



## Minutes

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### 2010 CAPS Conference Update

The CAPS Conference was approved officially on July 29, 2010, for Kansas City, MO, December 1-3, 2010. Hotels are being evaluated and a selection should be soon. A State Plant Health Director (SPHD) meeting will be in progress concurrently with the CAPS Conference. The SPHD only meeting will begin on Tuesday, November 30. There will be a 'joint' session for everyone on Wednesday, December 1, and the CAPS Conference will then continue till noon on Friday, December 3. Everyone will be expected to remain till noon on Friday. Late checkout times will be investigated for Conference participants. A justification letter and draft agenda will be prepared and made available to the states on the CAPS Resource and Collaboration site for those that need it to justify their travel. More information will be made available through the NCC as it becomes available.

### CAPS Resource & Collaboration Website

The old CAPS Restricted site was shut down, and traffic is being re-directed to the new CAPS Resource and Collaboration site (<http://caps.ceris.purdue.edu/>). The site is stable, ready to use, and supported by the folks at Purdue. Much of the information from the old site is available publically, however, enhanced content is available by logging in. The new CAPS site also has a password-protected community and discussion section so that groups can collaborate on and discuss projects in a secure environment. A series of webinars are being planned to demonstrate the features and capabilities of the new site. All SPHDs, SPROs, PSSs, and SSCs have access. If you are having problems logging in, contact Susan Schechter.

A new discussion thread was started for the NCC only in the Discussion Forum section regarding the CAPS Conference. Please read and respond.

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## Work Plans

CAPS work plans were due in the Regional Offices by August 16. If you have not submitted your work plans yet, please do so as soon as possible. One note regarding Farm Bill funding of surveys is that the cotton/cotton seed bug survey is not in the draft spending plan as it is not considered a specialty crop. Other plans will need to be made for states wishing to conduct this survey in 2011.

## Additional Pests

Several new pests have been added to the Additional Pests of Concern List posted on the CAPS site under Guidelines. Please review this list and consider them in your survey planning. The new pests added are: *Monsoma pulveratum*, green alder sawfly, recently detected in the Pacific Northwest; *Duponcelia fovealis* (no common name), detected in California, and *Callidiellum rufipenne*, cedar longhorned beetle, limited distribution in a few states and formerly in the EWB/BB manual (courtesy of Dick Bean).

## Survey Supply Database

The Survey Supply Database opened on August 16, and will remain open through September 17 for placing trap and lure orders for the 2011 survey season. New supplies have been added, such as panel and bucket traps, to support the CAPS-approved survey methods. After September 17th, requests for changes and modification will need to be approved by the regional program manager (Brian Kopper and Kristain Rondeau) via your local PPQ office. Only those traps listed will be provided. Miscellaneous traps required will need to be purchased with money from an agreement or other sources. Keep in mind the approved methods when considering your trapping needs.

## Pest List Working Group (PLWG)

The CAPS Pest List Working Group will begin its annual review of the Commodity Pest Lists very soon. Now is the time for everyone to review the Commodity Pest Lists and suggest any pest additions or deletions to the lists. Send all suggestions to Lisa Jackson and Melinda Sullivan who will organize the discussion for the PLWG.

## AHP Prioritized List

The CPHST AHP team met to consider our request to include a pathway component into the model. We will talk more about this on the next NCC call.

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Just as the Commodity Pest Lists are reviewed annually, the AHP Prioritized List also is re-evaluated annually. Please also send your AHP suggestions for additions and/or deletions to Lisa and Melinda. Remember that for inclusion on the AHP list the pest has to meet several criteria.

### CAPS-Approved Methods

The approved survey methods always will be updated as new information becomes available. We will try and publicize any significant changes as they occur. However, any changes made after work plans have been submitted and survey supply orders have been made will only be considered as recommended, and will not be required for negative data entry until the following year. Please also keep in mind that the approved methods are based on the science of early detection of plant pests, and that methods used in a delimiting survey may be different that what is recommended for early detection. Follow the guidance of the response program for the appropriate trap and lure or sampling method to use when conducting a delimiting survey.

The next NCC call will be on **Thursday, September 2 , at 11:00 am eastern time.**

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