

ICCA Policy Committee

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Policy Committee Structure and Timeline

- Chaired by Isaac Wolford and Nick Guilette
- Staffed by Rachel Owen and Luther Smith
- 10 members from across the country
- Next year, plan to launch sub-committees
 - Regional Policy Task Force
 - Rapid Response Teams

Accomplishments

- NRCS Agreement on TSP Certification
- Comments Submitted
 - OSHA Heat Standard
 - Florida SB 1 – 4RNMS
 - Pesticide Certification Plans
 - Supply Chain Disruptions – CRP Early Termination
- Nominations
 - EPA Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Council (FRRCC)
- Coalitions/Stakeholder Meetings
 - ANPC, ABA, FACA, Ag Conservation Coalition
 - EPA, USDA
- CCA Conservationist of the Year



Farm Bill Priorities

- Farm Bill will be reauthorized in 2023
- We surveyed CCAs and Societies members to identify priorities (*specific production category*)
- Draft Priorities:
 1. Provide robust, diverse support for **agricultural research**
 2. Improve **climate coordination** to support translational research
 3. Facilitate FAIR **data collection, sharing, and storage**
 4. Support **equitable outcomes** in research, education, and production
 5. Leverage networks of trusted, **on-farm advisers** to meet technical assistance needs



Topical Scope of CCA Policy Work

Soil & Water Management

- USDA Conservation Programs
- Carbon/Ecosystem Services
- EPA Water Quality

Integrated Pest Management

- Pesticide/Herbicide Use Rules
- Pesticide Applicator/Certification Rules

Nutrient Management

- Nutrient Loss/Reduction
- EPA Water Quality
- Nutrient/Fertilizer Application Rules
- Nutrient and Manure Management Plans

Crop Management

- Regenerative Ag/Climate-Smart Ag/Organic Ag
- Biotechnology/Seed Science

Certified Crop Advisers

- Workplace Safety & Health
- Licensing & Technical Assistance
- On-Farm Research



Legislation



Rulemaking



Outreach to CCAs

Scope of CCA Policy Work

Questions for Board

- What is our big advocacy ask for CCAs?
- Should we explore an independent Hill visit for CCAs?
 - Educational/Professional Development focus for CCAs
 - Could have a few different asks – e.g., *Ag Innovation Act*,
- Should the policy office provide more advocacy resources for CCAs?
- How can we help in your state? Should we pursue licensing?

Get Involved



Join the ICCA Policy Committee



Join a Rapid Response Team or Regional Team



Respond to Action Alerts



Read the CCA Policy Updates for opportunities