



National CAPS Committee (NCC) Conference Call

October 13, 2011

Minutes

Participants

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CAPS TDY Project in WR

Dan Mackinnon, Biological Science Technician, CPHST, Ft. Collins, will be participating in a TDY project for CAPS in the Western Region Office. His project will be to look at the costs associated with survey activities over a wide range of locations and methods, and hopefully come up with a reasonable estimate of a survey on a cost per trap basis. This will help with the evaluation of work plans. Down the road, this information could be the basis of a tool to help plan surveys. The CAPS community will be called upon to assist Dan in his efforts, and to help define the fixed and variable costs and what goes into preparing for a survey. Please give Dan your total cooperation.

FY12 Budget

The government is operating under a continuing resolution until November 18, and is based on FY11 funding with a 1.5% rescission. This results in approximately 13% of FY11 funding being available to APHIS presently. Both House and Senate committees have passed an FY12 agricultural appropriations bill, but they have not met in joint conference yet to resolve differences. Both the House and Senate must pass a common appropriations bill, and the President must sign it before FY12 funding becomes official. Speculation is that they will wait until the super budget committee produces their recommendation before any further work is done on the appropriations bill. Expect a situation similar to last year.

Farm Bill

The Farm Bill team has been reviewing and updating the process for requesting, submitting, and reviewing suggestions, as well as tweaking the reporting process and SharePoint site. Guidance for submitting suggestions is being developed and will be communicated as the open period for submitting suggestions approaches, which should be very soon. Farm Bill funding follows the same process as outlined above; Congress needs to pass and the President needs to sign the appropriation bill that gives APHIS the authority to request the CCC funds. Public communication regarding FY12 implementation of the Farm Bill will begin shortly. Look for

Note: A reminder to the NCC, please distribute CAPS updates, conference-call minutes, and other CAPS-related information to the constituency that you represent in a timely manner. Also, please bring their items, issues, concerns, and opinions back to the NCC for discussion. It is our responsibility that everyone is kept engaged in the CAPS program.



more information in the next few weeks on the [APHIS website](#) or subscribe to be notified of any Farm Bill Section 10201 developments through the [PPQ Stakeholder Registry](#).

IPHIS Update

There are no new updates regarding IPHIS to report (see the minutes to last month's conference call). A question was asked regarding Pest Tracker and IPHIS and NAPIS double data entry. As of now, a link of any sort does not exist between IPHIS and NAPIS. Data in NAPIS supports and feeds the survey maps on the Pest Tracker website. Therefore, data in IPHIS is not displayed on the Pest Tracker maps. This is an important outreach tool for PPQ surveys, and our cooperators and trading partners frequently access the various survey maps. In order for survey results to show up in Pest Tracker, data entry needs to occur into NAPIS. For those using IPHIS, this means double data entry to include NAPIS. We have talked with Dave Kowalski about this issue, and he thinks that county-level IPHIS data can be sent to NAPIS by developing the proper report. This is not in place yet, and we will keep everyone informed as to progress on this issue. Of course, all data from 2011 CAPS surveys should only be going into NAPIS anyway.

Survey Supplies Procurement Program (SSPP)

New for the 2012 survey season, the Integrated Plant Health Information System (IPHIS) will be used to order supplies needed for 2012 and beyond. The list of available products for 2012 can be found at http://caps.ceris.purdue.edu/webfm_send/1416. The Training Schedule can be found at <http://caps.ceris.purdue.edu/node/295>. Sign up for a time today.

Important Dates in 2011

October 17

- State Plant Health Directors (SPHDs) and designated Approvers can begin requesting their roles in IPHIS
- All users can view the Survey Supply Ordering System in [IPHIS](#) - Note: All supply data may not be visible until the publishing process is complete

October 25 to Dec 2

- System Open For Orders - Note: Only people with the IPHIS role of **Data Collector** or **SPHD (State) Approver** can place an order. Each Office will determine who will place orders in the new system
- Check IPHIS for Order Changes - Note: Check IPHIS for order status and possible changes by the Approvers (State/Region/Headquarters)

Dec 2

- State Approvals Complete - Note: The system will be disabled for state level users.

Dec 2 thru Jan 1 (2012)

- Regional and Headquarters Final Approval Emails Sent - Note: All those designated in the order will receive an email notification upon final approval.

To access IPHIS <https://iphis.aphis.usda.gov> (You must have an [USDA E-authentication account](#)).



Stone Fruit Outreach

The stone fruit outreach project has been completed, and a brochure, pest sheets, and presentation are available for local download, printing, and distribution on the CAPS R&C site under the Outreach link at: <http://caps.ceris.purdue.edu/stonefruit>. Additionally, the stone fruit display is available to anyone who needs it in their outreach program. Due to a limited printing budget, hard copies will be sent only to targeted states.



As displayed at the recent Annual National Plant Board Meeting in Denver, CO. The display is available to you at no cost, except for your time and enthusiasm.

Odds and Ends

ADODRs are encouraged to consult with the CAPS Accountability Report when reviewing state performance. The Accountability Report matches pests the states indicated that they will survey for in the J-3 Appendix with data entry into NAPIS. The Accountability Report can be accessed either directly through NAPIS or via the CAPS R&C site. States should check regularly to determine if they have entered all their data.

The new CAPS Report Templates included in the 2012 Guidelines (Appendix P) are required for 2012 survey reports, but states are encouraged to use them for their 2011 reports.

There may be some issues with the trap and lure for *Tuta absoluta*. Tests in Florida and Panama revealed that many non-target insects were present in the traps, and that the lure may not be as specific as one would like it to be. The sticky traps, combined with a lot of non-target catch, also are problematic. Ongoing research in will hopefully resolve these issue before the 2012 survey season.

A pilot exotic pest quiz has been posted on Pest Tracker. Take the quiz and let us know how it can be improved. This also may be good practice for the next CAPS Conference contest.



The Citrus Commodity Documents have been transferred to the PPQ Citrus Health and Response Program (CHRP). They will archive the documents on their SharePoint site, and will decide at a later date in what format updated information will reside. These documents have been removed from the CAPS R&C site.

Links to products from the CPHST Identification Technology Program (ITP) have been placed on the CAPS R&C site for easy reference. This includes the Lucid keys and other high quality identification tools.

The Annual NCC Meeting tentatively will be held during the week of January 23, 2012, pending approval. Please reserve this week in your calendars. Possible destinations are the Detector Dog Training Center in Newnan, GA, or the Miami Plant Inspection Station in Miami, FL. Other suggestions are welcome (must be a no cost option).

The next CAPS Conference, tentatively scheduled for December 2012, will be a topic on the November conference call.

The next NCC call will be on **Thursday, November 3, at 11:00 am eastern time.**