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Article on the web offerings of the regional Pest Management Centers (source of our New Jersey Information Network for Pesticides and Alternative Strategies!). There is a great deal of information compiled the website <http://www.pmcenters.org> using the menu.

For the newsletters specifically cited see <http://www.pmcenters.org/Public/news.cfm?USDARegion=National%20Site&site=Producers>.

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### U.S. REGIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT CENTERS

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 \* Pest Management Newsletters Multiplying \*  
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Judging by the truck load of pest management (PM) related news-letter titles listed on the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Pest Management Centers website, PM information dissemination is alive and buzz-ing in the USA. By clicking on "News/Alerts," then "Pest Management Newsletters," on the website <http://www.pmcenters.org> the intrepid web traveler can access over 70 periodic newsletters emanating from 34 states. And there are others not here listed.

The offerings run the gamut from general to crop or pest specific. Most of the periodicals have a geographic bias, but not all. Many include detailed PM, or scouting, or safety procedures. A large number either spring to life or increase their frequency of publication during cropping seasons, only to lapse into hibernation during the winter while others soldier on year round.

Most are web-accessible and (just like the opus you are reading) transfer the onus of printing to the recipient to eliminate printing and mailing costs. Some newsletters include graphics in addition to text. Most are written by individuals with front line, hands-on field/ lab experience. Some have started out bravely, but stumbled over budget slashes and personnel departures. Many eschew graphic niceties for a straightforward, pure information approach.

Whatever the editorial slant and production level, the aggregated result bulks as a massive country-wide effort and a testament to the importance and sensitivity of modern day, effective pest management information dissemination and communication.