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David has worked for many years in agriculture. In 1980 he joined ADAS as an entomologist, initially at Evesham and later at Reading, where he did field trials and advisory work on a range of horticultural and arable crops.

He moved from ADAS in 1989 and joined the then Pesticides Safety Directorate (PSD), the authority responsible for the regulation of pesticides in the UK, which later became the Chemicals Regulation Directorate (CRD). David was responsible for the evaluation of efficacy data submitted to support the approval of plant protection products, including consideration and development of resistance management strategies. David endeavoured to ensure the efficacy section provided good process for the assessment of efficacy data, ensuring sound science prevailed, but with flexibility and pragmatism in the regulatory process. With increasing harmonisation of the regulatory process across Europe, David played an active role in the development of European guidance for efficacy evaluation, representing the UK at the EPPO at the Working Party and in technical panels

David has been active within UK and Europe in endeavouring to facilitate crop protection on minor crops. He was particularly concerned at the potential very significant impact on the availability of pesticides of the draft proposed legislation to replace the much loved EC 91/414. As a result, he put much effort into raising the awareness of the consequences of the proposed regulation, and the final text of regulation EC1107/2009 is far less draconian than it might have been.

Since leaving CRD, David has worked with EPPO on the development of guidance for efficacy evaluation under the zonal system, and continues to be involved in data evaluation, training and consultancy work on pesticide efficacy.