## Pesticide Policies: A Trade Perspective MRL Harmonization Workshop Webinar May 26-27, 2021

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### **Outline of this presentation**

- Trade: Background and Context
- Pesticides and Agricultural Production
- Safe Use of Pesticides
- Current MRL Challenges in Trade
- Strategies to Address MRL Challenges
- Prospective and Next Steps









### **Pesticides in Agricultural Production**







**Ensuring Safe Use** 

**Good Agricultural Practices** 

State and Federal Laws

International Agreements and Standards

**Bilateral and Plurilateral Trade Agreements** 

### Why is this discussion relevant?

**Food Safety** 

Social Issues

**Environmental Issues** 

### **Current MRL Challenges in Trade**





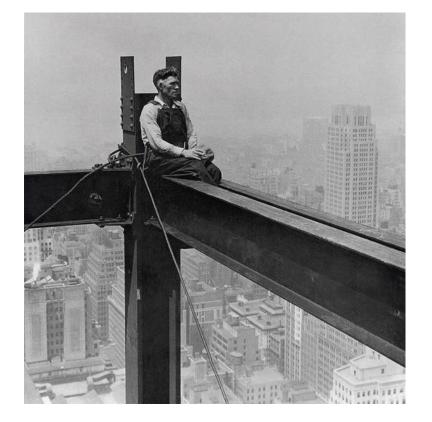
### Strategies to Address MRL Challenges

#### Engagement

#### **Education and Outreach**

### **Prospective and Next Steps**

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### Thank you!

# Looking forward to your questions and comments during the Q&A Discussion...