



National CAPS Committee (NCC) Conference Call

October 5, 2017

Minutes

Participants

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FY18 Continuing Resolution

On September 8, 2017, the President signed a Continuing Resolution (CR) that funds the Federal government through December 8, 2017 (69 days). The CR provides funding for APHIS programs at a level that is equivalent to FY 2017 less a rescission of 0.6791% (this should not affect CAPS agreements). The funding limit of the CR is applicable to all congressionally appropriated annual and no year funds, e.g. pest detection, appropriated AQI, biocontrol, plant methods, and agriculture import-export, cotton pests, tree and wood pests, specialty crops, and field crops.

Work Plans

Lisa has completed a preliminary review of all work plans, and is waiting for a couple of revisions to be uploaded to the PPQ Field Ops SharePoint site. Note that the SharePoint site is not sending out automatic notices to Lisa when a work plan is uploaded to the site. Please send an email to Lisa notifying her that the work plan was uploaded so that she knows it is there for review. Lisa is communicating with and through the SPHD office that work plans either need revision or that all is good and no further action is needed. If you have not heard about the status of your work plans, please check with your SPHD office.

The status of work plans will not change in SharePoint until we receive a notification from the budget staff to begin processing agreements (likely in November?). At that time, Lisa will change the status of your work plans to “FOM Approved” and the agreements staff will begin entering the agreements into ezFedGrants. We will let you know when that occurs.

The CR goes through December 8, and Congress will have to decide what will happen after that date (another CR, full-year funding, etc.). Since most, if not all CAPS agreements will not start until after January 1, and hopefully things will get started in ezFedGrants before then, we may not address pre-awards and the like until we see what happens in December. We will check on this and let you know as soon as we know something more concrete. Now that everyone has some experience with ezFedGrants, hopefully these processes will go smoother this year.

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.



NCC Term Rotations

Terry Bourgoin (SPHD ME), Piera Siergert (EPB NH), and Brad Lewis (WPB NM) are completing their second, 3-yr term on the NCC, and will be rotating off at the end of the calendar year. We all thank them for their many years of service to the NCC and the CAPS community. Dale Anderson (CPB SD) is completing his first, 3-yr term, and is eligible to represent the SSCs in the CPB states for a second term. Emails have been sent and processes are in place for the various constituencies to select new representatives to replace those rotating off the NCC or for Dale to continue for a second term.

This just in: Eric Ewing (SPHD WV) has been nominated by the SPHDs to replace Terry on the NCC, and the PDMT has accepted his nomination. Eric's term will begin January 1, but will begin participating in conference calls before then to provide an overlap and transition period.

PPQ Survey Summary Form

The 2018 PPQ Survey Summary Form is now open for the entry of PPQ Pest Detection (only) surveys. It will close on November 17th. Please enter your planned 2018 surveys and target pest list before the due date. This information helps immensely when reporting on Pest Detection activities.

Survey Supplies

Supply Orders

The Survey Supply Ordering System in IPHIS opened on September 25, 2017, and will remain open until mid-November. During this time you may submit orders for:

- CAPS and Pest Detection
- PPQ Supported Programs, except EAB

The Survey Supply Ordering System will open again during the winter of to support:

- EAB Survey
- 2018 Farm Bill Goal 1 Surveys

Best Practices

The Survey Supplies team has drafted up a Best Practices document to assist with ordering lures. There are places in the process where the receiver can assist to help things work more smoothly. This document will be sent out soon.

As a general rule when placing orders, **please round up your trap and lure orders by 10-20%**. This is most important for the moth lures, but this is a good practice for other supplies if you are able to store them in your facility. In general, moth lures are very inexpensive as most cost less than 50 cents per lure. Since most of the lures are made in-house at the Otis lab, it is more expensive to use staff time to make small orders outside of the normal manufacturing window than to dispose of lures that are not needed. Please consider this when ordering.



CPHST CAPS Support

The vice-Jackson and vice-Sullivan positions in CPHST CAPS Support still have not been filled. Heather and Dan have returned to their regular positions, and as a result, no one is currently filling these critical positions. Heather and Dan cannot be expected to support CAPS as they had while on TDY as they have other responsibilities in addition to CAPS support. This is the beginning of a critical time for the Program as pest assessments, datasheet development, and researching approved methods, for example, are needed to support any new pests and/or changes to the pest list. In addition, there is a handful of new pests that have a high impact in the OPEP model that needs to be evaluated and supported if they are to be added to the Priority Pest List. This all has to be done before the 2018 NCC meeting in early February, and finalizing everything before the 2018 Guidelines are published in April.

As a result, we may not have an updated Priority Pest List for 2018, update and develop new datasheets, support and update the Approved Methods, and may not be able to answer questions you may have that Lisa and Melinda had helped you with in the past. Until we have an indication that these positions will be filled, and when, we will be missing a critical component of the Program and the scientific background to adequately support the Program.

CAPS Webinar

The next CAPS webinar tentatively is scheduled for November 8. The topic will be the CAPS Resource & Collaboration website, and will be presented by Cindy Music. There is a lot of information on the website, and unless you use it all the time, you may have forgotten how much information is really there, and how to find it.

We have received some comments from new users and some from those who do not regularly use the site that navigation is difficult, not intuitive, and that information is hard to find. In the future we would like to update the site, and we will need your suggestions and input. In order to give you a feeling of what it should be, we need to bring you into what it is now and what information is present, and if there is something not on the site that needs to be there. Your participation in the webinar, and thoughts and suggestions about what it will become, is greatly appreciated.

The following webinar, likely sometime in December, will be presented by John and will feature CAPS measures and metrics: what did 2017 look like and what to expect in 2018 from a numbers perspective. Keeping the Survey Summary Form up-to-date is critical to presenting accurate information.

Purdue Update

The transition of maps in NAPIS to the current version of ArcGIS has been completed. The updated maps are now available through all products. Contact Cindy or James if you have any questions or suggestions on map presentation that may better suit your needs.



A Reminder: In order to keep the Directories maintained at Purdue up-to-date, Cindy requested that the NCC members notify her of any updates within your constituencies, and provide her with the pertinent contact information. This is especially important for the SSC constituencies as there is no list posted or maintained elsewhere. This also helps Cindy be aware of new people in the community who may need an introduction to NAPIS, data entry, the SSF, or other CAPS products hosted at Purdue.

2018 Farm Bill

The review by the Goal Teams for suggestions under the FY18 Farm Bill is underway. The SPHD/SPRO review period ran for 3 weeks, August 21 – September 8. Now the Goal Teams will have 6 weeks, September 11 – October 20, to complete their review and develop a recommended spending plan for their Goal. For Goal 1 Survey, 194 suggestions were received requesting over \$23 million in funding. However, the Goal 1 Survey Team only has a budget of ~\$15 million. The Farm Bill Team expects to have a spending plan ready in December. If you have any questions, they can be addressed to farmbillsection10007@aphis.usda.gov.

2018 Annual NCC Meeting

The 2018 meeting will be held at the National Detector Dog Training Center in Newnan, Georgia, the last week in January or the first week in February. The NCC is being polled for the best dates in those weeks for a 2-day meeting. The NCC is asked to make a list of topics that need to be discussed based on discussions with your constituency. The NCC will start fleshing out an agenda soon.

National CAPS Meeting

Based on discussions with the PPQ Management team, the PDMT will make a concerted effort to gain approval for a national meeting, tentatively branded as a Pest Surveillance Summit. The tentative date is the week of December 3, 2018, location TBD. In order to secure approval and meeting space, work needs to start now.

Approval will require specific goals, objectives, and outcomes, with an agenda to support the objectives and gain the outcomes. John would like to work with a small group to work with a facilitator to draft the approval package and meeting design. A final draft needs to be completed and ready to submit to PPQ and APHIS management by the end of the calendar year.

If you would like to be a part of this effort, please contact John and let him know of your interest. This may include a face-to-face meeting in November or early December.

Outreach Display

As you head into your winter meetings, please remember that there is a large display available for your use. There are two versions: one is the original stone fruit display background (see below), and the other is a black background that you can put whatever you can stick on with Velcro. It can be personalized for whatever message that you want to convey. If you would like



to use the display for your outreach activities, please send John a message. John will ship the display out to you and include a return label, so there is no cost to you to ship the display.



Rapid Molecular Detection Assay for Silver Y Moth

On September 25, CPHST scientists at the Fort Collins and Mission Laboratories published a study about a new molecular assay that allows for the rapid identification of the silver Y moth, *Autographa gamma*. The assay uses real-time PCR to provide an identification in approximately 45 minutes using extracted DNA. Identification of *A. gamma* adults using morphology is difficult, and this species has been erroneously reported as present in the U.S. in recent years. *Autographa gamma* is an important pest in other parts of the world and approximately 20 states target this species in CAPS surveys every year. The study entitled, “A Real-Time PCR Assay for the Separation of *Autographa gamma* (Noctuidae: Plusiinae) from Morphologically Similar Species in North America” was published in the Journal of Economic Entomology and is available at <https://doi.org/10.1093/jee/tox256>.

The next NCC call will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2017, at 1:00 pm eastern time.

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