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Introduction:

- Brief background
- Role and history within state ag department



Structure/Administration of Ag Department:

- Structure of ag department within state government
- Director/Commissioner/Secretary elected or appointed
 - Other unique features should people be aware of
 - Role of the Attorney General (i.e., appeals vs representation)



Cage Free Litigation/Prop 12/Animal Confinement:

- Latest action or impact in your state?



Pesticide Regulation/Enforcement and Overall Policymaking:

- How does this work in your department?
- What kinds of issues might/do you get involved with?



Right to Know/FOIA, Public Records, & Third-Party Subpoenas



Water Issues:

- What role (if any) do you/your department play in water issues in your state?
- What agencies/issues do you coordinate with, formally or informally?



Hemp & Cannabis



Foreign Ownership:

- What role, if any, does ag department play here?
- Has recent state legislation changed your role at all?



“Other areas”/Audience Q&A:

- Agricultural Trade
- Research and Promotion Boards (a/k/a Checkoff Programs)
 - State Ag Product Marketing Programs
 - Feed/Fertilizer Oversight



Comments/Questions



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