

**NRCS / IPM Working Group Meeting, Columbus, OH
October 20th, 2008**

Agenda

- 8:00 - 8:30 Coffee, juice, continental breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:00 Meeting Purpose & Introductions
-Jim Jasinski, IPM Program
- 9:00 - 9:15 Background on IPM program in Ohio
-Joe Kovach, Director IPM Program
- 9:15 - 10:00 Background information on EQIP
-Mark Scarpitti, NRCS Agronomist or
-Angel Arehart, NRCS Program Manager
- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:15-Noon Information on the Wisconsin and Michigan experience with EQIP's pest management practices, incentives and how it applies to specialty crop growers
-Regina Hirsch, NRCS/IPM Working Group Consultant
- Noon-12:45 Lunch
- 12:45-2:30 Identify and discuss benefits, challenges and implementation of growers' priority practices
- 2:30-2:45 Break, refreshments
- 2:45-4:00 Discuss possible restructuring of EQIP pest management incentives package to increase interest and participation of specialty crop growers' in EQIP

Participant List

Angel Arehart, Resource Conservationist, USDA - Ohio NRCS
Mark Bennett, dept of Horticulture and Crop Science
Brad Bergefeld, Dept. of Extension, Vegetable specialist
Jim Jasinski, dept. of Extension, IPM program
Joe Kovach, dept. of Entomology, IPM Coordinator
Regina Hirsch, UW-Madison Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems
Mark Scarpitti, State Agronomist, Ohio NRCS
Celeste Welty, dept. of Entomology
Shawn Wright, dept. of Extension, Small Fruit specialist