



National CAPS Committee (NCC) Conference Call

August 11, 2016

Minutes

Participants

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Brian Kopper	Darrell Bays	Lisa Jackson	Steve Bullington
Terry Bourgoïn	Ruth Welliver	Melinda Sullivan	
Piera Siergert	Sherry Aultman	Heather Moylett	
Julie Van Meter	Dale Anderson	Dan Mackesy	

2017 Work & Financial Plans

Work and financial plans are due COB Wednesday, August 17. CAPS work plans are reviewed and routed through the SPHD, who will then upload the plans to the Field Operations Cooperative Agreements Work Plan Management Site at:

<http://sp.we.aphis.gov/PPQ/fieldops/pgmops/cagreements/SitePages/Home.aspx>

The Survey Summary Form (SSF) on the CAPS Resource and Collaboration site also must be filled in as work plans are submitted. This form is part of the completed work plan and is required. Work plans will not be reviewed until the SSF is reviewed and submitted to Field Operations. The Survey Summary Form can be found after login at:

<https://caps.ceris.purdue.edu/survey-summary>

An Important Change

Dr. Brian Kopper, the National Operations Manager in Field Operations has accepted a new position as an Assistant Director of CPHST's Plant Epidemiology and Risk Analysis Lab (PERAL). Brian will start his new position on August 22, and will supervise a staff working on fruit and vegetable commodity import pest risk assessments. Brian is working with Billy Newton (his soon-to-be former supervisor) to ensure that there is a smooth transition. A TDY to cover his position has been announced and will be filled starting August 22. The official position announcement is being developed, but there is no timeline yet stated for its posting on USAJobs (if interested, get your resume ready now). The lead for Farm Bill Goal 1 Survey will pass to Joel Bard (AR SPHD).

Brian has been working with the CAPS Program since 2005, and has contributed significantly to the development of the Program over those years. While we will miss his participation in CAPS, we also wish him every bit of success in his new venture. Thanks, Brian. (BTW, work plans are still due.)

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.



Another Important Change

Lisa Ishibashi (HI PSS) has accepted the position as the new State Operation Coordinator in Hawaii. She will continue to work with CAPS Program on the NCC until the end of the year. At that time, the PSSs will recommend someone to take her place on the NCC. Congratulations, Lisa, and all the success in your new position.

Somewhere in the background there is a song playing...

“Last thing I remember, I was
Running for the door
I had to find the passage back to the place I was before
Relax, said the night man
We are programmed to receive
You can check out any time you like
But you can never leave!” - Eagles

2017 Farm Bill

The open period to submit survey/project suggestions for fiscal year (FY) 2017 Farm Bill Section 10007 funding consideration **closes on August 19, 2016.**

Detailed submission instructions, including guidance on accessing the Farm Bill Suggestion Submission System to submit a suggestion, and an explanation of the suggestion evaluation process are available on the APHIS Farm Bill Section 10007 Web site at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/farmbill>. Questions about the FY 2017 suggestion submittal and review process should be sent to farmbillsection10007@aphis.usda.gov.

Please note that the 2017 Farm Bill Implementation Plan for Goal 1 Priority Survey mirrors the 2017 National Pest Surveillance Guidelines. Farm Bill survey suggestions that adhere to the National Pest Surveillance Guidelines, with funding commensurate with the survey effort, have high assurances of being funded (just do not ask Farm Bill to fund more than necessary to carry out the survey). Follow the guidance, and there will be a high likelihood that those surveys will be funded. We hope this takes some of the guesswork out of where to request funding.

International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) 6 Review

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) has out for comment 11 draft international phytosanitary standards. These can be accessed via the links in the Stakeholder Registry announcement (copied at the end of these minutes). Of interest to the CAPS community is the draft revision to ISPM 6, now entitled National Surveillance Systems (previously Guidelines for Surveillance). Changes to the Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms (ISPM 5) also may be of interest.

Please read and review the draft standards, especially National Surveillance Systems, but any other that may interest you. No comment is insignificant, and we welcome positive and negative comments, as well as suggestions on how to strengthen the standard. This is your opportunity to



participate in an international dialogue. We want to make the strongest contribution as possible from the U.S., and this only happens with widespread participation.

The IPPC Secretariat will only recognize comments from the national plant protection organization (NPPO), which is APHIS, PPQ. For the CAPS community, and comments on National Surveillance Systems, please send your comments directly to John by Friday, August 19, and he will compile and submit them to the Deputy Administrator's Office. For the other draft standards, comments can be sent directly to Marina Zlotina as directed in the Stakeholder Registry or through PPQ's internal process.

Missing Survey Data

There are missing data in NAPIS from past (2014, 2015) CAPS and Farm Bill surveys. A requirement of the cooperative agreement is that the states enter the data from the funded surveys into an approved database. That database is NAPIS. Please review your data submissions and make sure all data entry in NAPIS is up-to-date. It may be hard to justify continued funding if past data is missing. Susan can help with the logistics of any data entry questions. Let John know if you have any questions. See the Accountability Report at:

<http://caps.ceris.purdue.edu/caps-accountability-report>.

CAPS 101 Revival

Over the last couple of years there has been a lot of new people in new positions, both in PPQ and the States. Many of these are not familiar with our Pest Surveillance program and all the topics, issues, and activities therein. At one point in time we started to work on a CAPS 101 project for situations such as this, but that effort failed to get enough traction in everyone's schedule and languished. It is time to visit this again, but the question still remains, "Who will do this?"

John Crowe and Kristian have been involved with capacity building efforts in Pakistan, India, and elsewhere, and have worked with folks at Texas A&M University building modules using distant learning technologies. Conversations have been had, and the folks at the Center for Educational Technologies at Texas A&M will submit a Farm Bill suggestion to fund an effort to build learning modules for the CAPS Program. If this is funded, many of you may be asked to contribute content. We hope that you will find the time to help in this important project if asked.

From last month, everyone was very open to a webinar series that would be held every month, recorded, and posted for continual viewing. Everyone should continue to discuss this with your constituency. In particular, answer the following questions.

- Should we have a formal monthly webinar series? Will you attend?
- What topics and in what order?
- Would seasoned PSSs and SSCs give presentations of field techniques in addition to program folks?



ezFedGrants

A second ezFedGrants webinar for external cooperators will be held Tuesday, August 16. An email was forwarded to the NCC on August 11. Webinar and conference call information will be forthcoming. Please distribute this information to your constituency ASAP.

A Deserving Award

Susan Schechter from Purdue University was recognized and presented an award at the National Plant Board Meeting for her years of service to the CAPS community. Congratulations, Susan.

NAPIS

Ruth has heard from some of her constituents that they are having an issue entering species captured in traps not designated for the species or not listed. One suggestion provided by Ruth is to add a “lure not listed, see notes” option to menu. Susan was not aware of this issue and will follow up with Ruth. Susan will inform the group once they have found a resolution. This change may be announced to the CAPS community.

Diagnostics Support for Plant Pathogens

The NCC held a lively discussion on this topic. There is not a well-established list of diagnostic laboratories where samples can be sent. Discussion captured included thought below. Clearly, we need to work on this issue.

- Ruth has heard from a number of her constituents that they are having issues finding reliable diagnostics for plant pathogen samples. Often think they have someone to send them to and then it falls through. They are unsure of where to send the samples when it falls through. Could we develop something on the Resource and Collaboration site that list diagnostic labs and their pricing?
- Craig Webb (PPQ at Kansas State) currently is the only domestic plant pathology identifier.
- When a CAPS or FB Survey Summary Form is submitted that will require diagnostics, Brian and Steve Bullington will check for lab availability/capability if a state notes that it is needed on the SSF. Arthropod sample processing makes up the bulk of the requests, and we need more work on plant pathology.
- Steve pointed out that the USDA is not in the screening business, and that the groups submitting the agreements or suggestions should have a plan for screening their samples.
- Melinda agreed that there is a need, but there is also an issue of labs being overwhelmed by bulk samples because the states are unwilling to do initial screenings. Some pathogens (e.g., rust fungi) can only be diagnosed through morphology. Could this be improved by more plant pathology screening aids? Currently, there are very few available on the screening aid page.
- The CPHST Beltsville is processing many of the samples for confirmation, but work is still needed on diagnostics, *Phytophthora* is a case in point.
- Megan Romberg (PPQ National Identifier) said she would take suspect samples, but will not accept bulk material.



Odds and Ends

Dana Rhodes (PA SPRO) has outreach materials for spotted lanternfly. Contact her if you would like to obtain some material.

From Julie, who did a lot of work on it, the Revised Japanese Beetle Harmonization Plan has been signed and will go into effect January 2017. If you would like to see it, please ask your SPRO for a copy.

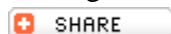
Terry inquired if a new state pest detection should be submitted for confirmation. Yes, it is always a good practice to have new state finds confirmed by a national specialist. It also should go without saying that all pests and pathogens new to the U.S. need to be confirmed by a national specialist. Contact Steve Bullington for information on sample routing.

The next NCC call will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 1:00 pm eastern time.

Please forward to your NCC representative any agenda topics for discussion on the next NCC call.



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The International Plant Protection Convention has posted for comment draft international phytosanitary standards on the following topics:

- [International Movement of Seeds](#)
- [National Surveillance Systems](#)
- [Arrangements for Verification of Compliance of Consignments \(Formerly "Pre-Clearance"\)](#)
- [International Movement of Growing Media in Association with Plants for Planting](#)
- [International Movement of Wood](#)
- [International Movement of Vehicles, Machinery, and Equipment](#)
- [Temperature Treatments as Phytosanitary Measures](#)
- [Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms](#)
- Diagnostic protocols for [Phytophthora ramorum](#), [Fusarium circinatum](#), and [Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum](#)

APHIS urges U.S. stakeholders to review and submit comments. **Submit comments no later than Friday, August 26.** You can download the draft standards from the [IPPC consultation site](#) or by clicking the links above. Specific instructions for submitting comments are available on the [APHIS Web site](#). For more information contact Marina Zlotina at Marina.A.Zlotina@aphis.usda.gov.

These standards facilitate safe trade in plants and plant products, harmonize plant protection policies and practices among trading partners, and provide a critical framework for addressing phytosanitary trade issues and negotiating market access requests. U.S. input is important to ensure the development of technically sound standards and to advance U.S. harmonization goals.

If you represent a large association, please distribute this message to your membership. We will continue to send announcements about IPPC standards through the APHIS Stakeholder Registry. To subscribe, go to: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAAPHIS/subscriber/new> and select the topic "international phytosanitary standards."