



## Survey and Pest Information Focus Group

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Office of the Illinois State Plant Health Director

Des Plaines, Illinois

### Draft Agenda

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Participants: the four SSCs and two PSSs serving on the NCC.

Purpose: Determine information needs and gaps for survey target selection and survey planning/deployment.

The focus group meeting will last one full day and cover the following topics:

#### *Survey Builder Tool*

This new tool will help you determine which targets on the CAPS Priority Pest list are appropriate to include in your survey work plan. You will be able to create a tailored list for your state by selecting the host(s) or pathway of concern (similar to the SSF) and then reviewing relevant information about the target (e.g. states at risk, primary hosts, and survey and ID/diagnostic methods). Once you have reviewed the target list, you will be able to select which targets you want to include in the SSF. You will have the option to download your tailored list as an excel file or export it directly into your work plan.

Ideally, we will send a beta version for testing to the SSC/PSS group a couple weeks before the NCC meeting. If this is not possible, we will provide an explainer or demonstration so you have something to think over ahead of time. At the focus group meeting, we will:

- Demo the tool,
- Discuss what works and what doesn't – opportunities for improvement,
- Review types of information you use when selecting survey targets from the CAPS Priority Pest list.

#### *Presentation of Pest-Specific Information*

Currently, pest-specific information is provided in CAPS Pest Datasheets and the online AMPS pest pages. The datasheets are challenging to maintain and the AMPS pages provide a limited amount of information. In order to improve quality and consistency we will

- Review your information needs so that we close information gaps while also cutting down on clutter, and
- Present options for simplifying the presentation so that frequently used information is readily accessible to you and easy for us to update.

#### *Objective Prioritization of Exotic Pests (OPEP)*

We may also cover OPEP at this meeting. If we do we will review how the Phase I (Impact) and II (Likelihood of Introduction) of the OPEP process is working, and get input on

what factors you use to inform survey priorities in your states. This information will be used in Phase III (Feasibility and Policy Considerations) of the OPEP process.