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Below is the information that you requested in our September 1, 2004 telephone conversation regarding the use of cycloate on sugarbeet crops in the Pacific Northwest. You asked about the average size of sugarbeet fields and whether growers were using enclosed cabs when making cycloate applications to sugarbeet fields.

Field Size: In Montana the average sugarbeet field size is 25 acres. It is somewhat larger in Idaho and Oregon where estimates place the figure in the 50 to 60 acre range.

Enclosed Cabs: The extension people that I spoke to felt that most growers were making their cycloate applications using tractors with enclosed cabs but that the smaller sugarbeet growers are not using these types of tractors.

I would like to reiterate that cycloate is very important for the control of certain weeds (nightshade and nutsedge) in the production of sugarbeets in our region. As we indicated in our May 7, 2004 response cycloate is also very important in the production of spinach, spinach seed, table beet, and table beet seed.

Sincerely,

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

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