

FY11 Pest Surveys Funded Under Section 10201

The open period for interested parties to submit Farm Bill funding suggestions under Section 10201 for FY11 opened on May 3, and ends June 18, 2010. See the Farm Bill website at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/section10201>. The Implementation Plan for Section 10201 outlines key strategies - organized into six major areas - to integrate and coordinate plant pest and disease management and disaster prevention activities that will be funded by Section 10201 of the 2008 Farm Bill. Under the first major goal area, "Enhance plant pest/disease analysis and surveys," APHIS' strategies include: 1) identifying and targeting high-risk pest pathways, 2) fully funding the highest priority pest-specific surveys, and 3) enhancing high-risk surveillance programs through State survey cooperative agreements.

Last year during the suggestion process, states submitted suggestions for survey, for the most part, independently. Many states submitted suggestions that were similar and focused on individual pests or pathogens, e.g., *Lobesia botrana*, *Phytophthora ramorum*, Plum Pox Virus, etc. These individual suggestions were grouped, states added, and a national survey was implemented. In some instances, states that did not submit a suggestion for a particular pest or pathogen were included in the national survey, and they did not know this until the spending plan was approved.

This year we would like to approach national surveys for FY11 differently by directly engaging the states and other interested parties in discussions, and to help develop survey suggestions that may be supported through 10201 funding. This will allow the states to make more informed decisions when prioritizing and deciding what Farm Bill suggestions to submit, and what surveys they would like to conduct with funding provided under the Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) program.

The PPQ National Program Managers were asked for their perspective as to what national surveys that they would support through Farm Bill funding in FY11. A conference call was then convened with the National CAPS Committee (NCC), the "Section 10201 Team" and Program Managers. The goal was to develop a short list of national and/or regional surveys that would be emphasized in FY11 under Goal 1 of the Farm Bill Implementation Plan. As a result of this conference call, the following national surveys are emphasized for FY11.

Honey Bee Pest and Diseases

Asian Defoliating Moths

Phytophthora ramorum

Plum Pox Virus

Commodity-based Surveys (must include a primary target pest as described in the CAPS Guidelines at the CAPS website link found at the end of this document)

Grape (*Lobesia botrana* – European grapevine moth)

Cotton (*Oxycarenus hyalinipennis* - cotton seed bug)

Solanaceous - tomato and pepper (*Tuta absoluta* – tomato leaf miner)

States may submit Farm Bill suggestions for these surveys as an indication of their willingness to participate in a national survey. In some cases, the National Program Manager may coordinate the survey, and states will follow their lead as to whether one over-arching suggestion or individual state suggestions will be submitted. Please communicate with your National or Regional Program Manager your desire to participate in a national survey.

Other national surveys not listed also may be considered. While these national surveys are being emphasized, other regional, semi-regional, or state-specific surveys also will be considered, and states should submit suggestions for these surveys in addition to national surveys. Some suggested types of surveys that states may wish to consider in addition to those above that fit with the language of the Farm Bill may include marinas and canals, waterways, bark beetles in solid wood packing material and dunnage at ports, nursery and nursery environs, exotic snails, and noxious weeds. Working with your National and Regional Program Managers and surrounding states to develop Farm Bill-appropriate surveys is encouraged.

See the feedback on pest survey suggestions received in FY10:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/pest_detection/downloads/farmbill-feedback-FY10-suggestions.pdf

For a list of links to useful documents and websites on Pest Detection, see:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/pest_detection/index.shtml

For detailed FY11 guidance provided by the CAPS program, see:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/pest_detection/survey2011.shtml

The National CAPS Committee members are prepared to offer guidance as well:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/pest_detection/national-committee.shtml