

Northeast IPM Center Participation by the NYS IPM Program, 2005

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Abstract: NYS IPM Program staff were involved with several key activities of the Northeast IPM Center in 2005. Included were participation and leadership in the Center's Working Groups and meeting with Natural Resource Conservation Service representatives.

The Northeast IPM Center is a major vehicle for implementing IPM (including the distribution of USDA funds) in the northeastern United States. The Center utilizes IPM professionals and practitioners throughout the northeast to assist in its mission. To facilitate this, working groups have been established by the Center. In 2005 (and before), NYS IPM Program staff have been involved in leadership roles in these working groups

The Community IPM Working Group had a major role in organizing the first Northeast Regional Community and Urban Integrated Pest Management Conference in Manchester, NH on March 15-16, 2005. Drawing nearly 200 researchers, educators, regulators, and pest managers, the event focused on low-risk, environmentally sound methods for controlling pests in homes, schools, landscapes and other community settings, offering a much-needed forum for the exchange of ideas among varied groups with intersecting interests. Participants tackled complex topics such as invasive species, wildlife control, public health, and the agriculture-urban interface. A significant outcome of this event was a conference-wide vote on priorities for regional action based on topics submitted by attendees. Top priorities were (1) developing IPM outreach to homeowners and retailers of pest management products, (2) establishing criteria for measuring success in implementing IPM and (3) quantifying the costs and benefits of IPM adoption in schools and municipal settings. The Community IPM Working Group also investigated sites in eastern Pennsylvania for another conference in 2007. Residential IPM may be a major theme of this meeting.

The Community IPM Working Group is organizing the following three sessions for the Fifth National IPM Symposium in St. Louis, April 2006.

- 1) Achieving Consensus for Residential Turf IPM. (Workshop)
- 2) Facilitating Implementation of Structural IPM in Residential Settings. (Workshop)
- 3) Where Do We Go with Residential IPM? (Round table discussion)

The Community IPM Working Group's proposed plan of work for 2006 includes:

- 1) Investigate establishment of web based resources.
- 2) Develop partnerships with pest management retailers.
- 3) Facilitation of next NE IPM regional conference.

The Livestock and Field Crops Working Group developed a Northeast IPM Center partnership grant proposal: "Northeast IPM Pest Management Livestock and Field Crop Commodity Working Group - Information for Plan of Work Development". The objectives of the proposal were to continue efforts in support of the Livestock and Field Crop IPM Working Group activities. Our specific LFC / CWG proposal objectives were: 1) To develop an updated, prioritized Livestock and Field Crop IPM needs list derived from consultation and collaboration with organizations, agencies, and others who have a stake in IPM for these crops and commodities.

2) To develop an updated comprehensive list of all northeast region Livestock and Field Crop IPM resources (guides, pocket guides, elements of IPM, etc).

3) To explore need, interest, and opportunity for developing specific, needs-based, collaborative, concerted northeast livestock and field crop IPM research and extension activities.

The proposal was not selected for funding. Further activities of the LFC/IPM Working Group are currently on-hold.

The NYS IPM Program participated in a meeting, funded by a grant to the NE IPM Center's Vegetable Working Group, of NE IPM Coordinators with NE representatives of the Natural Resource Conservation Service to discuss possibilities of future partnerships.