

NRCS & IPM Working Group Conference Call

Friday, June 4, 10:00 Eastern, 9:00 Central

Participants: Anastasia Becker, Seth Dibblee, Giulio Ferruzzi, Jennifer Grant, Tom Green, Renee Hancock, Vicki Kalkirtz, Bill Kuenstler, Kathy Murray, Curtis Petzoldt, Leigh Presley

Meeting Minutes:

1. Working group website revamp (Leigh)
 - a. Working with Andrea to restructure and update the website, including the addition of new links and other resources.
2. IPM CAPs update, sample IPM CAP (attached) (Vicki Kalkirtz)
 - a. Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs) – introduced in the 2008 Farm Bill. 12 different types of CAPs that NRCS state offices can opt into, including IPM.
 - i. CAPs program provides financial assistance to growers to hire Technical Service Providers (TSPs) to prepare a conservation plan for their farm.
 - b. Peter Werts of the IPM Institute has been working on this sample CAP which is available for anyone to look at. It has been posted on the IPM CAPs Working Group website:
<http://www.ipminstitute.org/IPMCAPs/>.
 - i. The sample has been reviewed by NRCS offices and is accurate in terms of what NRCS is looking for in a CAP. It includes all elements necessary to get a plan approved.
 - c. Each state chooses which CAPs they want to offer. Goal is to get more states on board with IPM CAPs.
3. IPM training opportunities for NRCS (Vicki Kalkirtz)
 - a. Bob Nowierski not on today's call but wishes to discuss working with us on gaining awareness for IPM in the public and within government agencies. He is involved with in-person and distance IPM trainings offered through IPM Cubed. IPM Cubed Website:
<http://www.cce.umn.edu/Integrated-Pest-Management-Education/>.
4. Working group presentation on NRCS Eastern Tech Center net meeting, July 28th (Leigh)
 - a. We have finalized our participation in the meeting. Our presentation will be 45 minutes with questions following. Will be a webinar format, with the ability to incorporate power point.
 - b. As of now, Tom Green, Rick Foster (Purdue) and Jim Jasinski (Ohio) are giving presentations.
 - c. Preliminary agenda items
 - i. Pumpkin IPM and Apple IPM (framed around IPM Elements and Guidelines we have developed).
 - ii. Brief overview of general IPM practices that would cover a wider array of crops (need not be specific, simply mention important IPM practices that may not have been covered in the course of apple or pumpkin IPM discussion).
 - iii. Additional IPM resources: Fruit and Field Crop IPM Tool, IPM Brochures, Protocols, Elements, and Standards, etc. If there are any other resources that would be helpful to share during the call, email Amrita or Leigh.
 - iv. If anyone else on this call today would like to listen in on the meeting, help prepare for the meeting or present on a topic, please contact Amrita or Leigh to get meeting details and make arrangements.

- Leigh will check to see if all are invited to listen in – if so will send out meeting details to Working Group.
5. Montana and New York interested in collaborating with us to generate more IPM activity in their respective regions.

Next call: Friday, July 2 10:00 Eastern, 9:00 Central; duration up to one hour.