

NRCS & IPM Working Group Conference Call

Friday, August 6, 2010, 10:00 Eastern, 9:00 Central

Participants: Tom Akin, Tony Bailey, Steve Boetger, David Buland, Seth Diblee, Pete Goodell, Mark Goodson, Jennifer Grant, Gene Hardee, Chris Hartley, Vicki Kalkirtz, Bill Kuenstler, David Lamm, Joy Landis, Norm Leppla, Tim Pilkowski, Leigh Presley, Ed Rajotte, Benjamin Smallwood, John Timmons, Keith Waldron

Meeting Minutes:

1. NRCS Eastern Tech Center net meeting presentation recap (Leigh)
 - A. Tech Center call went very well; about 260 participants.
 - B. Presentation recap:
 - i. Tom Green provided background on IPM and NRCS' IPM conservation programs, brief intro to PRiME (online pesticide risk mitigation tool).
 - ii. Jim Jasinski spoke about pumpkin IPM.
 - iii. Rick Foster covered IPM in apple production.
 - iv. Kathy Murray presented the NE vegetable IPM tool.
 - C. Feedback: participants appreciated detailed pumpkin and apple IPM presentations in terms of effectively implementing IPM through NRCS's conservation programs.
 - D. Presentations followed by discussion about IPM CAPs – great interest in training opportunities.
 - E. Link to presentation to be posted on website soon. Note: new website to go live soon, Leigh will circulate new site address.
2. NRCS & IPM CAPs update (Vicki)
 - A. Power Point on CAPs process to be posted on website soon. Will then follow up with Bob Nowierski to discuss training opportunities.
 - B. Update on CAPs process from Tim Pilkowski:
 - i. Trying to streamline certification process by eliminating extra forms and the eAuth requirement, moving away from AgLearn, adding national staff so TSPs can become certified for more than one state.
 - ii. New TSP initiative to be piloted in several states after September.
 - iii. National TSP conference scheduled for May 2011.
 - C. **Barb Eggers** (barbara.eggers@wdc.usda.gov) contacting crop consultant organizations (NAICC, AAS, etc.) to incorporate their input.
 - D. Have not yet heard when deadline is for states to choose CAPs for 2011.
3. Ideas for last two brochure pages
 - A. Already created: IPM Core Concepts & PAMs approach.
 - B. Additional ideas: IPM CAPs, conservation plantings (**Ed Rajotte** will send Leigh links to resources).
 - C. Any suggestions for pages - email Leigh (lpresley@ipminstitute.org).
4. Follow up on collaboration with NY, MT, MN IPM (Vicki)

- A. MN is preparing an EQIP 595 IPM option to offer in 2011. Push to involve more crop consultants.
 - B. NY would be ready for a collaboration meeting this upcoming fall.
 - C. Peter will have more updates for the September call.
5. SCRI Grant (Ed Rajotte)
- A. PA apple growers working with NRCS on tree fruit IPM.
 - B. Have received SCRI grant to work on research relating to installation of conservation plantings within apple orchards to harbor beneficials.
 - C. Difficult to establish these plantings, research would benefit from additional expertise, NRCS collaboration/resources.
 - D. Would like to hold national forum on this topic to get input on techniques.
 - E. **Chris Hartley** (christopher.hartley@ca.usda.gov) working on similar projects in CA; would be glad to collaborate.
 - F. NRCS Plant Materials Centers have resources, expertise:
 - i. Ramona Garner, plant materials specialist at Eastern Tech Center in Greensboro. Ramona.Garner@gnb.usda.gov
 - ii. Paul Salon, Big Flats Plant Materials Center in NY. paul.salon@ny.usda.gov

Next call: Friday, September 4 10:00 Eastern, 9:00 Central; duration up to one hour.