

## ACRC Receives California Product Stewardship



Ron Perkins (ACRC), Brad Bittleson, (Interstate Ag Plastics), and Arun Malik, (AMVAC) accept CPSC award on behalf of ACRC

The Ag Container Recycling Council was one of four organizations honored by the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) during the organization's Arrow Awards ceremony held in San Diego at the California Resource Recovery Association's 35th annual conference. The Arrow Awards were created by CPSC and recognize organizations that are taking a leadership role in waste reduction.

The Ag Container Recycling Council (ACRC) was honored for their coalition building with a Bow & Arrow Award. The recycling program in California is operated by Interstate Ag Plastic, based in Buttonwillow, CA. Recognized as the oldest, continually running, voluntary, industry-funded, product-stewardship program in the nation, ACRC efforts in California have led to more than 20,000,000 pounds of containers recycled, the equivalent of 4,000,000 gallons of gasoline saved as well as 100,000 cubic yards of landfill space saved. This pro-active role in the stewardship of products through the entire supply chain makes the ACRC a model for other industries to follow.

"We are so pleased to spotlight the contributions of this organization that is truly a product-stewardship star in California," said Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director of the California Production Stewardship Council. CPSC educates both the public and private sectors about product stewardship and closely partners with businesses, jurisdictions, waste and recycling companies, manufacturers and others to promote and encourage sustainable practices.

For more information concerning this prestigious award, contact Ron Perkins, ACRC Executive Director: [rperkins@acrcycle.org](mailto:rperkins@acrcycle.org)

## Rapid Expansion of Pesticide Container Recycling Continues in New York

As previously reported in the July 2010 ACRC Newsletter, there has been extraordinary expansion in the number of collection sites in New York since the program began in 2007. Most recently, the number of collection sites has increased from 31 in 2010 to 45 in 2011. The pounds of containers recovered nearly doubled from approximately 88,000 in 2010 to 170,000 in 2011.

Collection sites are serviced twice yearly by the ACRC contractor, U.S. Ag Recycling (USAg). Triple-rinsed containers can also be returned to Tri-Valley Crop Center (TVCC) in Sprakers and the Long Island Cauliflower Association (LICA) on Long Island if arrangements are made prior to delivery. The success in New York is due to the combined efforts of the aforementioned organizations, the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC), and the New York State Agri-business Association (NYSABA).



Containers being loaded for grinding at New York ag retailer

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