

## Questions to Consider

- What are the goals for Indiana's future in agriculture?
- Given the farm economic conditions, what do farmers need help with?
- What are your farm's priorities moving forward?
- What role do you see yourself having in the next years related to agriculture?
- What role would you like to see the Farm Bill play?

## III. Trade

**Trade Affecting Specialty Crops** 

## Trade Programs Affecting Specialty Crops

- Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures are requirements and regulations governments apply to products in order to protect human, animal, or plant health.
- The WTO Agreement on the Application of SPS Measures recognizes rights of governments to implement measures provided the policies are based on science and do not unjustifiably discriminate against countries and agricultural products.
- Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops (TASC) provides funds to eligible entities for projects that address sanitary, phytosanitary, and technical barriers that prohibit or threaten exports of US specialty crops.
  - Intended to benefit an entire industry or commodity
  - Grant programs include seminars, workshops, study tours, field surveys, and pest and disease research programs

Are current resources sufficient to ensure potential trade agreements and future agreements ensure sanitary and phytosanitary issues are adequately addressed for US specialty crop producers?