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Recycling Plastics

2010 was an excellent year for agricultural plastics recycling in North Dakota. The year marked the second highest number of pounds recycled since the program began in 1992 and combined five recycling events with an already popular disposal event, Project Safe-Send.

A total of 74,198 pounds of plastics was recycled this year, up 44 percent from last year's total of 51,547. This year was the first year that recycling was held in conjunction with the North Dakota Department of Agriculture's pesticide disposal program, Project Safe-Send. A total of 13,060 pounds of plastics was collected at five Project Safe-Send Sites.

Recycling in North Dakota is sponsored by the Ag Container Recycling Council (ACRC), a non-profit organization that safely collects and recycles plastic crop protection containers. The ACRC is fully funded by its members companies, which formulate, produce, package and distribute crop protection and other pesticide products. The North Dakota Department of Agriculture works with ACRC to promote its recycling programs.

The ACRC contractor for North Dakota is Container Services Network (CSN). CSN offers year-round service to pick up containers at no cost when adequate quantities are available. CSN recycles triple-rinsed HDPE crop protection containers up to 55 gallon in capacity.

Recycling sites can be open to the public or limited to private use. For more information on finding or establishing recycling sites, please contact Gary Glickman of CSN at (866) 225-6629.