EPA OPP in letter to U.S. House Appropriations Committee.



▶ Advanced ESA-FIFRA Implementation

Provided scientific expertise, regulatory comments, and technical recommendations to support improved coordination between the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) implementation. This work helped strengthen risk assessment approaches, support more efficient regulatory reviews, and promote science-based decision-making.

CLA submitted comments on EPA's Draft Fungicide Strategy, supporting practical mitigation measures, grower stewardship, and access to crop protection tools alongside endangered species conservation.



CLA engaged with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on opportunities to streamline biological opinion development through technology and standard operating procedures.

▶ Supported MyPeST Implementation

With Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE) and other industry stakeholders, CLA helped to lead a partnership that supported EPA's rollout of the MyPeST platform through beta testing, stakeholder feedback, educational webinars, and implementation assistance. MyPeST modernizes pesticide registration workflows and supports efficient interactions between EPA and registrants by making the real-time progress of registration submissions transparent.

CORE PRIORITY

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Maintain Market Access

Our Focus

Help to ensure pesticides remain available to the grower community once registered by working to prevent and reduce unwarranted legislative, regulatory, legal, and trade barriers.

Our Priorities

STATE & FEDERAL ADVOCACY: Engage on legislation that could unnecessarily restrict pesticide products or their use while supporting a consistent national regulatory framework that gives growers greater clarity and certainty.

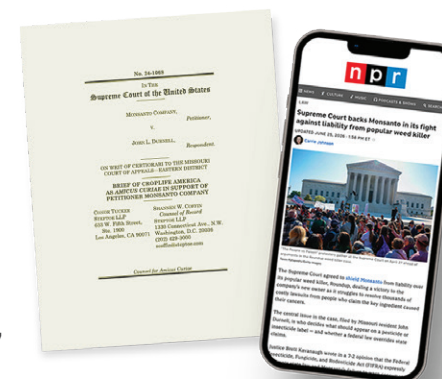
TRADE & INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT: Advance science- and risk-based standards and policies that protect agricultural exports, strengthen supply chains, and preserve access to critical pesticide inputs.

LEGAL ADVOCACY: Bring the pesticide industry's perspective to precedent-setting state and federal cases that could affect product access and regulatory certainty.

CropLife America's Impact

▶ Advocated for EPA's Authority to Decide What Is on a Pesticide Label

Filed multiple legal briefs supporting Bayer's appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court in *Monsanto v. Durnell*, which led to the Court's decision that EPA's pesticide label safety determinations expressly preempt state failure-to-warn claims. The court's ruling helps preserve consistent nationwide labeling requirements, providing clarity to American farmers and manufacturers.



▶ Protected Access to Crop Protection Tools in the States

Mobilized state allies, agribusiness organizations, technical experts, grower advocates, and coalition partners to oppose legislation, regulatory proposals, and litigation that would create duplicative pesticide review systems or restrict access to EPA-approved products. These efforts helped defend science-based regulation in multiple states, protecting grower access to pesticides and reinforcing the importance of EPA's robust regulatory approval process for pesticides.

430+ State Bills Tracked
45+ Unfavorable Bills Stopped
25+ Testimonies Submitted
30+ Coalitions Formed

▶ Advocated for Global MRL Harmonization

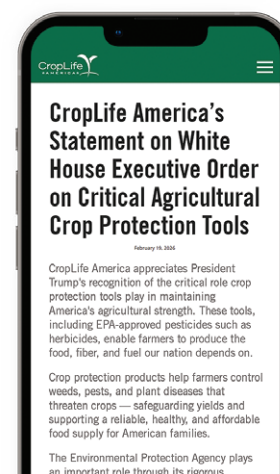
Represented member priorities before the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), and the Codex Alimentarius Commission, coordinating with CropLife International and other global CropLife partners to promote science-based regulatory frameworks and greater alignment of maximum residue limits (MRLs). This work helped reduce potential trade disruptions and supported continued market access for U.S. agricultural exports.

▶ Promoted Access to Critical Agricultural Inputs

Advocated before Congress and the administration in coordination with agriculture coalition partners for exemptions from tariffs for pesticide active ingredients and other critical crop protection inputs during a volatile tariff year. Throughout the year, CLA submitted comments on a number of proposals

by USTR and engaged administration officials at USDA related to tariffs and non-tariff barriers to help to reduce the risk of supply chain disruptions, increased costs, and barriers to market access.

CLA met with USTR Chief Agricultural Negotiator Julie Callahan to discuss grower access to critical crop protection tools.



CORE PRIORITY #3

Build Awareness of Modern Agriculture

Our Focus

Build understanding of and support for modern agriculture by connecting innovation in crop protection chemistry and tools to the farmers who use them, and show how they help to make a safe, abundant, and affordable food supply possible for our nation.

Our Priorities

EDUCATE & INFORM: Increase awareness of how modern crop protection tools support productive, sustainable agriculture and a safe, abundant, and affordable food supply both at home and for export.

AMPLIFY FARMER PERSPECTIVES & INNOVATION: Elevate growers' experiences to showcase how science, technology, and modern farming practices come together to strengthen agricultural productivity, sustainability, and competitiveness.

BE A TRUSTED SOURCE: Provide timely, credible, and science-based information that brings greater context and clarity to conversations about pesticide use in modern agricultural systems.

CropLife America's Impact

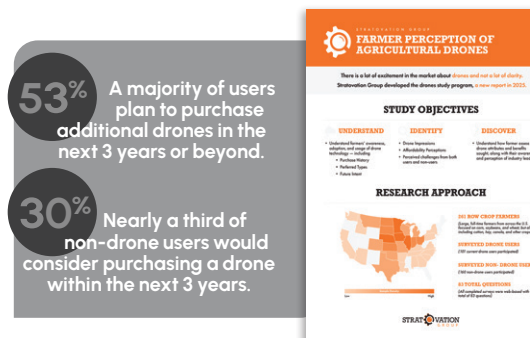
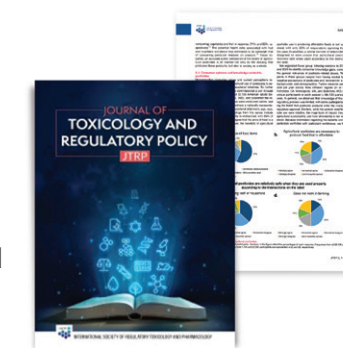
► Elevated Farmer Voices & Agricultural Innovation

Expanded the Farmer Voices Matter campaign to share grower stories and demonstrate how crop protection tools, innovation, and stewardship help farmers address real-world challenges. Highlighted women in agriculture to support the International Year of the Woman Farmer.



► Advanced Science-Based Understar

Supported and promoted peer-reviewed research that strengthened understanding of pesticide regulation and risk assessment, including work on EPA's regulation of fluorinated pesticides and the agency's risk assessment framework. Another peer-reviewed publication explained how crop protection products are evaluated, regulated, and responsibly used through a Responsible Crop Protection Framework.



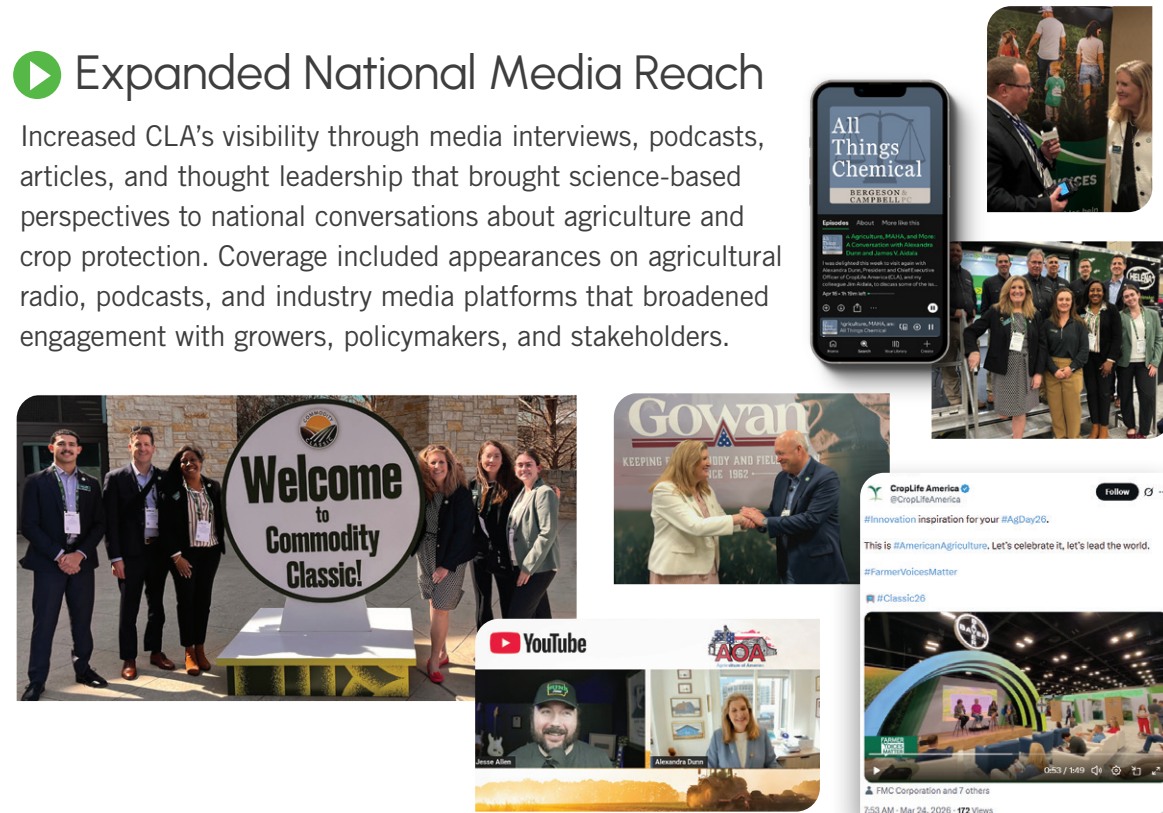
CLA joined Stratovation Group and other stakeholders on Farmer Perceptions of Agricultural Drones, a national study exploring farmers' perceptions of drone technology. Examining large-scale row crop farmers and the key drivers and barriers to drone adoption, the study covers a range of applications, including pesticide applications.

CropLife America's Impact

Build Awareness of Modern Agriculture (Con't)

▶ Expanded National Media Reach

Increased CLA's visibility through media interviews, podcasts, articles, and thought leadership that brought science-based perspectives to national conversations about agriculture and crop protection. Coverage included appearances on agricultural radio, podcasts, and industry media platforms that broadened engagement with growers, policymakers, and stakeholders.



▶ Promoted Responsible Stewardship & Emerging Technologies

Advanced member-led stewardship initiatives such as BeSure! while elevating awareness of emerging technologies including drones, biopesticides, and precision agriculture. CLA also provided extensive education and outreach on EPA's Endangered Species Act implementation and supported research highlighting growing farmer interest in agricultural drone technology. The drone study found increasing exploration and adoption of drone technologies across farming operations.



SPECIAL PRIORITY: SPEED TASKFORCE

Moving Faster When It Matters Most

Our Focus

Advance timely, predictable, and science-based pesticide registration decisions that provide growers access to critical crop protection tools, and support continued investment in agricultural innovation in the United States, maintaining our nation's competitiveness.

Our Priorities

REGISTRATION TIMELINESS: Promote timely EPA registration decisions and reduce unscientific, political registration delays that limit grower access to innovation and hinder U.S. grower competitiveness.

REGULATORY TRANSPARENCY: Advance greater accountability, predictability, and visibility in the pesticide review process.

GROWER ACCESS: Support farmers' access to the tools they need to remain productive, competitive, and sustainable and to protect their crops from loss due to weeds, pests, and disease.

INNOVATION: Support a regulatory environment that encourages new technologies and crop protection solutions to be brought to the United States first and in a priority manner, offering American growers more options in a challenging farm economy.

CropLife America's Impact

Over a sustained, nine-month period, CLA and its members, working with our colleagues and allies:

► Elevated the Fact that Dozens of Registration Decisions Were Politically Delayed

Engaged EPA leadership, White House officials, congressional offices, grower organizations, and member companies to elevate concerns about the impact of political delays on innovative new active ingredients and the innovation pipeline and their effects on farmers and the agricultural economy. 22 CLA member company CEOs – in an unprecedented move – wrote to President Trump urging action on the adverse consequences to agriculture of these withheld registrations. At the same time, CLA Grower Advisory Panel (GAP) members sent a letter to President Trump on registration delays.



"These delays are directly and negatively impacting American farmers and the domestic agriculture industry, compromising America's historic global role as an agricultural innovator, and harming our manufacturing businesses."

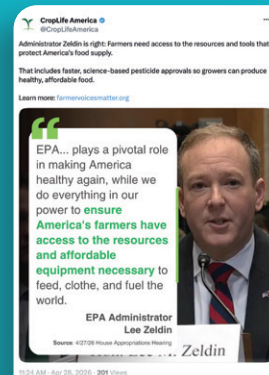


► Built Momentum for Action

Mobilized member companies, grower organizations, and coalition partners to advocate for the release of registrations held for non-science-based reasons. Following sustained engagement, EPA advanced several long-awaited registration decisions and regulatory actions in June 2026. President Trump also signed an Executive Order stressing the importance of accelerating the registration of innovative pesticide products.

► Advanced Innovative Crop Protection Tools

Advocated for greater regulatory predictability and timely reviews while supporting EPA actions affecting new active ingredients, expanded uses, and emerging technologies. These decisions helped move important crop protection solutions closer to growers across row crops, specialty crops, and other agricultural sectors.



► Built Bridges Through Education and Transparency

Through engagement with the Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) Commission, policymakers, the media, growers, and other stakeholders, CLA fostered constructive dialogue around food, agriculture, and public health. By highlighting EPA's rigorous scientific review process and increasing understanding of how crop protection tools are regulated and used, CLA helped reinforce the importance of science-based decisions that support farmer access to critical technologies and continued agricultural innovation.

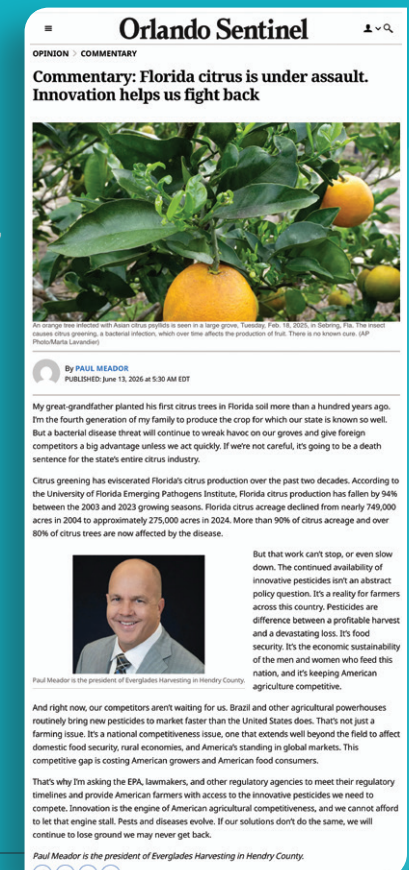


► Amplified Grower & Industry Voices

Leveraged stakeholder communications, media engagement, and grower advocates to highlight the importance of timely registrations and access to innovation. Public support from organizations including the American Soybean Association, American Farm Bureau Federation, and International Fresh Produce Association reinforced the need for science-based decision-making and timely regulatory action.



CLA Grower Advisory Panel (GAP) member Paul Meador shared his perspective in the Orlando Sentinel on the challenges facing Florida citrus and the innovations helping growers fight back.



Advocacy In Action

2026 Highlights

2025 Annual Meeting: *Elevating Our Voice*

CLA members and industry leaders gathered jointly with Council of Producers and Distributors of Agrotechnology (CDPA) to discuss policy, innovation, communications, AI, trade, and the future of crop protection. CLA hosted its first-ever Ag Tech Innovation Pavilion with the Association of Equipment Manufacturers, bringing robots, a full-size sprayer, and a drone to the meeting site. The gathering, which included a surprise luncheon fireside chat with Calley Means on MAHA, reinforced a shared commitment to strengthening agriculture's voice in public policy discussions.



CLA and American Bar Association Convene Leaders on Pesticide Law and Policy Developments



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CLA Welcomes Brian Angeli and Randy Canady to Board of Directors

Brian Angeli (FMC) and Randy Canady (Atticus LLC) joined the CLA Board of Directors, bringing additional expertise to support strategic priorities.

Representing the Pesticide Industry at World's Largest Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo



FNCE 2025
Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo
Nashville, TN | October 11-14



Engaging the Next Generation at the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo



Board Leader Retreat in Orlando, Florida Adds Advancing Modern Agriculture to Strategic Plan, Hones 2026 Focal Areas



CLA Launches #FridayFacts and #SaturdayStats Social Media Campaign



CLA, ARA, and CPDA Launch New ESA Education Resources for Farmers



Michigan Agri-Business Leaders Hear CLA's 2026 Policy Priorities

Advancing Pesticide Stewardship at the Spray Drone End User Conference

CEO Alexandra Dunn Joins Association CEO Leaders at National Association of Manufacturers Council of Manufacturing Associations Leadership Event



CEO Dunn Advances CLA Priorities at Member CNI's Conference, Illinois Chemical and Fertilizer Association



CLA Joins National Association of Wheat Growers Dialogue on MAHA and Crop Protection Policy

CLA Files Ninth-Circuit Brief in Support of EPA's Use of Treated Article Exemption



NASDA Conference Highlights the International Year of the Woman Farmer

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Connecting with America's Farm Broadcasters at NAFB



CLA and RISE Prepare for 2026 State Legislative Sessions at Northeast Issues Summit



CLA Submits Endangered Species Act Comments to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



CLA Starts 2026 Strong with Member Companies at AFBF Convention, Staffs Booth, Presents on ESA

U.S. Supreme Court Agrees to Review *Monsanto v. Durnell*

CLA and RISE Testify Over Concerns About Duplicate Pesticide Reviews in Washington State

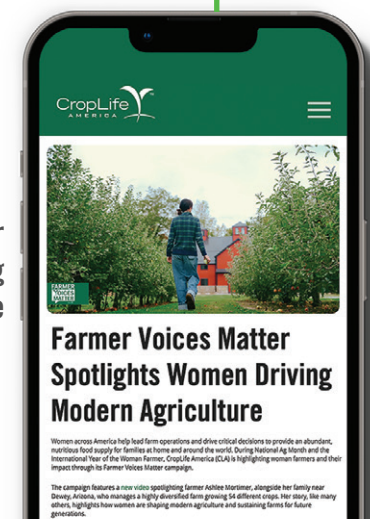


CLA Brings Policy Priorities to North Carolina Commodity Conference



Strategic Oversight Council (SOC) Kicks Off 2026 with Discussion of Registration Delays, Fluorination, and Seed Treatment under the Leadership of New Chair Jeff Smith and Vice Chair Jill Holihan

Farmer Voices Matter Celebrates Women Shaping Modern Agriculture





CLA Launches Modernized Website



Steve Petersen, President of Gowan Company, Named Chair of the CLA Board

CLA Issues Statement on U.S. Supreme Court's Decision to Strike Down IEEPA Tariffs



National ESA Forum Strengthens Coordination on Pesticide Education and Implementation

SOC Shapes Priorities for 2026

Association leaders convened to establish priorities and strategies supporting advocacy, communications, registration modernization, and member engagement.

CLA Comments to USDA on EU Food and Feed Omnibus



Growers and Agricultural Communicators from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Kentucky Visit CLA to Discuss Policy Priorities



USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service Meets with CLA on Tariff Relief

CLA Files Brief in the U.S. Supreme Court Supporting the Appeal in *Monsanto v. Durnell*



CLA Joins 68 Organizations in Support of U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement

CLA Leads PRIA Coalition Comments on PR 98-10 Issued by EPA, Explains How Pesticide Manufacturers Can Make Minor Product and Label Changes Without Full Agency Review

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Agri-Pulse Publishes CEO Dunn's Op-Ed on Pesticide Registration Delays



Eric Kalasz (Adama, Ltd.), Ryan Klaveano (Wilbur-Ellis Company), Willie Negroni (Albaugh LLC), and Matt Plitt (Valent U.S.A. LLC) Join CLA Board



CLA and RISE Convene Industry Leaders, MAHA Action, Policymakers, and Regulators at Winter Fly-In

CLA Responds to Executive Order on Critical Crop Protection Inputs

CLA welcomed federal recognition of key agricultural inputs and reinforced the importance of maintaining access to crop protection technologies.

CLA Collaborates with the Agriculture Retailers Association and the Council of Producers and Distributors of Agrotechnology during Their Fly-In



CLA Engages Members and Farm Partners at Commodity Classic



2026 BeSure! Campaign Promotes Pollinators and Treated-Seed Stewardship

CLA advanced pollinator protection and treated-seed stewardship through the latest BeSure! campaign outreach and educational materials.



CLA Amplifies Agriculture's Voice, Builds MAHA Bridges During National Ag Week
 CLA elevated agriculture's voice through media engagement and digital storytelling highlighting innovation, stewardship, and modern farming practices.



Gowan Hosts CLA Staff for Specialty Crop Production Tour



CLA Meets With USTR's Chief Agricultural Negotiator on Trade Priorities

CEO Dunn and FACA CEOs Meet with USDA on Regenerative Agriculture



U.S. Supreme Court Hears Arguments in *Monsanto v. Durnell*



Nearly 400 Experts Convene at the 2026 CLA & RISE Regulatory Conference

L-R: Karen Reardon (RISE), Scott Herndon (RISE), Manojit Basu (CLA), Alexandra Dunn (CLA), Ed Messina (EPA OPP), Leo Gueriguian (EPA OPP), Elizabeth Vizard (EPA OPP), Amy Blankinship (EPA OPP), Timothy Kiely (EPA OPP), Dana Vogel (EPA OPP), Charles (Billy) Smith (EPA OPP), Donald (Don) Wilbur (EPA OPP)



CLA Comments on Section 301 Investigations to Protect Global Markets



CLA Member Companies Send Letter to President Trump on Delayed Pesticide Registration Decisions

Elevating the International Year of the Woman Farmer at Farm Bureau ACE Summit

The International Year of the Woman Farmer was highlighted through conversations celebrating women's leadership and contributions to agriculture.



L-R: Meg Sandy (CLA), Alyssa Miller (CLA), Kelsey Parker (Corteva), Elisha Modisett Kemp (Corteva), Martha Smith (Bayer), Tonya Parish (CLA)

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CLA Grower Advisory Panel Members Attend White House Ag Celebration



Scott Herndon Named RISE Executive Director after National Search



CLA Briefs Farm Broadcasters on Key Agriculture Priorities



Building Trust Through Dialogue with MAHA Action

CLA Represents Crop Protection Industry on USDA Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee



CLA Supports Two Peer-Reviewed Scientific Manuscripts on Pesticide Regulation and Risk Assessment



CLA Continues to Urge Regulatory Reform and Tariff Relief in USTR Section 301 Comments



CLA, Partners Meet with White House on Regulatory Certainty and Supply Chain Stability



NC AgTech Forum Features CLA Perspective on Fluorinated Chemistries



CLA Welcomes New Corteva Board Member and Vice Chair Cynthia Ericson

CLA Petitions California Supreme Court in Landmark RATS Case

SOC Convenes Mid-Year to Address Registration Delays, Review FY 2027 Budget Recommendations and Recognize Leadership Transitions, Including Charlotte Sanson's Retirement and Dorothy Altman's Move to SOC



CLA Leaders Press White House, EPA, Capitol Hill, and USDA on Months of Registration Delays

Industry leaders met with White House and EPA officials to discuss registration delays and the need for timely, science-based decisions.



L-R: Jeff Blackwood (CLA), Leah Anderson (WinField United), Alexandra Dunn (CLA), Cynthia Ericson (Corteva), CLA Board Chair Steve Petersen (Gowan), Matt Plitt (Valent), Thomas Mills (FGS)

CLA Launches D.C. Agriculture Intern Network



CLA Champions Senate Farm Bill Discussion Draft That Includes Extension of EPA Pesticide Registration Review Deadline and Other CLA Priorities

State Agriculture Commissioners Address Pesticide Policy and Market Access Challenges

State agriculture officials and industry leaders addressed pesticide regulation, stewardship, market access, and emerging policy priorities.



CLA Weighs In on Executive Order Advancing Regenerative Agriculture and Farm Resilience



Agricultural Leaders Advance Conservation and Innovation on Maryland's Eastern Shore

Farmer Voices Matter Features Sixth-Generation Missouri Farmers Cara and Garrett Riekhof



Pesticide Policy Coalition Submits Letter Supporting Senate Farm Bill Discussion Draft

PRIA Coalition Commends EPA Administrator Zeldin and Office of Pesticide Programs

CLA Comments on Proposed U.S.-China Board of Trade Structure and Tariff Exemptions

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Executive Committee Meets at BASF Sustainability Center in Durham to Talk Budget, Registration Delays, MAHA, Midterms, and Key Issues

22 CEOs Write to President Trump on Adverse Impact of Politically Delayed Pesticide Registrations

Growers Bring Registration Delay Concerns to Capitol Hill and USDA

CLA hosted a grower fly-in that brought farmers to Capitol Hill and USDA to share firsthand accounts of how pesticide registration delays affect farm operations, productivity, and access to critical crop protection tools.



National Association of Wheat Growers Get CLA Support at Annual Farm Tour



U.S. Supreme Court Affirms EPA Authority Over Pesticide Labels in *Monsanto v. Durnell*

Following Sustained CLA and Farmer Advocacy, EPA Releases Withheld Pesticide Registration Actions

Through continued advocacy for registration efficiency and science-based decision-making, CLA helped elevate the need for timely regulatory action on critical crop protection technologies. EPA's advancement of several key registration decisions represented meaningful impact toward improving grower access, strengthening regulatory predictability, and supporting future innovation.



CLA Participates in Iowa Agriculture Commissioner Industry Event

CLA Comments on Proposed Tariffs and Agricultural Supply Chain Impacts

CLA and RISE Advocate for Research Collaboration and Innovation in OMB Comments

CLA Submits Comments on EPA's Draft Fungicide Strategy

CLA Engages State Legislators, Agriculture Leaders at NCSL

CEO Dunn Addresses Tenkoz Board in New Orleans



CLA Meets with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on ESA Process Improvements

CLA Engages EPA Leadership on ESA Implementation and Risk Assessment Improvements

Pesticide Policy Coalition Submits Letter Opposing Sen. Cory Booker's Farm Bill



CLA Attends 2026 RISE Annual Meeting, Where Specialty Issues Take Center Stage

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Celebrating 250 Years of American Agriculture

CLA joined growers, industry leaders, and government officials in recognizing the longstanding contributions of American agriculture.



CLA Members Eric Cowling (Helena), Jeff Bunting (GROWMARK), and Cindy Smith (Gowan)



Alexandra Dunn CLA President and CEO with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins. CLA played a leadership role organizing the Ag250 event at Mt. Vernon, with CEO Dunn emceeing the event which nearly all CLA Board Members attended.



SOC Focuses on Treated Seed and Emerging Chemistry, and Welcomes Christi Keating

Agricultural Stakeholder Coalition Submits Letter Supporting Regenerative Agriculture Executive Order



CLA Connects with Agriculture at Farm Progress Show



From the Field Forward

A Conversation with Steve Petersen

President, Gowan Company | CropLife America Board Chair

Q: As someone who grew up on a farm and has spent your career in agriculture, what does *Maximizing Every Harvest* mean to you?

Agriculture is really all I have ever known. Growing up on a farm taught me some simple but important lessons, and one of the biggest is that you better be ready for change, because it is coming at you every day.

One of my earliest jobs was roguing soybeans. I remember getting paid \$4.10 an hour to walk hot soybean fields pulling waterhemp, pigweed, and lambsquarters by hand. I can still picture those summer days, waist-deep in soybeans, searching for weeds that could cause problems later at harvest.

That experience gave me an appreciation for the challenges farmers face, the value of a hard day's work, and the importance of innovation. Today, our industry provides crop protection tools that have dramatically improved farming efficiency and productivity.

That's what *Maximizing Every Harvest* means to me. It is about creating value for farmers and helping make the most of every acre, every season, and every opportunity. Agriculture is one of the greatest and most noble industries. I strongly believe the best decisions start with understanding what is happening in the field.

Q: What gives you confidence that agriculture can continue to meet the challenges ahead?

Agriculture faces significant challenges, from growing global demand and geopolitical uncertainty to environmental pressures, pest resistance, and regulatory hurdles. Through it all, Mother Nature continues to throw curveballs at us, and we must constantly adapt.

What gives me confidence is innovation. The crop protection industry continues to develop new products and technologies that help growers produce more efficiently and sustainably. We may be just one piece of the puzzle, but we are a very important piece. If we continue investing in science, advocating for sound policies, and ensuring growers have access to innovation, agriculture will be well-positioned to meet the challenges ahead.

Q: What role does CropLife America play in helping maximize every harvest?

At Gowan Company, we talk about having "muddy boots." For CLA, that translates to "shoe-leather advocacy" grounded in the realities facing growers and member companies. One of the most important things we can provide is our "shadow in the field," ensuring that policymakers and regulators understand the real-world impacts of their decisions. By bringing those perspectives to Washington and beyond, we help create the conditions for American agriculture to thrive and continue maximizing every harvest.

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