

**New Jersey Information Network for Pesticides & Alternative Strategies  
Advisory Committee Meeting – September 27, 2002  
Summary and Action Items**

**Attendees:**

Karen Anderson, Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey  
George Hamilton, Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) Pest Management Office  
Patricia Hastings, RCE Pest Management Office  
Joseph Ingerson-Mahar, RCE Pest Management Office; (Rutgers Vegetable IPM Scouting Program)  
Stephen Johnston, Rutgers Agricultural Research and Extension Center  
Claudia O'Malley, NJDEP Office of Mosquito Control Coordination  
Audrey Moore, US EPA Region 2  
Peter Nitzsche, RCE of Morris County  
Jane Nogaki, NJ Environmental Federation  
Carl Nordstrom, New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association  
Dean Polk, Rutgers Fruit Research and Extension Center; (Rutgers Fruit IPM Scouting program)  
Roderic Schmidt, New Jersey Mosquito Control Association  
Carl Schulze, New Jersey Department of Agriculture; Division of Plant Industry  
Peter Shearer, Rutgers Agricultural Research and Extension Center  
William Tietjen, RCE of Warren County; (Fruit Working Group)  
Philip Traino, Vegetable Growers' Association of New Jersey, Inc.  
Mark Vodak, Rutgers Cooperative Extension; (Forestry program)  
Ann Waters, NJDEP Pesticide Control Program

George Hamilton brought the meeting to order at approximately 9:20 am with introductions by each of the Committee members. He introduced agenda (handout) and the revised schedule of tasks (handout) for the NJinPAS project.

**Listsers**

George Hamilton highlighted the implementation of an online enrollment form (handout) for the NJinPAS listsers.

Mark Vodak suggested the addition of another listserv to serve tree growers that produce an agricultural commodity such as Christmas trees. It was determined that NJinPAS would add a new listserv 'NJinPAS Forests and Xmas Trees'. Pat Hastings will make arrangements with the University, add 'NJinPAS Forests and Xmas Trees' to the online registration form, and post an announcement of its availability to the NJinPAS Network listserv.

Karen Anderson inquired about the possibility of an organic listserv focusing on the changes of the National Organic Program. The issue of limited information resources on this was noted, and it was decided that Karen, George Hamilton, and Pat Hastings would meet to discuss possible solutions.

Pat Hastings reported the enrollment statistics on the NJinPAS Network versus other topical NJinPAS listsers. She asked for support in increasing the Listsers' enrollment.

Members of the Advisory Committee agreed to distribute flyers to their stakeholders on NJinPAS Listserv enrollment. Approximately 850 flyers were picked up for: the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey, US EPA Region 2, NJ Environmental Federation, New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association (NJNLA), Rutgers Fruit IPM Scouting program, New Jersey Mosquito Control Association, New Jersey Department of Agriculture; Division of Plant Industry, Rutgers Agricultural Research and Extension Center, RCE Forestry program, NJDEP Pesticide Control Program, Vegetable Working Group, Fruit Working Group, Vegetable IPM Scouting program.

Peter Shearer and others suggested the advertisement of the Listservs customized to the various editions of the Plant & Pest Advisory newsletters. It was noted that submittal deadlines for the final editions for the season are as soon as next Wednesday. Pat Hastings will write and submit narratives to Cindy Rovins for the following editions of the Plant & Pest Advisory: Cranberry; Fruit; Field and Forage Crops; Landscape, Nursery, and Turf ; Organic; and Vegetable Crops.

Pat Hastings noted that some Advisory Committee members had contributed information for posting to the Listservs. Specific thanks were made to the NJDEP's Tom Kazcsorski and EPA's Audrey Moore. All members are welcome to do so.

### **Website**

George Hamilton reviewed the NJinPAS, Pesticide Applicator Training, and Integrated Pest Management which are the 3 major categories of the RCE Pest Management Office website (these were introduced at the last Advisory Committee Meeting). He highlighted the additions or significant revision to the NJinPAS pages since the last Advisory Committee Meeting.

The revised 'NJinPAS Links' page (handout) was discussed. George Hamilton noted that the 'Pesticide Applicator Training Links webpage' (handout) could also be used to list appropriate hyperlinks. The Committee requested the addition of the NJDEP to the 'NJinPAS Links webpage', rather than solely the Pesticide Applicator Training Links webpage. Additionally, Pete Nitsche suggested the addition of the CDMS weblink. Pat Hastings will investigate this further. The Committee was invited to submit link recommendations or web graphics for their own group's logo to Pat Hastings.

The new 'NJinPAS Listserv Postings' page (handout) was discussed. Pat Hastings highlighted the sort function of the page. Steve Johnston and Karen Anderson requested more complete names for the postings.

The new 'NJinPAS Pesticide Registration' page (handout) was discussed. Pat Hastings provided that this page was distinct from the 'RCE New Jersey-Specific Pesticide Labels' webpage in that the NJinPAS pages contain a listing of all of the Section 24Cs and 18s per NJDEP's Tom Kasczorski's records. Pat noted that Tom sends her notices of these actions for posting to the Listservs and to this webpage as he receives or issues them. She also indicated that about two thirds of this year's Section 18 pdf-ed pesticide labels were provided as hyperlinks on the page. No recommendation was made as to how to procure all such labels as pdf files for posting.

The Committee discussed the need for notification of the registration of new pesticides in New Jersey as they occur (and would be good to be posted on the web). This issue was left open ended since the availability of this information is unknown and may require a significant level of effort to maintain under NJinPAS. Pat Hastings will contact Tom Kasczorski to discuss possibilities.

Peter Shearer requested statistics on the website. George Hamilton provided an overview of the 'WebTrends' report generated by Computing Services. Pat Hastings further indicated that although there is evidence that the PMO Home Page is entered, this is not the case for individual site categories such as NJinPAS, IPM, or PAT. The Committee recommended that a flyer similar to the one on listserv enrollment be developed on the website for distribution with pesticide applicator certification information sent out by County Extension offices. Pat Hastings also explained the importance of having the site links being provided on other websites since many search engines use this to prioritize their search results; the Committee was invited to post the NJinPAS links on their own websites.

### **Crop Profiles**

George Hamilton introduced the status of the crop profiles to be completed using the 'NJinPAS Crop Profile' webpage (handout). He provided that Dean Polk's Apple Crop Profile due this year was complete and that Wes Kline's Green Pepper Crop Profile for this year and Eggplant Crop Profile for next year are anticipated to be submitted shortly. Joe Mahar reported that he anticipates submitting next year's Carrot Crop Profile ahead of schedule.

George Hamilton requested nominations for other crop profiles needed for New Jersey. Joe Mahar suggested that sweet potatoes with its significant oriental beetle problem would be a good candidate. Joe volunteered to write it. A submittal schedule needs to be agreed upon.

Dean Polk noted that there are several minor crops that would be good crop profile candidates because they would be greatly affected by loss of individual pesticides. It was agreed that Joe Mahar would present this to the Vegetable Working Group and Bill Tietjen would present this to the Fruit Working Group and report back to George Hamilton any candidate suggestions.

Jane Nogaki inquired about the possibility of a crop profile for turf, while Carl Shulze asked about honey bees. George Hamilton will discuss with USDA and/or the Northeastern Pest Management Center the acceptability of these as minor crops eligible for USDA funding under the NJinPAS program. The result of this discussion will be reported via the NJinPAS Advisory Committee listserv.

### **Pest Management Strategic Plans (PMSP)**

George Hamilton reported that the Peach PMSP Working Group had met this year ahead of schedule on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Workgroup Leader Peter Shearer indicated that the draft version is underway.

George Hamilton reviewed that carrot will be the next likely candidate for a PMSP due to the carrot weevil problem. No formal determination was made as the carrot crop profile is a prerequisite for the carrot PMSP.

### **Pesticide Use Surveys**

Peter Shearer noted that the pesticide surveys posted on the 'NJinPAS Pesticide Survey' webpage (handout) were dated. Ann Waters provided that the NJDEP site has the more recent releases and would contact DEP's Curt Brown to make arrangements to get this information to Pat Hastings. Ann will also check with Curt and/or Roy Meyer to see if it is appropriate to post them as contact persons on the NJinPAS Pesticide Use Surveys webpage.

Regarding the 2001 private applicator pesticide use surveys, Ann Waters indicated that the growers receive 1 CORE credit for submitting their report to the NJDEP. Ann agreed to inquire about the possibility of commercial applicators receiving the same kind of CORE credit for reporting their pesticide use. Pat Hastings will post Ann's results to the NJinPAS Advisory Committee listserv.

### **Other Issues**

#### **IPM Survey**

The committee discussed at length the design and content of the 'Survey for Homeowners' provided as a handout. The Committee recommended that the focus group be expanded to New Jersey residents rather than just homeowners so as not to exclude any economically disadvantaged groups; the survey's demographic questions would need to be revised accordingly. Much discussion ensued regarding language used in the survey for pesticides and a suitable definition of IPM.

Related to homegrounds issues, Rod Schmidt requested that a webpage for backyard control of mosquitos be considered.

#### **School IPM**

George Hamilton introduced the Pest Management Office's School IPM website and resources developed under an EPA Region 2 Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Project (PESP) grant. The awareness brochure developed under the project was distributed to the Committee members.

Audrey Moore noted that EPA Region 2 has put together a CD-ROM of IPM resources that they are having duplicated.

Jane Nogaki briefed the Committee on recent developments in School IPM legislation. She provided the group with a brochure entitled 'Safe Pest Control for New Jersey Schools' and a fact sheet on S-137 The School Pesticide Protection Act of 2002 (SPPA). Ann Waters advised the group of the availability of the NJDEP's 'IPM Minimum Criteria' at their website. Discussion ensued regarding the development of a list of low impact pesticides to be made available to schools as a resource. Jane Nogaki submitted that she had hoped the University would help with this.

### **Commodity Working Groups**

Peter Shearer reported that he is a member of the Northeastern Pest Management commodity working group for tree fruit, and that the group is working on a survey for distribution to New Jersey growers. He asked if NJinPAS could be the vehicle by which these surveys were generated and distributed. George Hamilton said yes but that funding for this would be needed. Phil Traino and Carl Shulze suggested that the State Agricultural Statistics Service would be a cost-effective option. Jane Nogaki added that she is a member of a similar commodity working group for Greenhouses, and that they posted their survey on the web. Jane asked if the NJinPAS topical listserv could be used to post such a survey. Pat Hastings replied that she could post the availability of the survey posted at a particular weblink for downloading by those interested.

George Hamilton adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:30 pm.