Excellence in IPM Award
Nominations sought for 2018 by the New York State IPM Program

Criteria for Nomination
Candidates for an Excellence in IPM Award are individuals or organizations whose IPM work in New York State deserves special recognition. Excellence in IPM Awards recognize effort in:
- developing new IPM tools;
- implementing or evaluating IPM methods in their operations, businesses, or organizations;
- encouraging demonstrations and adoption of IPM;
- promoting IPM and bolstering the adoption of IPM practices; or
- educating others about IPM.

The NYS IPM Program (nysipm.cornell.edu) seeks nominations of people working in agricultural IPM (fruit, vegetables, ornamentals, and livestock and field crops) and in community IPM (schools, homes, landscapes, turf, and municipalities). New Yorkers involved in communicating about IPM through the media are also eligible.

Previous IPM award winners have worked with the NYS IPM Program, commodity groups, private organizations, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and in other settings to help develop and promote the use of IPM. Learn about our previous award winners, nysipm.cornell.edu/awards

Qualifications to Nominate
To submit a nomination, you must be either: (a) be an employee of Cornell University or Cornell Cooperative Extension, or (b) serve on a NYS IPM Program committee.
Alternatively, you may co-nominate with someone who meets the above criteria.

No self-nominations will be accepted. Re-nominations of people suggested in other years are welcome if the materials are updated.

What to Submit
1) A signed letter on letterhead, not exceeding two pages, with the following information:
   - Your name, title, organization, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and affiliation with the nominee.
   - Nominee's name, title, organization, address, telephone number, and email address.
   - Reasons for the nomination, including a description of the nominee's operation (e.g., farm, consulting firm, business) if applicable, IPM philosophy, IPM innovations, and other activities relevant to IPM. If you are nominating an organization, describe the goals, business products or services and its IPM philosophy and practices.
   - Suggestions for suitable venues for presenting the award, for example the statewide Fruit and Vegetable Expo or the NYS Turf & Grounds Expo.

*Photos of the nominee practicing IPM are appreciated (but not required) at the time of submission, or later if you are notified that your nominee has won an award.
*A Word version of your letter is also appreciated (but not required) for easier quoting in press releases and articles. Email messages are not acceptable.
2) At least two supporting letters of recommendation from people who have been positively affected by the nominee, also signed, on letterhead. (Word versions also appreciated. Email messages not acceptable.)

3) Additional supporting information (newspaper articles, letters, photographs, etc.) as appropriate.

**Note:** Nominating letters, and letters of support, may be seen by the award winners or be quoted in press releases or other venues. If you do NOT want the nominee to see your letter, or to have a quote attributed to you, clearly state this in your letter.

**Where to Submit**
Address letters to Dr. Jennifer Grant, Director, NYS IPM Program
Submit nominations and supporting materials to:
Janet Garlick, Administrator
ilg2@cornell.edu
NYS IPM Program
630 W. North Street
Geneva, NY 14456

**Note:** We will accept nominations and supporting letters as PDF soft copies, if the letters are signed and on letterhead. As stated above, Word versions are also appreciated and email messages are not acceptable.

**Deadline**
Nominations must be received at the IPM Program office on or before **Monday October 1st, 2018.**

**Determination of Award Winners**
The NYS IPM Program staff work with Cornell Cooperative Extension, the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and the IPM Operating Committee to select Excellence in IPM Award winners from the nomination pool.

**Presentation of Awards**
IPM awards are traditionally presented within 12 months of winners being notified, at a professional meeting or conference appropriate to the individual’s area of expertise. Such events allow award winners to be recognized by their colleagues and friends. Your suggestions on an appropriate venue for presentation of the award to your nominee are welcome and greatly valued.