



National CAPS Committee (NCC) Conference Call

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Minutes

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Annual NCC Meeting – Gainesville, FL

The Annual NCC Meeting was held in Gainesville, FL, January 28-29, 2014 at the offices of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry. Presentations from the meeting have been posted on the National CAPS Committee page under ‘Meetings’ on the CAPS R&C site. A rough draft of the minutes for the meeting has been distributed for review. Do not share the rough draft until it is finalized. (note: Before these minutes were distributed, the final minutes of the Gainesville meeting were made available).

Strategic Planning

The PDMT and the NCC will develop a strategic plan during 2014. The focus will be on what the Program will look like in 2020. The PDMT will meet with Jane & Christina in late February to learn more about the strategic planning process. (This meeting has been postponed until after the next NCC call). The goal is to have a strategic planning document that is supported by PPQ management as well as the National Plant Board, and officially approved at the 2015 NCC meeting.

FY14 Budget / Agreements

There is no new information as budget numbers are not yet available. If there are no surprises, agreements will be finalized shortly thereafter. Some cooperators are getting concerned because they want to get started. If there is a dire need for cooperators to get started (a *real* dire need), they can contact Brian Kopper.

CAPS Recognition

The deadline for nominations for CAPS Recognition is March 14. Please consider nominating a worthy member of the CAPS community. Send nominations to John or Brian as soon as possible. The nomination form was sent with an email to the NCC, and also can be found in Appendix Q of the 2014 survey guidelines.

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.



2015 Guidelines

As discussed in Gainesville, the NCC does not foresee a lot of changes in the Guidelines for 2015. All changes look to be minor. Appendices and other documents will be posted on the CAPS R&C site for review by the NCC. Susan has started setting up a 2015 Guidelines page. Information will be added as soon as possible. The PDMT would like to get the 2015 guidelines out earlier this year than in years past, and are aiming for a mid-April date.

Farm Bill update

There is nothing new to report since the NCC meeting. Farm Bill sections 10201 and 10202 were consolidated in the new Farm Bill. The budget is set to increase to \$62.5million for 2014-2017, and to \$75million from 2018 “and thereafter.” No less than \$5million is allocated to the NCPN. The budget is, however, subject to sequestration. The ‘new’ Farm Bill money has not arrived in PPQ as yet, so the Farm Bill team is still proceeding with original budget of \$50million. The FBMT is in discussions with the Deputy Administrator on a draft spending plan, and it has not been finalized yet. The FBMT has established a formal rapid response request protocol that must be followed.

The FBMT is interested in ongoing communication with the CAPS Program. There have been discussions already about improved collaboration. CAPS and Farm Bill are looking to better align processes. With the passage of the new Farm Bill, a goal is to close out the 2008 Implementation Plan and develop a new strategic plan that, among other topics, will include the NCPN.

Survey Supplies Update

Lymantria xylna lures are available for the Asian Defoliator survey. These lures are different from *L. dispar* lures.

The next ordering period for 2014 Farm Bill supplies will be after the Farm Bill spending plan is approved.

Gypsy Moth string lure: The lifespan of these lures is now approved to be 180 days. This applies to current shipped products. Products have been checked.

OTIS is now shipping out lures. If you need them and have not received a pending order, let John Crowe know. There has been some turnover in the warehouse, and they are currently swamped.

Packaging is different for new EAB lures. There is a new vendor. These lures, however, are the same as previous lures.



CAPS'opedia

The CAPS'opedia content is in need of review and retooling. The review team will review the structure, test all the links, and determine what is not on the site that should be. John is looking for a volunteer to form a group and go over CAPS'opedia with Susan. Perhaps a new SSC and a veteran SSC should pair up to get a broad perspective of the site. Let John and Brian know if you are interested or know of someone who could use a little persuasion.

National CAPS Meeting

Until an FY14 budget is in place, there is uncertainty about travel funding for people at the state level. If there is not adequate funding for travel, the meeting may not take place. We are currently not moving forward with detailed planning until we have some resolution on the budget. We also are looking for a good new name for this meeting. "CAPS Conference" cannot be used. If anybody has suggestions for a new name, contact John.

NAPIS 3.0

Several users are currently testing NAPIS 3.0. Feedback has been useful, and the folks at Purdue are making improvements.

The next NCC call will be on Thursday, March 6, 2014, at 1:00 pm eastern time.