

NRCS & IPM Working Group Conference Call

Friday, July 2, 10:00 Eastern, 9:00 Central

Participants: Tony Bailey, Amrita Batra, Alice Begin, Dave Biddinger, Corey Brubaker, David Buland, Seth Dibblee, Paul Duffner, Giulio Ferruzzi, Tom Green, Gene Hardee, Chris Hartley, Jim Jasinski, Lynnae Jess, Allison Jones, Vicki Kalkirtz, Carrie Koplinka-Loehr, Bob Nowierski, Tim Pilkowski, Leigh Presley, Tom Royer, Luther Smith, Barb Stewart, Stan Winslow

Meeting Minutes:

1. NRCS & IPM CAPs Working Group merger with the NRCS & IPM Working Group (Vicki)
 - A. Two websites will be linked to each other.
 - B. Current status - IPM CAPs by state
 - i. States offering IPM CAPs: AZ, CA, FL, IN, ME, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, WV.
 - ii. Only 9 CAP contracts: 8 in CA, 1 in NY.
 - iii. Deadline for states to choose IPM CAPs: November 2010.
 - C. Plan for getting more states to opt into IPM CAPs
 - i. List of key contacts/state conservationists for each state will be sent out soon for requesting IPM CAPs.
 - D. TSP certification process
 - i. Need easier route to receiving training/becoming certified.
 - ii. NRCS streamlining TSP certification process.
 - AgLearn program may be moved off NRCS website to expand access.
 - Working closer with CCAs to address their concerns.
 - iii. Tim willing to provide information/updates on process for *Crops and Soils* article.
2. IPM training opportunities for NRCS (Bob Nowierski) (IPM3 newsletter and PowerPoint attached)
 - A. Bob has a strong background in IPM, population modeling and dynamics; helped develop CA IPM program, Professor of Entomology at University of Montana, now serves as National Program Leader for Bio-Based Pest Management USDA-NIFA.
 - B. **PowerPoint presentation attached.** Details of IPM3 program:
 - i. IPM3 independently run, funded by Innovation Grants, other sources. Not part of 406 programs.
 - ii. Takes approximately 6-8 months to get course content online, could be 3-4 months with additional staff/funds.
 - iii. Could possibly receive funds for specialty crop/tree fruit modules from IPM Competitive Grants.
 - C. IPM 3 for CAPs
 - i. Modules could be created for Technical Advisory Committees to help them be aware of and recognize all IPM tools available.
 - ii. Created for federal employees as well as growers, commodity groups, pest control advisors, etc.
 - iii. Need to incorporate different levels of training for users with different levels of experience.
 - iv. TSP certifiers need to recognize IPM3 certifications.
 - v. Helpful distance education modules for CAPs:
 - Specific modules for specialty crops/tree fruit.

- Trainings targeted to specific commodity groups.
 - vi. If module time frame was expanded, private CCAs may be more willing to complete online trainings.
 - vii. IPM Institute willing to put together content from the Jan. NAICC training for an online practicum module.
 - viii. Luther Smith following up with Bob regarding incorporating IPM 3 into CCA certification program.
3. Working group presentation on NRCS Eastern Tech Center net meeting, July 28th (Amrita)
- A. Members of our NRCS & IPM Working Group are scheduled to make an hour long IPM presentation during the NRCS East Tech Center's IPM net meeting.
 - B. Please review the attached document for presentation agenda and additional information.
 - C. **If you would like to participate in the net meeting, please respond to this email confirming the same.** Dial-in information and webinar link to follow a few days prior to the meeting.

Next call: Friday, August 6 10:00 Eastern, 9:00 Central; duration up to one hour.