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## IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COLLECTS RECORD NUMBER OF UNUSABLE PESTICIDES

BOISE, Idaho – Agricultural producers, dealers, professional applicators and homeowners had a safe, legal and free opportunity to dispose of unusable pesticides again this year. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) conducted unusable pesticide collections last spring, which served the citizens of southwestern Idaho and northern Idaho, and two fall collections, which served the citizens of eastern Idaho, the Magic Valley and Canyon County.

Participation was **free** for the first 1,000 pounds of unusable pesticides per participant. Pesticides included in these collections were herbicides, insecticides, fungicides,

rodenticides or anything with a "cide" at the end. "Participation was amazing this year," said Victor Mason II, manager of the department's pesticide disposal program. This year the ISDA safely collected and destroyed a total of 186,520 pounds of pesticides, shattering last year's record of 134,391. In Canyon County alone this year, growers and pesticide applicators turned in 75,402 pounds of unusable pesticides, making Canyon County the largest collection venue in the state.



Since 1993, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture has safely disposed of over 1.5 million pounds of unusable pesticides. Pesticides become unusable for many reasons, including loss of potency, exposure to temperature extremes, cancellation or suspension by state or federal authorities, or growers' decisions to change their cropping rotations or practices.

"One other significant benefit of the program is that since the program started, the ISDA has not had a single case of illegal dumping of pesticides reported," Mason said.

For more information about the collections visit our website at:  
[www.agri.idaho.gov](http://www.agri.idaho.gov)