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Proposal & Report Review and Support Process

Roles & Responsibilities:

- VAAFAM Representatives
 - Present proposals and reports
- AIB Members
 - Present proposals
 - Provide additional information for VAAFAM reports

Proposal Acceptance Process:

- Survey for acceptance of proposal
 - If any AIB member does not support:
 - State and record reason for not supporting
 - Determine if modification of proposal would result in support
 - Continue until consensus.
 - If consensus is not achievable
 - Record those in support and those that do not support.

Report Acceptance Process:

- Survey for acceptance of report
 - If any AIB member does not accept report:
 - State and record reason for not accepting
 - Determine if additional information should be included that would result in acceptance
 - Continue until consensus.
 - If consensus is not achievable,
 - Record those that accept and those that do not.
 - Information provided by those members that do not accept the report to be included in meeting summary.

Proposal & Report Upcoming Items

AIB Recommendation	AIB Decision	Decision process	Authority	Citation
BMPs for use of neonicotinoid treated article seeds (NTAS)	Acceptance of BMPs as proposed by VAAFMM or AIB Members,	For BMPs proposed by VAAFMM - supported or not supported by AIB members other than VAAFMM; For BMPs proposed by AIB members – supported or not supported by members, including VAAFMM representatives. Use proposal acceptance process.	Under subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets, after consultation with the Agricultural Innovation Board, shall adopt by rule BMPs for the use in the State of neonicotinoid treated article seeds. In developing the rules with the Agricultural Innovation Board, the Secretary shall address	6 V.S.A. § 1105a (c) 1
Threshold levels of pest pressure that result in use of NTAS	Acceptance of recommended threshold levels for major pests; proposed by VAAFMM or AIB members	For threshold levels proposed by VAAFMM - supported or not supported by AIB members other than VAAFMM; For threshold levels proposed by AIB members – supported or not supported by members, including VAAFMM representatives. Use proposal acceptance process.	establishment of threshold levels of pest pressure required prior to use of neonicotinoid treated article seeds;	6 V.S.A. § 1105a (c) 1 (A)
Availability of Non-NTAS	Report from VAAFMM; accepted by AIB; additional information provided by AIB members	For availability report by VAAFMM – accepted or not supported by AIB members other than VAAFMM; Use report acceptance process	availability of nontreated article seeds that are not neonicotinoid treated article seeds	6 V.S.A. § 1105a (c) 1 (B)
Economic impact from crop loss versus yield from use of NTAS	Report from VAAFMM; accepted by AIB, additional information provided by AIB members	For economic impact report by VAAFMM – accepted or not supported by AIB members other than VAAFMM; Use report acceptance process	economic impact from crop loss as compared to crop yield when neonicotinoid treated article seeds are used;	6 V.S.A. § 1105a (c) 1 (C)
Relative toxicities and	Report from	For report by VAAFMM –	relative toxicities of	6 V.S.A. §

effects on human health and the environment	VAAFM; accepted by AIB, additional information provided by AIB members	accepted or not supported by AIB members other than VAAFM; Use report acceptance process	different neonicotinoid treated article seeds and the effects of neonicotinoid treated article seeds on human health and the environment;	1105a (c) 1 (D)
Surveillance and monitoring techniques	Report from VAAFM; accepted by AIB, additional information provided by AIB members	For report by VAAFM – accepted or not supported by AIB members other than VAAFM; Use report acceptance process	surveillance and monitoring techniques for in-field pest pressure	6 V.S.A. § 1105a (c) 1 (E)
Reducing pest harborage from conservation tillage	Report from VAAFM; accepted by AIB, additional information provided by AIB members	For report by VAAFM – accepted or not supported by AIB members other than VAAFM; Use report acceptance process	ways to reduce pest harborage from conservation tillage practices; and	6 V.S.A. § 1105a (c) 1 (F)
Criteria for approval of NTAS	Acceptance of criteria as proposed by VAAFM or AIB Members,	For criteria proposed by VAAFM - supported or not supported by AIB members other than VAAFM; For BMPs proposed by AIB members – supported or not supported by members, including VAAFM representatives. Use proposal acceptance process.	criteria for a system of approval of neonicotinoid treated article seeds.	6 V.S.A. § 1105a (c) 1 (G)