

**Technical Service Provider (TSP) Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs) Training Curriculum
NRCS and IPM Working Group for Growers' Incentives for IPM**

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1. Background:
 - a. NRCS programs, history of EQIP and pest management;
 - b. NRDC report (<http://www.ipm.msu.edu/work-group/pdf/nrcd-MoreIPMPlease.pdf>);
 - c. North Central NRCS-IPM Working Group (<http://www.ipm.msu.edu/work-group/home.htm>) and Northeast Vegetable IPM Working Group (http://www.northeastipm.org/work_vegetable.cfm). Reference California's NRCS and IPM relationship and work;
2. IPM and NRCS:
 - a. Opportunities for IPM through NRCS programs (i.e. EQIP);
 - b. Objectives of the planning process;
 - c. Uses of the plans;
3. Details of Plan Writing:
 - a. Written by whom (qualifications) and for whom (which growers, crops, states);
 - b. IPM CAP requirements/criteria (Practice code 114, attached) which identifies deliverables to both growers and NRCS;
 - c. Potential for landscape-scale (year round, larger scope) IPM;
 - d. Process of writing the plans (update template);
 - e. Resources (IPM Elements and Guidelines, *Guide to IPM Elements and Guidelines*, WG websites, technical assistance/help phone line).

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