



Minutes

Participants

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Introductions and Good-byes

Introducing John Crowe as the new National Survey Supply Coordinator. John has responsibility for national oversight and coordination of the Survey Supply Procurement Program (SSPP), and is housed at PPQ HQ in Riverdale on the Emergency & Domestic Programs staff. John will be part of our monthly NCC conference calls representing the procurement program. As a former Pest Survey Specialist from Maine, John's field experience will benefit both CAPS and the SSPP.

At the same time we are bidding a fond farewell to Adam Silagyi. Adam has accepted a position with USAID as a Foreign Service Agricultural Officer. Adam will initially be stationed in DC before being assigned to an overseas post that has yet to be determined. We thank Adam for all his energy, commitment, and engagement in the CAPS program, and wish him well on his future assignment. Brian Kopper will facilitate a discussion among the PSSs in the ER to replace Adam on the NCC.

Farm Bill Update (from the Weekly Farm Bill Update)

On July 13-15, representatives from the National Plant Board, the Specialty Crops Farm Bill Alliance, the US Forest Service, USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and USDA's Agricultural Research Service met with APHIS to complete the evaluation and analysis of the 536 FY11 Section 10201 project suggestions that were received during the open period this year. The total request exceeded \$129 million, with the majority of suggestions falling into one of the following three goal areas: pest survey (goal 1), outreach and education (goal 5), and pest identification and technology development (goal 3). A draft report is being prepared that

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will describe the projects and activities the 10201 evaluation team identified as worthy of funding consideration and inclusion in the FY11 spending plan. Evaluations were based on three criteria: alignment with the goals of Section 10201, potential impact, and technical approach.

Moving forward, there are still many tasks to be completed before a final spending plan will be published. First, APHIS intends to contact many of the parties who submitted suggestions to request clarification and facilitate collaboration between similar suggestions that may benefit from broader cooperation and coordination. Additionally, since this is not a competitive grant program, APHIS has some flexibility with how Section 10201 funds may be directed to address unforeseen needs in the upcoming fiscal year. As such, APHIS must also identify potential projects and activities (primarily in the area of rapid response pest mitigation) that should be considered for funding, above and beyond what was suggested by stakeholders. Finally, prior to the release of the final spending plan, APHIS must seek the review and approval of the department. Once the tasks listed above are complete and departmental approval is granted, APHIS will release the FY11 spending plan – as close to October 1, 2010 as possible.

- Matt Royer

2010 CAPS Conference Update

No news yet on the approval for the CAPS Conference. Last we heard, the Decision Memorandum was in the Office of the Secretary.

EWB/BB Manual Update

Revision of the EWB/BB Manual is almost complete. The revised manual will consist of 30-31 pests, and be divided into two sections by types of survey; those pests with traps and lures, and those with only a visual survey. The Manual will be posted on the CAPS site in the next few weeks for review by the CAPS community. We will send out an announcement when it is posted.

Visual Survey for *Agrilus biguttatus* Update

A visual survey method for *Agrilus biguttatus* has been posted on the CAPS-Approved Methods website. We would like states to consider surveying for this pest using the new methodology in 2011, and to give us some feedback after the survey has been completed. Comments and suggestions are needed to help us decide if we want to go this same route for other pests in the

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future. Remember, this protocol is for this pest only. A survey method and code in NAPIS will be developed for surveys next year.

Appendix M Update

Appendix M is continually being updated. Lure information is being added and pest data sheets for pests on the AHP list, but not in a commodity document, are being developed and posted. If there are errors, corrections to be made, or anything else you would like to see to enhance the value of the site, please pass that information to your NCC representative or to Lisa Jackson and/or Melinda Sullivan. In the near future we will add a discussion feature in our new CAPS Resource and Collaboration site (see below) where comments, suggestions, and challenges to the approved methods can be offered and discussed. This will be the venue where you can discuss with the NCC, Lisa, and Melinda, alternative methods that you think the CAPS program should consider.

CAPS Resource & Collaboration Website

In August, the old CAPS Restricted site will be shut down, and traffic will be re-directed to the new CAPS Resource and Collaboration site. A lot of development work by the folks at Purdue has been going on, discussions with PPQ about functionality and use of the site, and now the site is almost ready for its public debut. In addition to the information in the old site, the new CAPS site will have a password-protected community and discussion section so that groups can collaborate on and discuss projects in a secure environment. More about this will come in a separate communication.

Draft Reporting Templates

Chris Pierce presented draft reporting templates to the NCC on the June conference call. In a follow-up discussion, the NCC had some comments and questions. An ad hoc group headed by Kristian Rondeau, Julie Van Meter, and Chris was charged with exploring the feasibility of standardizing reporting. If you are interested in participating, or have some thoughts on the subject you would like to share, please contact one of the above.

Next NCC call will be on **Thursday, August 5, at 11:00 am eastern time.**

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