

REGIONAL INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) CENTERS



Promoting Cost-Effective, Environmentally Sound Decisions That Benefit Agriculture, Consumers And Communities.



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In September of 2000, CSREES established four Regional Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Centers as a means of strengthening its connection with stakeholders and research and extension programs throughout the United States.

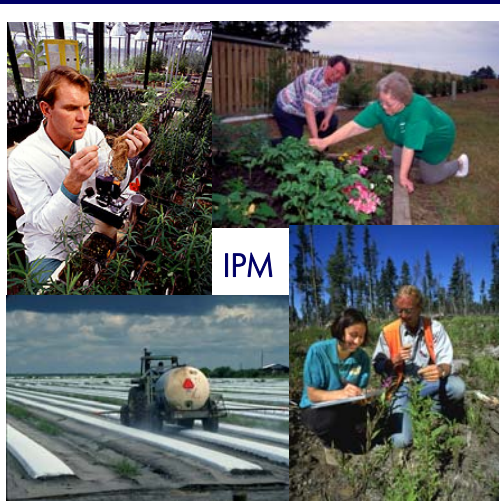
The centers function as a national pest management information network designed to respond quickly to information needs in both the public and private sectors.

Although centers are regionally based, inter-regional collaboration is an important component of the program's success.

Regional IPM Centers

- Increase the effectiveness of stakeholder investments by enhancing interdisciplinary and multi-organizational IPM research and outreach efforts .
- Provide timely and high-quality information on IPM practices and use patterns to government agencies and stakeholders.
- Organize responses to emerging regional and national issues.
- Administer regional IPM grant programs under CSREES oversight.

Who Benefits From Regional IPM Centers?



Commercial Agricultural and Urban Production Systems Personnel – Each Regional IPM Center collaborates with the National Plant Diagnostic Network (NPDN), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), USDA Forest Service, National Plant Health Board, Master Gardeners' Program, and the Land-Grant Universities (LGUs) to address new and emerging pest management issues through regional and national educational efforts.

Consumers – Regional IPM Centers support efforts to ensure that food production systems, landscaping techniques, parks management, school systems, and homeowners are employing the best management practices for pest management.

Regulators – Regional IPM Centers promote informed regulatory decision making and play a key role in linking state and federal regulatory agencies to university-based IPM expertise.

Extension and Research Personnel – Regional IPM Centers share information on funding opportunities with LGU extension and research personnel and collaborate with the LGU system to disseminate their current research results and IPM recommendations.

Products and Ongoing Activities of the Regional IPM Centers

Crop Profiles

Descriptions of IPM and crop production practices including regional differences and worker activities that occur throughout the growing season.

Pest Management Strategic Plans

Commodity based documents developed by stakeholder groups to identify and prioritize future IPM needs, strategies, and related information for IPM specialists, regulatory agencies, and decision makers.

Regional and National Pest Alerts

New and emerging pest issues are addressed through the collaborative development of regional and national pest alerts. In cooperation with the LGUs and other pest management educators, the Regional IPM Centers have distributed over 1.2 million copies from the pest alert series. Current pest alerts include West Nile Virus in North America, Multicolored Asian Lady Beetle, Soybean Rust, Sudden Oak Death, Soybean Aphid, *Ralstonia solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2, and the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug.

Regional and National Training Programs

The Regional IPM Centers in cooperation with the LGUs, NPDP, APHIS, ARS, National Plant Health Board, Master Gardeners' Program, USDA Forest Service, and State Departments of Agriculture have developed and delivered regional and national training opportunities. Featured regional and national training programs include topics such as Soybean Rust and Sudden Oak Death.

Providing Leadership for the National IPM Symposium

Regional IPM Center personnel continue to provide leadership for the National IPM Symposium and encourage collaboration through sponsorship arrangements with APHIS, ARS, the Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP), Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE), IR-4, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and contributor arrangements with numerous corporations involved in food production and IPM implementation.

National Website for the Regional IPM Centers www.ipmcenters.org

The national site provides information about commodities, pests and pest management practices in the United States. It also offers access to the complete Crop Profiles and Pest Management Strategic Plans databases, an IPM Expertise database, and information on pesticide use, current pest management research, funding opportunities, and links to many related sites.

The national site also contains links to sites for each of the four Regional IPM Centers. At each of the Regional IPM Center sites, individuals can access regional specific databases, news, information, and announcements. Each site has a unique blend of helpful information which can be obtained through newsletters, pest alerts and training opportunities.



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