



Cornell University
New York State
Integrated Pest Management Program

Excellence in IPM Award
Nominations sought for 2021 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.

IPM award winners work with the NYS IPM Program, commodity groups, Cornell Cooperative Extension, private organizations, schools, the NYS pest control industry, or in other settings to help develop and promote the use of IPM.

Previous IPM award winners are not eligible for a second award. Learn about our previous award winners and who they are at [We Give Awards: IPMers Who Make a Difference, nysipm.cornell.edu/awards](http://nysipm.cornell.edu/awards).

Qualifications to Nominate

To submit a nomination, you must be either: (a) 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) **Nomination Letter:** A signed letter on letterhead (if applicable), 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 *Empire State Producers' Expo* or a *New York State Turfgrass Association Conference*.



- 2) **Supporting Letters:** At least three and a maximum of five supporting letters of recommendation from people who have been positively affected by the nominee, also signed, on letterhead (if applicable). Email messages are not acceptable.
- 3) **Pictures** (optional): 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.
- 4) **Extras** (optional): Additional supporting information (newspaper articles, letters, etc.) as appropriate.

Note: Nominating letters, and letters of support, might be seen by the award winners or be quoted in press releases or other articles or venues.

Where to Submit

Address letters to:

Dr. Alejandro A. Calixto, Director, NYS IPM Program

Submit nominations and supporting materials as an email attachment, or hard copy, to:

Amanda Grace, Administrator

arw245@cornell.edu

NYS IPM Program

607 W. North Street

Geneva, NY 14456

Note: Letters of nomination and support must be signed, and will be accepted as PDF soft copies or hard copies. Email messages are not acceptable.

Deadline

Nominations must be received at the IPM Program office on or before **Wednesday, November 12th, 2021.**

Determination of Award Winners

Nomination packages are evaluated by the IPM Operating Committee, nysipm.cornell.edu/about/our-setup/ipm-operating-committee/, with final selections determined by the IPM Executive Committee.

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.

