

NRCS and IPM Working Group Conference Call Notes from May 7, 2010

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Corrections/additions to Leigh Presley at lpresley@ipminstitute.org

Next Call: Friday, June 4, 9:00 Central/10:00 Eastern.

Participating (8): Tony Bailey (IN NRCS), Jennifer Grant (NY IPM), Andrea Gooch (MSU), Tom Green (IPM Institute), Regina Hirsch (UW CIAS), Vicki Kalkirtz (IPM Institute), Curt Petzoldt (NY IPM), Leigh Presley (IPM Institute), Barb Stewart (NRCS)

Attachment:

1. IPM Brochure - Sheet 1, 2, 3 (revised drafts)

Agenda:

1. IPM training opportunity for NRCS & IPM Working Group (Tom)
 - i. NRCS Eastern Tech Center net meeting focused on IPM - July 28th
 - a. Open to all NRCS staff, 75 – 300 on each call, duration 1 hour.
 - ii. Working group participation: objective is to provide information about IPM techniques beyond NRCS standards, advanced techniques for specific cropping systems (apples, tomatoes?).
 - a. Possibly include information about training resources available through IPM Cubed, other ongoing IPM activities.
 - b. Possible call participants: Bob Nowierski (IPM Cubed), Kathy Murray (Maine IPM), Jim Van Kirk (SRIPM), Dave Biddinger (PA IPM).
 - iii. Leigh will confirm participation; find out if webinar is possible.
 - iv. List of presenters and draft agenda will be submitted by next week.
2. IPM Brochures for NRCS (page 1 and 2 revised drafts attached) (Leigh)
 - i. Second round of review, text due for one more round of final editing.
 - ii. **Please email any comments on format, suggestions for content of next two pages, or ideas of growers to contact for additional IPM success stories to Leigh Presley at lpresley@ipminstitute.org by Wednesday, May 12.**

3. Collaboration opportunity with NY IPM (Tom, Curt Petzoldt)
 - i. New York NRCS does not currently fund IPM activities.
 - ii. New state conservationist interested in exploring opportunities for NY IPM.
 - a. Would like to discuss IPM program models in different states, opportunities for training.
 - b. Will set up a meeting with individuals in/associated with working group to meet with NY NRCS staff.
 - iii. Possible meeting items:
 - a. Sample IPM CAP and CAPs training opportunities.
 - b. Address urban conservation activities (Leigh will look into opportunities in different states).
 - iv. Possible participants:
 - a. Carrie Koplinka-Loehr, Kathy Murray, Ruth Hazzard, Dave Biddinger, someone from CT involved with IPM.
 - b. Private CCA doing IPM work with NY growers.
 - c. NY NRCS staff with interest in IPM.
 - d. Growers/grower associations.
 - v. Amrita will get proposal to Carrie and John Ayers to review by next week.
 - a. Include information about future IPM opportunities, addressing PA and CT models as options to be reviewed during meeting.

4. Pesticide Risk Mitigation Engine (PRiME) pilot testing (Tom)
 - i. Current status.
 - a. Designed as easy to use tool for growers, crop advisors, NRCS to assess relative risks of pesticide applications.
 - b. 50% operational. Includes products for 6 specialty crops, risk ratings for 7 indices. Beta version ready next week (will send link to working group participants). Full version launch in fall will include more crops and indices.
 - ii. Comparison of PRiME and Win PST.
 - a. Meeting next Wednesday with NRCS agronomists will cover comparing outputs.