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The following is in response to your July 19 request for information about the size of an average strawberry field. I have checked with people involved in strawberry production in Oregon and Washington. The general consensus here is that a typical strawberry field will be between 10 and 20 acres. As we discussed on the phone, a grower may have several fields in production but this is the average acreage of an individual field. One person I spoke to opined that with more people growing 1 to 2 acres of strawberries for fresh markets, the actual average field size may be as low as 5 to 7 acres. Strawberries are also grown in Idaho, but production is strictly for the fresh market; fields range from ¼ to 1 acre.

You indicated that EPA was using a figure of 350 acres for their calculations. Based on my conversations, 20 acres would be a much more accurate, and still conservative, figure.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide input to the reregistration and labeling process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane M. Thomas".

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