



NCC Conference Call - Tuesday, March 10, 2009

## Minutes

### Participants

John Bowers	Kathy Handy
Brian Kopper	Melinda Sullivan
Kristian Rondeau	Susan Schechter
Jason Watkins	Eileen Luke
Dan Hilburn	Bob Rabaglia
Robert Dahl	Marty Draper
Vicki Smith	Kim Schwartzburg
Kenneth Calcote	Gary Cave
(For Benny Graves)	Lisa Jackson
Erin Stiers	Todd Dutton
Ken Carnes	Tim Bergstrom

Kim Schwartzburg informed the group that she will not longer lead the pest prioritization project, which develops the AHP Prioritized Pest List. Gary Cave, a risk analyst from the CPHST PERAL group in Raleigh, will take over as lead. Kim will remain on the prioritization team and stayed involved, and this change will allow her to pursue other projects. The CAPS Community thanks Kim for all of her effort and dedication, and welcomes Gary, whom we look forward to working with in the future.

Kim also notified us that the prioritization team will add four additional pests to the 2010 AHP Prioritized list. These pests were recently (or are currently being) analyzed by the New Pest Advisory Group (NPAG) and are imminent threats. The four species being added are: *Tuta absoluta*, Tomato leaf miner; *Otiiorhynchus dieckmanni*, Wingless weevil; *Chalara fraxinea*, casual agent of Ash dieback, and *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*, Red palm weevil.

Brian Kopper, Kristian Rondeau, and Bob Dahl gave an update from the Central Plant Board Meeting. The CAPS Program is responding to comments received at the CAPS Conference in Phoenix. Flexibility in survey is being addressed by the NCC, and a proposal for how surveys are presented in the guidelines is being discussed (see below). The CPB also was interested in issues involving access and validation of data in PHIS and ISIS. These are the types of questions that the PPQ Data Management Team needs to hear in order to respond and be responsive to state concerns. The SPROs on the NCC were asked to talk with the Plant Board members in their regions and forward issues and concerns, either through the NCC or the PHIS configuration Control Board. The white paper for PHIS can be found at:  
[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\\_health/plant\\_pest\\_info/phish/resources.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/phish/resources.shtml)

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Progress reports from members of the NCC on the action items from the NCC meeting in Raleigh were addressed. Follow up conference calls for topics at the CAPS Conference to give the CAPS community one more opportunity to weigh in have been held, or will be held shortly. Additional suggestions and recommendations will be incorporated into the Breakout Session Notes for the Conference, and posted on the CAPS web site. The NCC will review all comments with the goal of making the CAPS program better and responsive to our cooperators.

<http://ceris.purdue.edu/caps/adm2009/Phoenix2008/>

Erin Stiers, Kristian Rondeau, et al. have developed a template for the Small Grains Commodity Survey in ISIS. The plan is to test this template in the field with some pilot states this year. The lessons learned will help develop standardized templates for the CAPS/Pest Detection-funded surveys as the program transitions to ISIS for data entry. All templates developed for commodity surveys will become part of the commodity survey documents. The NCC still needs to discuss and communicate to the states what the transition will look like and a reasonable time frame.

Until the program is fully transitioned, NAPIS data entry will still be available. Kathy handy and the folks at NAPIS are working on commodity survey worksheets. Also, NAPIS is working on the validation rules for negative data entry based on Appendices M-1 and M-2 of the 2009 Survey Guidelines. These new worksheets should be available soon.

A proposal has been put forth to the NCC on how to present CAPS surveys in the 2010 Survey Guidelines as a way to include state survey flexibility and, at the same time, maintain a focus on high priority pests. The NCC will be sharing this proposal with their constituencies for comment and feedback. An NCC call is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 to discuss this proposal. Briefly, Priority Surveys (75% of total survey funding) will include three approaches; commodity-based surveys, state-bundled surveys, and pathway surveys. The pests in these surveys (or a high percentage of pests) must include pests from the commodity pest list or the 2010 AHP Prioritized list. Discretionary Surveys (25% of total survey funding) will include surveys not covered in the above surveys. The challenge to the states will be to fit pests of concern in their state in with one of the Priority Surveys. Multiple pests per survey is preferred for efficiency of survey. Please discuss this proposal, or any other ideas you may have, with your NCC representative prior to the March 25 call so that your suggestions can be brought to the table.

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