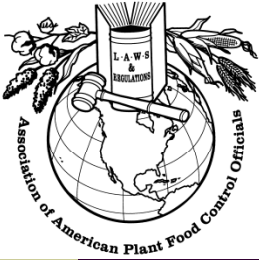




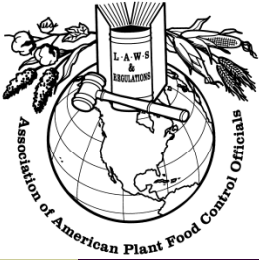
AAPFCO Update

2008 Fertilizer Industry Round Table
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AAPFCO President



History of AAPFCO

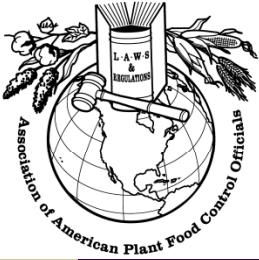
- First fertilizer control law in US enacted by Massachusetts in 1869
- Fertilizers regulated in all but one of the 48 states by 1947
- Very limited in scope and lacked uniformity
- AOAC initiated first attempts at uniformity
- Association of American Fertilizer Control Officials organized out of AOAC in 1946
- Became AAPFCO in 1965



AAPFCO Purpose

The association's purpose is to provide a forum through which members may unite to:

- promote uniformity in laws and regulations;
- adopt effective analytical methods for fertilizer;
- develop high standards of fertilizer inspection techniques and procedures;
- promote adequate labeling and safe use of fertilizers;



AAPFCO Purpose, cont'd.

- provide facilities and opportunities for the free exchange of information and problem solving;
- **cooperate with members of industry to promote the usefulness and effectiveness of fertilizer products and the protection of soil and water resources.**



AAPFCO Motto

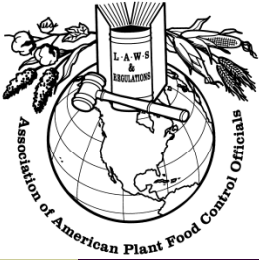
“Uniformity by Consensus”



So What?

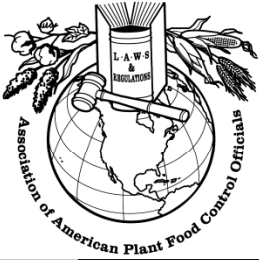
How does AAPFCO benefit you?

- Opportunity for industry input in developing model regulations for potential use by states
- Industry has a seat at the table and the opportunity for active involvement in establishing direction for regulatory programs throughout North America
- Aid in navigating the seas of individual state regulations – no federal regulation of fertilizers



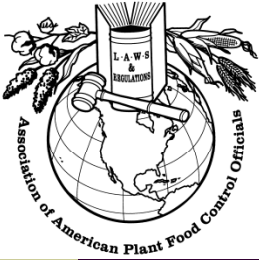
Current Issues

- New “Essential Nutrients”
 - Labeling and Definitions Committee
 - Working on MOU with the Tri-Societies
- SRMs or CMPAF in fertilizers
 - New FDA Rule
 - Canadian Rule
 - Environmental Affairs Committee



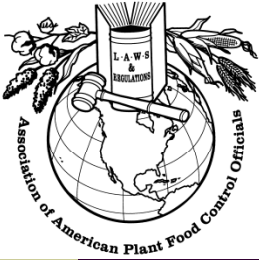
Current Issues, cont'd.

- Analytical Methods Development and Validation
 - Methods Forum
 - Proposed structure for sponsoring high priority methods
- Federal ammonium nitrate regulations
 - Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
 - Public comment period



Current Issues, cont'd.

- Support for Nutrient Management BMPs
 - Right product
 - Right place
 - Right time
 - Right rate
- Preemption of local ordinances
 - Encouraging states to adopt
- Labeling of organic inputs
 - Need for clarification



2009 AAPFCO Meetings

- AAPFCO Mid Year Meeting
February 19 – 26
John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel and Casino
Reno, Nevada

- AAPFCO Annual Meeting
August 3 – 6
Hyatt on the Hill
Washington, DC



Thank You

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