



Minutes

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Farm Bill

Based on our NCC conference call on May 6 with the Farm Bill 10201 Team and others, a Farm Bill Survey Message was prepared and posted on the APHIS Farm Bill and CAPS websites (<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/section10201> and <http://ceris.purdue.edu/caps>, respectively). An excerpt from this document is below.

“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. “

”...As a result...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 (*Oxycaenus 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.”

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“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.”

The open period for suggestions runs through June 18. The NCC is encouraged to talk with their constituency and determine if there are other regional surveys that could be suggested, and to make sure that everyone who wishes to participate in a Farm Bill survey submits a suggestion before the closing date.

2010 CAPS Conference

Documentation has been submitted via the USDA guidelines. As of this date, the documents are in the APHIS Administrator’s Office. If approved at the APHIS level, the decision documents will then go to the Office of the Secretary.

One artifact of our revised schedule that was mentioned on the call is that the meeting will end at noon on a Friday. The question was asked is how do we keep people engaged in the meeting until the end without participants heading out the door early to travel home. Several suggestions were offered, and we will take this issue up with Troy Fine, our lead facilitator. The message that we should be conveying is that participants should stay until the meeting is closed, and to make travel arrangement so that they do not have to leave for the airport until after noon.

IPHIS and CAPS

We have begun meeting with a business analyst and the development team with the IPHIS contractors to discuss all facets of CAPS program and gather CAPS program requirements for IPHIS. The IPHIS team also had a recent demonstration of NAPIS so that they could understand our current data practices. This is just the beginning of a long process of making sure IPHIS can meet our requirements and facilitate the way we do business.

Visual Survey Pilot

A visual survey guideline for *Agrilus biguttatus*, oak splendor beetle and #1 on the AHP Prioritized list, will soon be posted to the CAPS Approved Survey Methods website. Entering negative data for a visual survey has always been problematic, and the procedure for doing a visual survey likely differs from state to state, even for the same pest. This is our first attempt to begin to standardized visual surveys for national consistency. Please remember that this protocol, and those in the future, should be considered as the minimum requirements for

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conducting the visual survey and reporting negative data, and it is pest specific. This also is just a pilot survey, and we hope that states will try it out and give us their feedback so that we can better refine visual surveys. An announcement will come out on the CAPS listserv when the document has been posted.

Survey Guidelines and Appendix M

Please remember that the 2011 Survey Guidelines and the CAPS Approved Survey Methods just published are for surveys in 2011. For 2010, follow the 2010 Survey Guidelines. In some instances, the approved trap and/or lure will change for 2011. There is no requirement to implement 2011 guidance in 2010. However, the guidance in Appendix M represents the latest up-to-date survey information available. If possible, and if you have materials on hand, it may be a good idea to start the transition to 2011 guidance in 2010. Again, this is not required to enter negative data for 2010 surveys.

In the online Appendix M, clicking on Info to the left of the pest name results in a data sheet in a new window. There is a lot of information on these pages, including trap and lure placement, references, and contacts for each pest. Please read these pages carefully, as information for any pest may have been updated. The folks at Purdue are working on a versioning process for these pages. If you have any questions regarding a particular pest data page, please contact the POC individual listed at the bottom of the page.

***Cerceris* Wasp Pilot Survey**

Pest Survey Specialists (PSSs) in the PPQ ER are conducting a pilot survey to determine the feasibility of using *Cerceris fumipennis* as a survey method. These wasps appear to be very efficient hunters and collectors of buprestid species. Florida already has reported a new species in the state as a result of monitoring the nests of these wasps. If this pilot survey is successful throughout the ER, then the method will be presented to the NCC at its annual meeting in January 2011 for inclusion in the 2012 Guidelines.

CAPS Collaboration Website

The CAPS Resource and Collaboration website currently is on a development server at Purdue. Please visit the site at <http://caps-dev.ceris.purdue.edu/> and give us your opinion before it moves into production mode.

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NAPPFAST Updated Website

The NAPPFAST website for the top 50 CAPS pests has been updated with new information and maps. There is a lot of good information on this site that can help states during the survey planning stages assess risk for their state for high priority pests. Please visit the site and provide any comments or suggestions to the NAPPFAST Team. The top 50 CAPS pests website can be found at [link not available].

Next NCC call will be on **Thursday, June 3, at 11:00 am eastern time.**

After the June 3 call, the NCC will resume once-a-month conference calls.

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