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## IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM

### Container Recycling Operation (CROP) - 2012

BOISE Idaho - Pesticide applicators have the ability to recycle their cleaned and empty pesticide containers by participating in ISDA's CROP program. The CROP program is a free service designed to help Idaho's growers and pesticide applicators find a means to dispose of empty pesticide containers in a safe and environmentally sound method.

Containers can be recycled at the grower or applicator's facility by the use of a mobile unit that will come to their site and grind up the containers into small flakes that will later be recycled in to non-food items like drain field pipe or pallets. The ISDA currently has two mobile recycling units, one in Idaho Falls and one in Lewiston and is in the process of building a third unit for use in the Treasure Valley. By having the three chipper units, the ISDA will be able increase the efficiency of the program and increase the number of visits to a facility.



Pesticide containers can take up vast amounts of landfill space and were at times burned illegally, thrown away on private and public property or on county roadsides.

"This program helps growers and professional applicators continue to be the best stewards of their cleaned and empty pesticide containers. All the while helping to protect the citizens of Idaho and our land and water," said Victor Mason II, manager of the ISDA's CROP program.

Since the program began in 1994, ISDA has recycled over 1.9 million recyclable pesticide containers.

For more information about the collections, please see our website at:

<http://www.agri.idaho.gov>

Or call us at (208) 332-8628 or (208) 332-8605

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