



# National CAPS Committee (NCC) Conference Call

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## CAPS Mission Update and Review

"The Cooperative Agriculture Pest Survey (CAPS) program's mission is to perform pest surveys through a national network of cooperators and stakeholders to protect American agriculture and natural resources."

Next Steps:

PD - Cross Functional Working group will be developing a draft framework to complete the work on developing desired outcomes, objective. Looking forward to discussing with NCC on the next call. These will lead to discussions related to Key Performance Indicators which the NCC will be involved.

## EWB/BB DDII Update

The Pest Detection CFWG has been working closely with the CAPSIS team on the NAPIS template that will be used for the FY21 EWB/BB Pilot Survey. The template will incorporate the new data fields that will be captured in the pilot. We have provided the four pilot states with the new data fields. We do not know whether this approach (using NAPIS to meet the needs of DDII) will work to scale up DDII across all CAPS and PPA Goal 1 Surveys. We will evaluate the findings with the DDII team after the survey season is over. We know that this will be a long term effort, as CAPS and PPA Goal 1 Surveys cover a large number of surveys and pests.

## Guidelines

The purpose of the 2022 CAPS Guidelines is to provide direction to the CAPS Program. Specifically, this year's guidelines focus on aligning activities to the new mission and simplifying approaches to organizing activities.

- The Pest Detection Cross Functional Working Group's goal was to streamline and simplify CAPS Guidelines as much as possible. The 2021 CAPS Guidelines were 16 pages in length; Currently, the 2022 CAPS guidelines are about 9 pages.
- The CAPS 2022 Guidelines include:

- The updated CAPS Mission Statement, “*The CAPS program’s mission is to conduct exotic plant pest surveys through a national network of cooperators and stakeholders to protect American agriculture and natural resources.*”
- A description of available funding as equal to FY2021.
- An increase in the percentage of National Priority Pest expected to be targeted in CAPS Surveys. Raising the number of pests to 60%. The goal is to slowly increase the number of surveys for National Priority Pests.
- Clarifies the travel amounts, capping out of state travel at \$3,000.
- Removal of references to PPQ Pest Detection Surveys or PPA Goal 1 Survey and solely focus on the CAPS Program.
- The removal of multiple survey types (designed, bundled and taxon) and simplifies a CAPS Surveys to include the 60% of National Priority Pests and allows cooperators the flexibly to determine optimal strategies.

## **ToBRFV - Data Entry**

Background of issues with Visual Inspection Data

- a. Inconsistent data in NAPIS
  - b. Inconsistent surveys completed
  - c. Unclear survey results
1. We are looking at Data Entry Requirements for ToBRFV for Approved Methods Page
  2. Goal is to finalized by next month
  3. We are looking for SSC’s to vet the data entry language to ensure it’s clear before finalizing.

Get your 2020 Data in if you have not

Current states planning FY 2021 surveys based on the Survey Summary Form are: AL, CO, CT, FL, KY, ME, MN, NV, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, RI, SC, TX, UT, and VT.

## **PPA 7721**

Currently in a holding pattern for the next announcement in FY2022.