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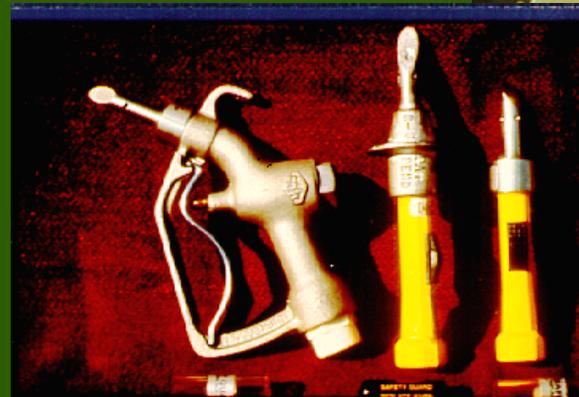
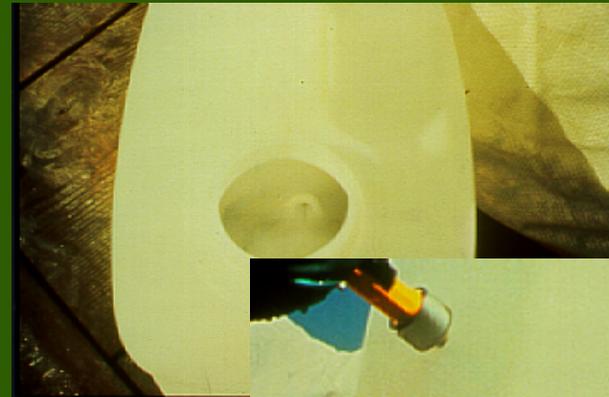
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*Idaho's Container Recycling  
Operation  
(CROP)*

# Container Recycling Operation 2011

- What is Idaho's program?
- Why do we have this program?
- How does it work?



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CROP is a program sponsored by the ISDA that is designed to recycle cleaned and empty plastic pesticide containers

- **History**
- After the Pesticide Disposal Program came to reality we then focused our attention on how to try to stop containers from going to the landfills or being illegally dumped and/or burned
- In 1994 we started a program to collect cleaned containers by hosting collections
- At these collections we would collect the containers by hand and then take them to a recycler
- In 1997 we built the first mobile recycler for Idaho. This was done in conjunction with private enterprise as well as some help from EPA



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- In those years the one truck was operated by a temporary employee that traveled the entire state
- One major hurdle when the program started was the idea that this truck was a regulatory vehicle that was there to do inspections or to get them in trouble
- Idaho's aerial applicators were very much a driving force on this program which help curb some of the anxiety
- As time went on and more and more professional and private applicators came on board the program turned into a double edged sword
- With the expansion of the program it turned into too much work for one truck and a temp
- In 2006 we were able to make the CROP person an FTE
- In 2007 we purchased and built a second truck and trailer that went to eastern Idaho



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- That position was then operated by a temp and the FTE took on the area of southwest Idaho and north Idaho
- In this same time frame there was also a design change in how the trucks were set up
- In 2010 we were able to make the eastern Idaho position an FTE as well
- In 2011 the southwest position was moved from Boise to Lewiston due to the increase in the number of customers in north ID
- In 2012 the third mobile recycler is currently being built
- This recycler unit will be operated by both current ISDA personnel and a temporary employee if possible

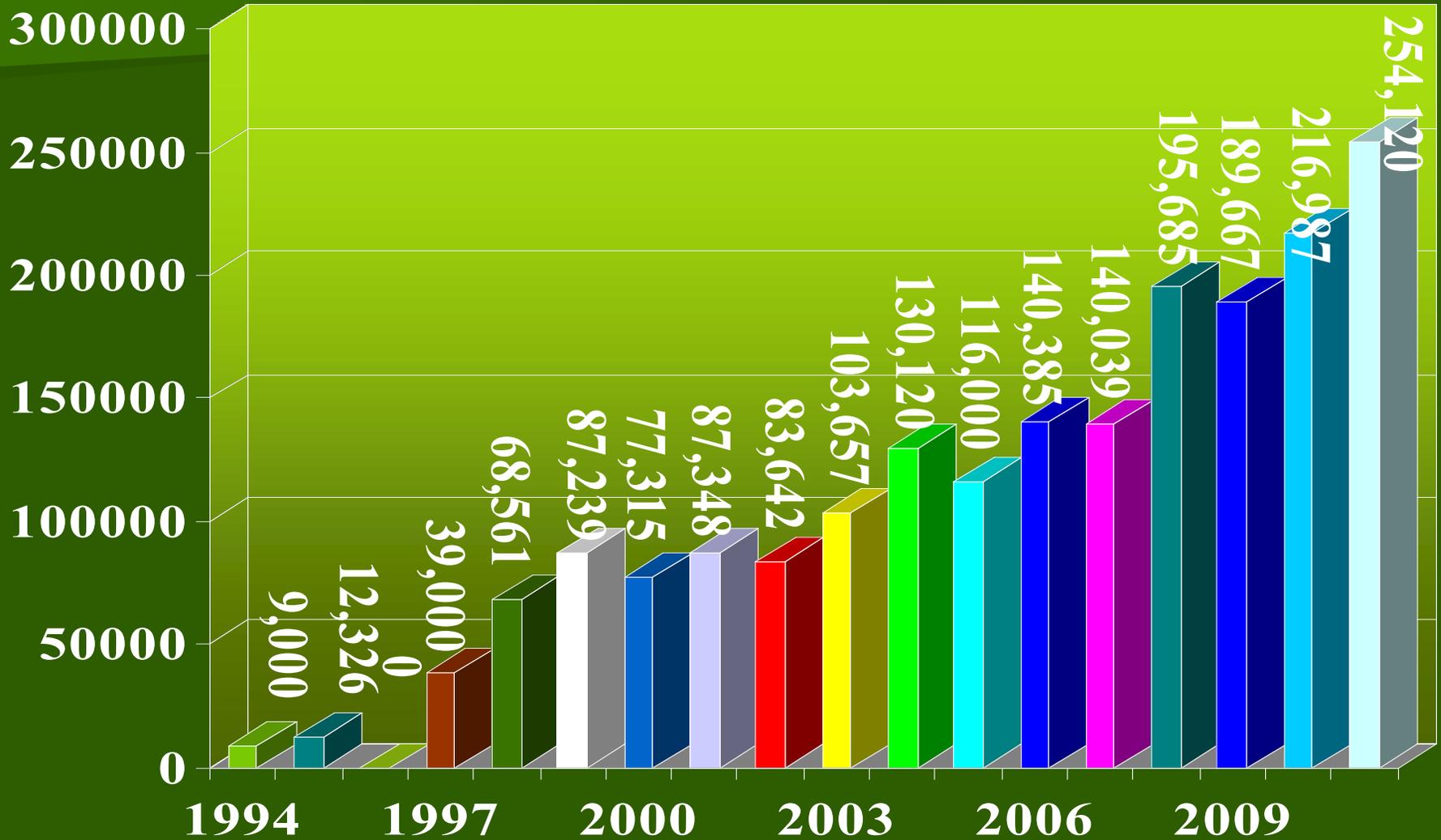


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- **Scheduling:**
- We develop a tentative chipping schedule in early spring based on last year's schedule.
- This schedule has to have flexibility built into it because emergencies happen
- Saying all of that, with the addition of the third truck and trailer we are hoping to be able to increase our customer's needs to get their containers recycled. One of the biggest complaints from customers is not being able to store containers for long periods of time



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- Since the start of the program. The CROP program has recycled over 1.9 million containers, which is over a million pounds of plastic either kept out of the landfills or disposed of illegally



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- When does our chipping program take place?
- Depending on the weather
- Southwest Idaho – March through the end of October
- Eastern Idaho – April through the end of October
- North Idaho – April through the end of October



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- What's going on in 2012
- We are currently re-hiring a full time person in the Lewiston area for the chipping program
- We have in the process of building out a third chipper truck and trailer that will be stationed in the Treasure Valley
- We will be able to respond to our customer needs in a quick and timely manner



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## In conclusion:

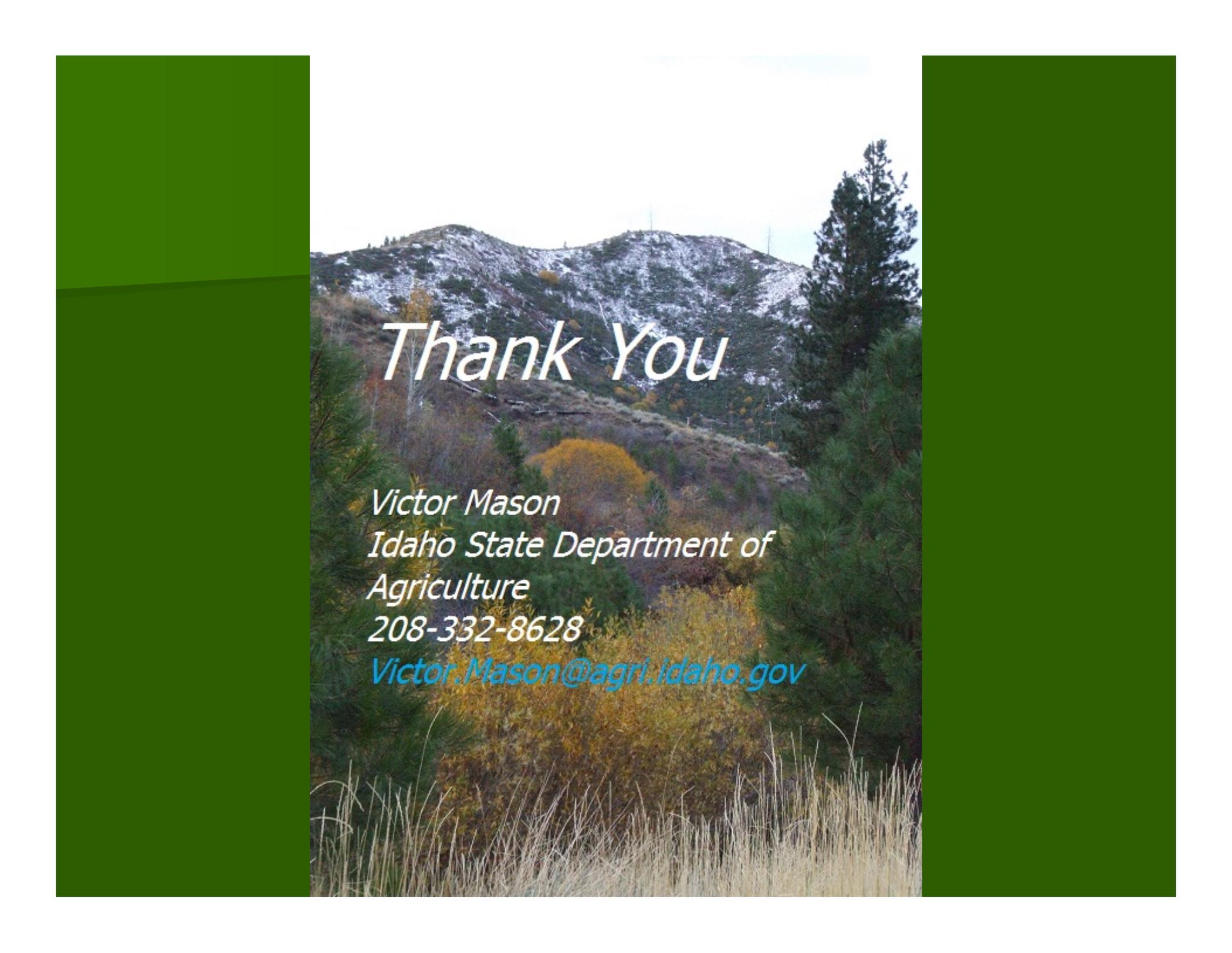
- ISDA is working hard to continue to have the CROP program remain as user friendly as possible
- We strive to be as flexible as possible on the CROP schedule to accommodate our customers needs
- We've only scratched the surface on the number of containers we can recycle



# CROP and PDP - 2011

- Even though the ISDA sells the plastic that it collects, it's important to let the customers know that we don't make money with the CROP program, we do it as a service to the growers and pesticide applicators
- The CROP program can be accessed by looking the ISDA website [www.agri.idaho.gov](http://www.agri.idaho.gov) or by calling (208) 332-8628





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