



National CAPS Committee (NCC) Conference Call

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Minutes

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2017 Budget

The House and Senate passed, and the president signed, an omnibus spending bill to fund the government for FY17 at FY16 levels. The Pest Detection line receives the same amount of funding as in FY16. Agreements will be amended to include the remaining funding. Contact your ADODR or agreements specialist if you have any questions concerning the process.

CAPS Performance Measures

A beta version of CAPS and Farm Bill survey measures and metrics is available to all members of the four core CAPS constituencies (SPHDs, SPROs, PSSs, and SSCs) on the [CAPS Resource & Collaboration](#) website. The link can be found on the right-hand green ribbon on the home page after you log in, or directly at [Performance Measures \(beta\)](#).

We need your thoughts and suggestions on how this information can best be presented based on how you want to consume and use the information. Please talk with your constituency on how best to present these measures and metrics. In the near future these will be open to all, updated regularly to near-real time, and be available 24/7.

NAPIS Records

From time-to-time states wish to enter pest records from regulatory incidences or interceptions. In these instances the pest is found through a number of sources, and the situation mitigated. The pest was not a domestic detection or found in the environment at large. Often these interceptions occur from imported furniture and around warehouses and other places of commerce that include international commodities. The purpose of entering the record into NAPIS could be for the state's own purposes or to share the information with the regulatory organization in neighboring states. What is needed in NAPIS is a way to distinguish between a regulatory incident and a detection in the environment.

These regulatory incidences can be very sensitive to a state and something that they may not want to communicate widely, especially to some industries or trading partners less the

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.



information be misinterpreted as a pest being established, when in fact it was found, dealt with, and no longer present. We need to develop a way for this information to remain confidential within NAPIS. The information would not be available on the public-facing Past Tracker website. The question is, “Based on the current NAPIS configuration and data fields, what is the best way to enter the data so that it is clear that the record represents a regulatory incident?” Please think about this and discuss with your constituency. Send ideas to [John](#) and [Cindy](#). We will discuss the options and make a decision on how to proceed when John and Lisa visit Purdue in early August.

Survey Accomplishment Report

At a PPQ budget meeting last year where Pest Detection was discussed with the PPQ Management Team, it was suggested that a check box or other form of verification be added to the Accomplishment Report to signify that all data from the agreement was entered into NAPIS. The issue was that there was a lot of missing data entry according to the [Accountability Report](#) on the CAPS R&C site, and that we need to hold states more accountable for upholding the terms of the cooperative agreement (see the Minutes for the [May 5, 2017](#) NCC call on this subject).

Most states likely agree that this is not an issue and that they would have no problem meeting this requirement. However, some legitimate issues have arisen. One state offered that they plan surveys around state and local identification support knowing that they can get results back in a timely manner (as opposed to planning surveys based on risk?). Others have reported that they often do not get results back from identifiers in time for the final accomplishment report (90 days after the expiration of the agreement).

It appears that there may be identification issues or concerns about getting timely results back. Before we delve into investigating and addressing these concerns, we need to know how widespread the issue is. Please let [John](#) and [Lisa](#) know of any issues you or your constituency may be having regarding the timely receipt of identification or diagnostic results. This has important implications for both accomplishments and accountability.

2017 Farm Bill Work Plans

The deadline for all work plans from all goals need to be submitted by **June 9, 2017**. The PPQ Management Team would like all Farm Bill agreements to be obligated in ezFedGrants well ahead of the end of the fiscal year. Waiting until late in the fiscal year to submit work plans will jeopardize your funding as agreements may not be able to be processed, i.e., get yours in now.

The Farm Bill Survey Summary Form for all Goal 1 surveys will close on Tuesday, June 6. All Goal 1 Survey work plans were due in April. With the closing of the FB SSF, My Surveys in NAPIS will populate and be available.



CAPS Webinars

The next CAPS Webinar will be held Wednesday, June 28, at 2:00 pm eastern time. An official announcement will be sent out within the next week or two. The topic will be the assessment and prioritization of CAPS pests. The new Objective Prioritization of Exotic Pests (OPEP) pest prioritization model will be featured. We would like to hear what the CAPS community would like in terms of schedule and topics for future webinars.

OPEP Prioritization Model Update

- The full OPEP model will have three major areas of analysis: Impact, Likelihood of Introduction, and Feasibility of Survey (the Economics part of the model). Currently, only the Impact analysis is presented.
- The OPEP Impact model actually consists of separate Arthropod and Pathogen models. The Arthropod model has been fully validated, and the Pathogen model will be validated by September 2017.
- The Likelihood of Introduction and Feasibility of Survey (Economics) models will be the focus of FY18 Farm Bill suggestions with potential funding to support these efforts.
- For the analysis of CAPS pests in preparation for the 2019 Guidelines:
 - Twelve arthropods and 13 pathogens were submitted as new CAPS pests for analysis.
 - Sixteen arthropods and 16 pathogens from the current commodity pest lists also were submitted for analysis.
 - Those new pests with a probability of impact above the current CAPS threshold will be added to the priority Pest List.
 - Those commodity pests with a probability of impact below the CAPS threshold will be removed from the commodity pest lists.
- For FY19, the focus will be on a second round of commodity pest analyses (those not yet run through the model) and development of a Mollusk model.
- A new prioritized pest list will be published with the Guidelines every 2 years; the next list will be published with the 2019 Guidelines in April 2018.

Climate Models Update

The Pest Detection Team is working with PPQ Field Operations and Science & Technology and Oregon State University to develop pest risk maps based on pest biology and climate attributes (as a successor to NAPPFAST, but much better). OSU is pulling together several methodologies, including climate matching and stress accumulation, to improve upon degree-day modeling. We have had some administrative and logistical delays this year, but are almost ready to present some prototypes of possible products. An advisory team has been involved, and we are ready to pull the team back together again for their field and user perspective. This team is important in this process to let us know what they need and what works for them when planning and conducting surveys. If you or some of your constituency would like to participate and offer your opinions and suggestions, please let [John](#) and [Lisa](#) know as soon as possible. This is an exciting project to be a part of. Sherry, you have been added to the team list.



CAPS Educational Modules

The steering committee will be called into action very soon. There is still time if you would like to participate. Let [John](#) and [Lisa](#) know as soon as possible.

Purdue Update

Cindy reported that approximately 8,000 records were entered into NAPIS in May of this year. This is contrasted with approximately 3,000 records entered into NAPIS in May of last year. Way to go CAPS community!

Survey Supplies

Please contact [Lisa](#) if you still need to place an order or to find out the status of an order. Otherwise, everything is looking good in SSPP.

The next NCC call will be held on Thursday, July 6, 2017, at 1:00 pm eastern time.

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