

Project Type E: State Network Projects (SNP's)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Problem, Background and Justification

Because of Pesticide re-registration and new registration requirements under FQPA, there continues to be a need for US/EPA and USDA to obtain information on pesticide use and needs within Delaware. Input from stakeholders is essential to the effective functioning of the Pesticide Information Network. The activities described in this proposal will facilitate information transfer and permit informed regulatory decision-making.

B. Objectives and Anticipated Impacts

1. Serve as the primary information source for federal regulatory agencies regarding the use of pesticides and other IPM tactics in Delaware. Respond in a timely fashion to requests for information from these agencies, record and document responses.
2. Help process subcontracts between the NE IPM Center and the University of Delaware.

Anticipated Impacts (See attached Logic Model)

Short Term: A flow of information to federal agencies will be achieved

Medium Term: Pesticide Regulators will use information from Delaware when making decisions.
Stakeholders in Delaware will be able to voice their needs and will learn of opportunities. They will be able to take action to prevent loss of critical pest control products.

Long Term: Pest control methods will be available for Delaware commodities.
An adequate and affordable food supply will be available.

The goal of the IPM Roadmap is to increase nationwide communication and efficiency through information exchanges among federal and non-federal IPM practitioners and service providers. The Delaware Information Network for Pesticides and Alternative Strategies will work towards realizing this goal.

C. Approach and Procedures

1. King will forward requests for information to the appropriate discipline specialist making note of the date for which the information is needed. King will reply back to the requesting agency with the response. Program records will be maintained on these communications. King will attend commodity meetings and pesticide-user meetings to

stay abreast of pest control measures used in the state.

Timetable:

Start: Upon initiation of the grant period.

Completion: Upon termination of the grant period.

2. King will help process all subcontracts between the Northeastern IPM Center and other entities of the University of Delaware in order to minimize total indirect costs for the Center. King will pass funds from the Northeastern IPM Center to any programs or individuals of the University of Delaware that have contracts with the Center.

Timetable:

Start: Upon initiation of the grant period.

Completion: Upon termination of the grant period.

D. Evaluation Plans:

Short Term:

Program records will be examined to determine if information was provided to federal agencies.

Medium Term:

King will ask US-EPA if they used information from responses to requests in making regulatory decisions.

An e-mail survey will be sent to stakeholders asking if they were able to voice their needs, learn of opportunities, and take action on pesticide regulatory issues.

Long term:

King will ask University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Agents and Delaware State University Cooperative Extension Agents to list those commodities for which pest control products/ methods were lacking during the duration of this grant. King will also ask agents to list those commodities for which pest control products/ methods were adequate.

COOPERATION AND INSTITUTIONAL UNITS INVOLVED:

Delaware Cooperative Extension

UD Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology

UD Department of Plant and Soil Science

Delaware State University

KEY PERSONNEL:

UD Extension Pesticide Coordinator, King, will oversee this project and prepare reports. (CV on page 6)

UD Extension Specialists Whalen, Mulrooney, Everts, and VanGessel will be asked to respond to information requests.