



National CAPS Committee (NCC) Conference Call

November 3, 2011

Minutes

Participants

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NCC for 2012

Several NCC members will be rotating off the NCC at the end of December, and will be replaced by new members according to the NCC rotation schedule posted on the CAPS R&C site at http://caps.ceris.purdue.edu/webfm_send/910. Vicki Smith, representing the Eastern Plant Board, and our longest serving member, will be replaced by Piera Siegert, the SPRO from New Hampshire. Jason Watkins, the PPQ Eastern Region SPHD representative, also has completed his term and will be replaced by Terry Bourgoin, The SPHD from Maine. Additionally, Laurinda Ramonda, the SSC representative from the Central Plant Board states, and Brad Lewis, representing the Western Plant Board, will continue in their positions for an additional 3-year term. The CAPS management team sincerely appreciates the contributions of Vicki, Jason, and all the NCC members past and present. Without their participation, the CAPS Program would not be as strong and successful as it is today.

CAPS Review

The Pest Detection/CAPS Management Team and the 2012 NCC SPHD representatives will be meeting in Frederick, MD, next week at the Professional Development Center to review and have an open discussion on all aspects of the CAPS program. Topics will include reaffirming or redefining what CAPS is and encompasses, budget, infrastructure and survey funding, data management, Farm Bill alignment, and other issues. A separate meeting is being planned by CPHST to discuss CAPS support in that arena. The outcome of these meetings will be the main topics of discussion at the Annual NCC Meeting in late January.

Annual NCC Meeting

Tentatively, pending approvals and other issues, the Annual NCC Meeting will be planned to take place the week of January 23, 2012, either Tuesday-Wednesday or Wednesday-Thursday with travel days the day before and after. Depending on availability, the first choice for location is the Miami Plant Inspection Station, and second choice the National Detector Dog Training Center in Newnan, GA. John will inquire and let the NCC know of availability.

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.



Pest Tracker Information

Thanks to everyone who submitted comments on Pest Tracker. The information will be compiled and sent to the NCC. We will discuss the results on a future call. If anyone else has any further comments, they can submit those to their NCC representative or directly to John.

Pest List Review Process

In the past, there has not been a structured process in place to evaluate pests for inclusion on the AHP Prioritized List or our commodity/taxon pest lists. We more or less just took suggestions from all corners and plugged them in without any real evaluation other than talking among ourselves and various experts. We are now attempting to provide some structure to this process by developing pre- and post-assessment questionnaires. The plan is for this process to be used to evaluate pests that have been suggested for inclusion on the AHP list, and a slightly modified version for the Pest List Working Group to use for those pests to be added or dropped from the commodity/taxon lists. The timeline calls for the development of this process to be completed before the NCC meeting in January, at which time the NCC will discuss the process. The CPHST PEARL group also will review the process and provide their input.

Survey Supplies

The Survey Supplies database in IPHIS is now open to accept trap and lure orders from the states to be used in 2012. The database will close for orders on December 2. Training sessions for using the IPHIS module are scheduled, and a list of times is posted on the CAPS R&C site at <http://caps.ceris.purdue.edu/node/295>. Contact John Crowe or your Regional Program Manager if you have any questions regarding use of the system, product names, or if you wish to suggest new products to offer through the SSPP.

Cotton Commodity Survey

The Cotton Reference and Survey Guidelines documents have been delivered to CPHST. They are in need of some editing, and will be available for review on the CAPS R&C site in a couple of weeks.

Regions

Cooperative agreements have been prepared, and now everyone is waiting for a budget allocation.

Data Management

There is no new news regarding IPHIS or the data management direction for 2012. There has been some miscommunication within the IPHIS team and the contractors, and now they have to make up for lost ground. The IPHIS team is to provide us with a timetable. After review, we will make the decision on what way to go for next year.



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.

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 NCC call will be on **Thursday, December 1, at 11:00 am eastern time.**