



NCC Conference Call - Thursday, August 7, 2008

Minutes

Participants

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John Bowers	Erin Stiers
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- Pest Detection and Farm Bill update
 - Timeline:
 - ▶ July 29-31, 2008 - NCC meeting at PDC in Frederick, MD, to discuss provisions and implementation of Sec. 10201 of the 2008 Farm Bill, and begin to draft a Business Plan.
 - ▶ August 4-5, 2008 - Development of a rough draft of the Business Plan based on discussions the previous week.
 - ▶ August 6, 2008 - Jane Berkow briefed PPQ DA Rebecca Bech.
 - ▶ Week of August 3, 2008 - Roger Magarey's group in CPHST began the process of defining high-risk states, with an interim report due soon.
 - ▶ Week of August 10, 2008 - Matt Royer will brief PPQ Executive Team.
 - ▶ August 14, 2008 - NPB session on Farm Bill Implications: Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Provision.
 - ▶ September 1, 2008 - A draft Business Plan, borne from the 7/29-31/2008 meeting on Section 10201 of the Farm Bill and subsequent discussions, will be presented through channels to the Department for approval. A Communications Plan will be prepared, showing how we plan to seek input from other stakeholders.
 - ▶ October 1, 2008 - Final Business Plan to address Section 10201 is released to the public. APHIS submits an apportionment request to OMB in October, to begin using CCC funds in FY09.

PSS training announced

- Emails announcing the training will be forwarded to the NCC. As last year, SSCs will be invited to participate (see forwarded emails).



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Pest additions to the AHP Master Pest List

- Recommendations due to Lisa Jackson or John Bowers by COB Friday, August 8. See attached for list.

- National CAPS Meeting

- ▶ Progress to Date

- The Decision Memo with associated cost analysis and required forms was sent from Riverdale to DC on Thursday, August 6. It will be reviewed by the Agency and then the Department. The USDA Chief Financial Officer needs to sign off on it since it is a USDA-sponsored meeting costing over \$40,000. The delay was the result of USDA implementing new travel procedures.

- ▶ Expectations, Priorities, and Outcomes

- The major expectation that was expressed on the call was in relation to the Farm Bill. The overall consensus is that it is very important that participants in the meeting leave with a clear understanding of how the Farm Bill will impact the CAPS program. It boils down to answering the questions regarding the vision for CAPS; where do we go from here, what do we hope to accomplish in 3-5 years, how are we going to get there, and how will this new funding help us go where we need to go.

- The impact of Farm Bill funds on emergency responses also needs to be clearly communicated. This especially will benefit States with little capacity to respond to a new detection.

- The use and management of the commodity-based surveys needs to be examined in light of the Farm Bill emphasis on pathway- and risk-based surveys. Are they working? How can we leverage these surveys with the interests of the specialty crop coalitions?

- Data management was another big issue. The direction/relationship among the databases, especially ISIS and NAPIS needs to be clearly communicated. A new version of ISIS is coming out, and meeting participants would like to be able to demo the new version. The Technology Expo should provide that opportunity.

- ▶ Breakout Sessions

- The major portion of the discussion centered around possible breakout sessions. There was a strong consensus that the SPHDs should meet with the SPROs and that the PSSs should meet with the SSCs, either in PPQ or Plant Board regions (to make the number manageable). It was expressed that these partnerships are extremely valuable. If these groups would like to meet separately, then evening sessions may be the best time, and be in conjunction with team-building activities tied to CAPS topics (Central Plant Board did something similar).

- It was stressed that the SPHD/SPRO and PSS/SSC breakout sessions be very focused. The NCC should develop topics and issues that need to be discussed, and that the breakout groups be tasked with specific outcomes or recommendations. It was suggested that this would be a good time to revisit the roles and responsibilities of the various participants in the CAPS program since many are new to their positions. The outcomes of the breakout sessions also will be reported out to the meeting participants at large.

- As an example and suggestion, the SPHD/SPRO sessions could discuss some administrative issues dealing with cooperative agreements and accountability. With



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increased funding comes increased paper work, oversight, and accountability. This group could provide recommendations on how best to manage all of this and how to improve the effectiveness of the financial instruments to fund survey efforts from the Regional and State levels. Bruce Shambaugh and Steve Knight will put together a brief outline/proposal for the NCC.

- The SPROs, PSSs, and SSCs are encouraged to do likewise, and base themes around the impacts of the Farm Bill on the future (3-5 years or more) of various aspects of the CAPS program. Time is getting short, so we need to get moving on this. The NCC also needs to develop focused and substantive topics for discussion in these breakout groups. The meeting will be about getting work done.

- ▶ Other Topics

- There was some discussion on building into the agenda opportunities for networking. There is a lot to be done in a short period of time, but once we have a framework for the agenda, the NCC will look into where we can encourage networking.

- It was suggested that the NCC recognize new people to CAPS and/or their position. Suggestions were to introduce them to the group at large, and to place a sticker on their name badges. The social in the evening on the travel day also could be one way of making the meeting special and welcoming to those people.

Next NCC call will be on Thursday, September 4, at 11:00 eastern time

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CAPS FY10 possible pest additions:

The maximum number of additions for FY10 is 5.

These eleven are candidates only and the 5 do not have to be chosen from this list

Organism	Species	Common Name	Source
Mollusk	<i>Veronicella</i> spp. (<i>V. cubensis</i> , <i>V. sloanei</i>)		Mollusk Team
Arthropod	<i>Thaumetopoea proccessionea</i>	oak processionary moth	EPICA
Arthropods	<i>Aceria hibisci</i>	hibiscus erineum mite	OPIS
Arthropods	<i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i>	red palm weevil	OPIS
Arthropods	<i>Diabrotica speciosa</i>	cucurbit beetle	EPPO A1 list
Arthropods	<i>Thrips imaginis</i>	plague thrips	NPAG
Pathogen	<i>Phytoplasma</i> AP-MLO (syn = <i>Candidatus</i> <i>Phytoplasma mali</i>)	apple proliferation	EPPO A2 list
Pathogen	<i>Candidatus</i> <i>Phytoplasma prunorum</i>	European stone fruit yellows	QUADS
Pathogen	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>musacearum</i>	banana bacterial wilt	OPIS
Pathogen	<i>Mycosphaerella laricis-leptolepidis</i>	needle cast of Japanese larch	EPPO A1 list
Plants	<i>Fimbristylis acuminata</i>	pointed fimbristylis	APHIS Weed Team

note from Erin Stiers: John - I asked Craig Webb, Domestic Plant Pathologist Identifier, and he said that there are references in the literature that speak to PCR assays of both the pathogens in consideration. The only thing would be to obtain the primers to run those assays, and to clear their use through CPHST, if necessary.

note: The reference is made to the two phytoplasmas, apple proliferation and European stone fruit yellows.

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