



National CAPS Committee (NCC) Conference Call

February 7, 2019

Minutes

Participants

John Bowers	Kim Rice	Chris Pierce	Dan Mackesy
Lisa Jackson	Joy Goforth	Emilie Inoue	Eileen Luke
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Pest Detection/CAPS Management Team

Tara Holtz, the PPQ Science & Technology member on the PDMT, has taken another position within PPQ S&T, and will no longer be working with CAPS topics. Alison Neeley, Assistant Director with the Plant Epidemiology and Risk Analysis Laboratory (PERAL) in Raleigh, will, for the foreseeable future, be the S&T member on the PDMT. Alison led the effort to develop the Objective Prioritization of Exotic Pest (OPEP) models for the CAPS program.

Heather Moylett still will be your main point of contact through the S&T CAPS Support email address stcaps@aphis.usda.gov.

Survey Supplies Acting National Policy Manager

Pest Detection and Emergency Programs announced the selection of [Velia Fagetti](#) as the acting National Policy Manager for the Survey Supply Procurement Program starting February 19, 2019, for up to 120-days. During her detail, Velia will focus on domestic survey supply needs and procurement activities. Velia currently is working on the Mexican Fruit Fly Trapping Program as a Domestic officer in McAllen, TX. Among the many challenges, responsibilities and complex analytical requirements it takes to run a successful commodity export program, she also has the primary duty of Tephritidae identifications at port-of-entry and domestic detection programs. Velia has a BS and MS in Biology, with an overall emphasis in Entomology from the University of Texas- Pan American in Edinburg, Texas.

2019 Continuing Resolution

The Congress passed and the President signed another short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) that ended the 5-week partial government shutdown. USDA is one of the Departments and Agencies affected. The current CR runs through Friday, February 15, and brings the funding total to 37.8% of annual 2018 funding. A bipartisan committee of Senators and Representatives are working on a compromise solution to the border security issue, and it is hoped that the President will agree to the committee's product. There is still a chance of another shutdown, but we will not know if that is going to happen or not until we get closer to the 15th.

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.



Cooperative Agreements

Due to the fluctuating budget situation under successive CRs, please work directly with your agreements staff on any specific questions or issues you may have.

Annual NCC Meeting

Due to the uncertainty with the government shutdown, the Annual NCC Meeting, originally scheduled for this week in Portland, OR, was postponed. A Doodle poll was initiated in the event that the government remains open after Feb. 15, and the NCC discussed possible alternative dates for the meeting on the call. Pending continued operations, the NCC decided to hold the dates of Wednesday, March 20 – Thursday, March 21, 2019, for the meeting (travel on Tuesday, March 19 and Friday, March 22). The plan still is to hold the meeting at the Custom & Border Protection offices in Portland, OR, and the same hotel should have available rooms. We will decide and confirm the logistics once we know what life will be like after Feb. 15.

Note: If you are unable to attend the NCC meeting in Portland, please arrange to have a substitute attend in your place so that your constituency can be represented.

Survey Supplies

EAB Ordering Open Period

The Survey Supply Ordering System in IPHIS is open now through February 14 for orders supporting Emerald Ash Borer surveys. During this time you may also submit orders for:

- FY2019 CAPS
- PPQ Supported Programs

****DO NOT MIX EAB SUPPLY ORDERS WITH OTHER ORDERS****

The Survey Supply Ordering System will open again after the FY2019 Farm Bill spending plan is released to support FY2019 approved Farm Bill – Goal 1 Surveys.

Status of Orders

The warehouse has completed all January and February orders, and are processing orders from March 1st. Some items are on backorder and will be shipped out when the products arrive at the warehouse. Our moth septa lure production at the OTIS Lab was impacted by the shutdown. We shipped all the orders for the warmer states. We are trying to catch up with lure production. If you have questions about a specific product or order, please email Lisa Jackson at lisa.d.jackson@aphis.usda.gov and include your order number.

Moore Warehouse Staff

We currently are in good shape regarding warehouse staff. We have two full time employees and are rotating in staff from other locations. We currently have two employees on detail for the month of February, and two more employees will assist for the month of March.



I would like to commend the staff on their hard work during the shutdown. They did not ship out orders as they were concerned that recipients may not be in the office to receive them. However, they did stage the orders and were able to ship out 75 orders the first day we returned from the government shutdown.

FY19 Farm Bill

The review of the 2019 Farm Bill spending plan within the Department was delayed due to the government shutdown. Presently a meeting is being scheduled with the Undersecretary to gain concurrence on the plan. Once approved, press releases and other communication activities will need to occur. The Farm Bill Team anticipates that it will be at least 2-3 weeks before a spending plan is announced via the Stakeholder registry.

Note: Work plans for surveys under FY19 Farm Bill funding for Goal 1 Survey will be due 2 months after the public announcement of the FY19 Farm Bill Spending Plan on the Stakeholder Registry. The timing is late, so if you are funded, please make sure the Survey Summary Form is complete and you get your work plans submitted as soon as possible.

Note 2: Technically going forward, we should not refer to this Program as ‘Farm Bill.’ This particular section of the former 2008 and 2014 Farm Bills is not in the present 2018 Farm Bill (Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 signed into law on December 20, 2018). However, Section 10007 of the 2014 Farm Bill was codified into law as 7 USC §7721 of the Plant Protection Act (PPA). From the 2019 Implementation Plan:

The Agriculture Act of 2014; H.R. 2642 / Pub. L. 113-79—became law in June 2014. The provision of Section 10007 (“Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention”) combines the legislative language (from 2008 Farm Bill Section 10202) for the National Clean Plant Network (NCPN) with the language (from 2008 Farm Bill Section 10201) for Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Programs into an amendment to the Plant Protection Act. It authorizes permanent funding for both programs, giving \$62.5 million per year in Commodity Credit Corporation funding from FY 2014-FY 2017 and \$75 million per year in FY 2018 and beyond, with at least \$5 million of the funding to support NCPN annually.

Since the language was codified into law, the Program continues until another law changes, modifies, or supersedes it. Until the Farm Bill Team comes up with a shorter or catchy name for the Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention (PPDMDP) Program, it is simply referred to as Section 7721 of the PPA.

CAPS Resource & Collaboration Website

The culmination of a year-long process has resulted in a complete redesign and software upgrade of the CAPS Resource & Collaboration website. The CERIS staff at Purdue worked with the



Purdue Marketing and Media Department to graphically enhance, improve navigation, and streamline access to information on the website. While the new site is still on the developmental server, Purdue will send out the link to the site to the NCC for review before going live. If all goes well, the new site should be ready to roll out within the next 2-3 weeks. The new site will have the same url as the current site, and links within documents should not have to be changed.

Cindy and the staff at Purdue may/will present a webinar to roll out and introduce the new website (to be confirmed). Also, there needs to be full system support staff in the office when the site goes live to quickly correct any unforeseen issues, and be available to answer questions and field issues from the users.

NAPIS Dictionary – Diagnostic Lab Contacts

A change is proposed for the Diagnostic Lab contacts in the NAPIS Dictionary. See the present Dictionary page below for reference. The proposal is to replace the phone number with the name of the contact. The address and phone number of the lab would then be available when clicking on the ‘info’ link. Additionally, adding a filter based on the lab contact name would be instituted as well. These changes are designed to facilitate locating labs and individual associated with the labs. If there is no objection, these changes will be implemented.

Also, please review the labs and contacts in your state. If any changes are needed, please notify the folks at Purdue at napis@ceris.purdue.edu.

Diagnostic Lab

Contact napis@purdue.edu to request a new dictionary entry.

Code: Diagnostic Lab: Organization: City:
State: "any" Phone: Active?: Yes

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OPTIONS	Code	Diagnostic Lab	Organization	City	State	Phone	Active?
info	1603	Adams County Greenhouse	Colorado State Cooperative Extension	Fort Collins	CO	303-637-8016	Yes
info	1904	Africanized Honey Bee Identification Lab	FL Dept. of Agriculture	Gainesville	FL	352-372-3505	Yes
info	0417	Ag Crop Development	Eastern Cereal and Oilseed Research Cent	Ottawa	ON	613-759-1789	Yes
info	0841	Ag. Diag. Service Center - Entm.	Univ. of Hawaii	Honolulu	HI	808 956-6742	Yes
info	0843	Agricultural Diagnostic Service Center	University of Hawaii	Honolulu	HI	808 956-8053	Yes
info	2106	Agricultural Diagnostic Services Center	University of Hawaii	Hilo	HI	808 969-5211	Yes
info	0534	Agricultural Resources	MASSACHUSETTS DEPT. OF FOOD & AG	Boston	MA	617-626-1735	Yes
info	0827	Agriculture Experiment Station	CT Department of Agriculture	New Haven	CT	203-974-8565	Yes
info	0889	Agronomy Extension	UNIV. OF MINNESOTA	St. Paul	MN	612-625-6226	Yes

CAPS Recognition

It is time to think of nominating someone or a group for CAPS Recognition for exemplary work done in support of the CAPS program in 2018. The call for nominations usually goes out in early January, but because of the government shutdown we will need to fast-track the process to meet our original deadline for making a recognition announcement. The official call for nominations will go out next week, so think of worthy candidates for nomination.



CAPS Introductory Guidebook and Trapping Videos

Last year, the new [CAPS Introductory Guidebook](#) and three [trapping videos](#) were posted on the CAPS R&C site. Please ask your constituency their opinion of these products. Were they used? Were they helpful? Did they cover the important topics? Are there other topics that can be covered? Are there other ideas for presentation? Please bring any feedback to the Annual NCC Meeting for discussion.

CAPS Webinars

The NCC discussed the usefulness of instituting two standing webinars each year. The first one would be held shortly after the publication of the Annual Pest Surveillance Guidelines to highlight changes and other new topics. The second one would be held before work plans are due as a follow up to the Guidelines webinar and to highlight issues and topics concerning submission and review of work plans and entry of survey information into the Survey Summary Form. Other topics can be presented on an as needed basis. Ask your constituency what topics they would like us to present.

Regional Plant Board Meetings

Due to the lack of a national meeting and at the direction of the PPQ Deputy Administrator, we are working with the Plant Board regions on various ideas for CAPS sessions, either during the main meeting or in breakouts. To be successful, and to show the importance of coming together as a community, it is very important to have all participate, especially this coming year. Up to \$3,000 can be budgeted for out-of-state travel in Infrastructure. Lisa may be contacting states so that we can better understand the situation and Infrastructure needs in various states where SSC travel to the regional plant board meeting has been limited. Please consider this professional development and a priority for the SSC, whether it is funded through Infrastructure or state funds. The return is well worth it.

The plans for PDMT attendance at the regional meetings are still in flux. As of now, Lisa plans to attend the Central and Western Plant Board meetings, and John plans to attend the Eastern and Central Plant Board meetings. Heather also may attend the Eastern Plant Board as she is tentatively on the agenda. We are waiting on word and agenda from the Southern Plant Board. For the PDMT to travel there must be justification to do so as total PPQ travel to a regional meetings is limited in number and cost. If our presence is required or requested, being placed on the agenda helps provide justification. Just food for thought when developing agendas.

Note: This effort is not to replace a national meeting, but hopefully work towards one. A national meeting is still the best, most efficient and effective, and fiscally responsible venue to discuss important and relevant topics and issues.



One Last Note / Word of Advice

As 2018 surveys come to a close, it would be a very good idea to check the CAPS [Accountability Report](#) To make sure that 2018 survey data has been, is being, or is on track to be entered into NAPIS, and that all of 2017 data has been entered. Now is a good time to rectify any deficiencies.

The next NCC call will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2019, at 1:00 pm eastern time.

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