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Annual MRL Harmonization Workshop Scheduled for June 1 & 2

The California Specialty Crops Council will hold its eleventh annual 2016 MRL Harmonization Workshop June 1-2 in San Francisco. The interactive seminar based on maximum residue levels (MRLs) will address critically important issues for stakeholders with interests in exporting agricultural products. Registrants, growers, packers, shippers, PCAs, regulators, trade experts, and other stakeholders in international trade are strongly encouraged to attend. Presentation topics include: international trade trends, global registrations, pesticide residue monitoring, MRL strategies for growers, updates for international residue standards, global MRL challenges, and research reports regarding the impacts of residues. Jay Vroom, President of CropLife America, will kick off the Workshop discussing “How Modern Agriculture Reduces Food Waste and the Role of MRL Harmonization.” International presenters from the European Union, Korea, Chile, Brazil, India and Canada will report on the latest MRL requirements for these major trade destinations. A Codex update will be presented by Mr. David Miller of US EPA’s Health Effects Division. This premier conference will be held at Hyatt Fisherman’s Wharf, 555 North Point Street in San Francisco. On-line pre-registration is required by May 25. For all meeting, hotel information and an updated agenda go to http://specialtycrops.org. The registration fee is $425 by April 15 and $475 after that date.

The California Specialty Crops Council (CSCC), a 501(c) 5 non-profit organization, is a trusted source of field-based information spanning horticultural crop production, pest management, food safety and stewardship activities in fruit, root, vegetable, vine and berry crops (fresh, dried, and processed). Its diverse partnership of ag organizations also includes the CA State Beekeepers Association. Combined, CSCC growers generate almost $4.1 billion annually on approximately 522,000 acres of California farmland.

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