

## **IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**The Idaho State Department of Agriculture** conducts various activities, which may provide some assistance to emergency response personnel.

Within the **Division of Agriculture Resources** there are a number of field personnel who investigate pesticide misuse. The investigators are located in various areas throughout the state and may be of assistance when information is needed relating to the distribution or use of pesticides or in locating licensed applicators and/or dealers. Contact with these individuals should be arranged through:

**Bob Spencer, Bureau Chief, Boise Office**

The Division of Agricultural Resources maintains a complete file of all registered pesticide labels sold or used in the state, as well as a file of all licensed applicators or dealers. Specific data from the pesticide label or copy of the labels and other information may be obtained from:

**Ben Miller, Bureau Chief, Boise Office**  
**Sherm Takatori, Program Manager, Boise Office**

The Division of Agriculture Resources also maintains a program that works with a pesticide disposal company to set up collections of unwanted or unusable pesticides 3-4 weeks per year. Information regarding the disposal of unusable pesticides may be obtained from:

**Vic Mason, Program Manager, Boise Office**

The **Plant Industries Division** maintains an electronic database and hard-copy files of all Idaho-registered fertilizer manufacturers', registrants and products, including copies of all product labels. We maintain these records for all commercial feed and soil and plant amendment registrants and products, as well. The Division has two labs that are jointly capable of fertilizer analysis, as well as testing for trace antibiotics and chemical residues. We maintain a statewide field staff of investigators knowledgeable in fertilizer distribution and safe sampling practices. Specific data from fertilizer products, a copy of a registered label, or other information pertaining to fertilizers may be obtained from:

**Kathryn Mink, Agriculture Section Manager, Boise Office**

The **Division of Animal Industries** has an inspection force knowledgeable in animal health-related matters. Assistance may be valuable in the event of suspected chemical, microbiological or radiation exposure to animals. The State Veterinarian is the contact for information relating to these activities. In addition, the State Veterinarian requests notification when domestic animals are involved in any emergency response call. Contact:

**Dr. Bill Barton, Administrator/State Veterinarian, Division of Animal Industries, Boise**  
**Dr. Marilyn Simunich, Animal Health Emergency (foreign animal disease) Management**

The **Division of Agricultural Inspections** has over 200 employees located at various grain warehouses, fruit packing facilities, potato sheds and processing plants throughout the Snake River region with good knowledge of the commodities they inspect. Their assistance as a support staff in the event of a hazardous materials incident could be invaluable. Contact:

**Cindy Stark, Administrator, Division of Agriculture Inspections, Boise**

**If these individuals are not available, please contact Pamm Juker, Chief of Staff/ Communicators Director.**