About NYS IPM

Statewide Grower Advisory Committee

The Statewide IPM Grower Advisory Committee is a group of New York agricultural producers who meet annually to advise on our plans and activities. The Committee was established in 1992 by the governor of New York to ensure that grower input is an important factor at both the policy-making and the operating levels of our program. Members are invited to react to ideas and help set the agendas for upcoming meetings. Members are also asked to inform their industry groups about IPM Program developments and to share their perspectives with state legislators, the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, and Cornell’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

NYS IPM Operating Committee

The IPM Operating Committee creates policies and directives that guide the NYS IPM Program. Jennifer Grant, director of the Program, chairs the committee, which consists of associate directors of research at Geneva and Ithaca, an associate director of Cornell Cooperative Extension, chairs of the IPM working groups, the director of the Plant Industry Program of the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, an environmental program specialist with the DEC, and the director of the Cornell Pesticide Management Education Program.

Community IPM Coordinating Council

The Community IPM Coordinating Council consists of governmental officials, pest managers, Extension personnel, environmental advocates, and IPM staff members. This diverse networking council meets twice a year to dialog about pest management needs, initiatives, and priorities and to coordinate educational efforts that enhance local resources. Members also invite proposals from their groups and encourage the development of long-term educational programs. The Community IPM Coordinating Council is a group of New York agricultural producers who meet monthly to address IPM and other pest management issues. The Council’s mission is to serve as an important resource for the policy-making and implementation of effective and sustainable pest management programs in New York State.

IPM Working Groups

Working groups help the IPM Program to organize long-range plans, identify priorities, evaluate proposals made to our grants program, and encourage teamwork among the scientific disciplines at Cornell University. Our Mission

The New York State Integrated Pest Management Program develops sustainable ways to manage pests and helps people to use methods that minimize environmental, health, and economic risks.

Grants Program

The New York State IPM Program provides funds to scientists, Cooperative Extension field staff, growers, pest managers, and others who develop, test, and demonstrate IPM methods. Each year, if funds are available, we issue a request for proposals that includes a list of priorities developed by our IPM Working Groups. For information regarding requests for proposals, visit nysipm.cornell.edu/about/grants-program.

New York State Integrated Pest Management Program

Spotted Lanternfly, a new, destructive invasive species. Photo: L. Barringer, PA Dept. of Agriculture, Bugwood.org

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With nearly 20 rubbery fingers on each hand and 20-plus hands, this cultivator is designed to dislodge, uproot, and bury small weeds while leaving the crop unscathed. Yet centering it on the rows isn’t easy. A camera hooked up to a unit that moves the cultivator left or right, comes in handy here.

School IPM. That’s what got the Community IPM program off the ground in New York State. Because whether you have kids in school or not, no one wants kids exposed to pests or pesticides. After nearly 20 years of state funding, we continue to search for simple but comprehensive ways for schools to assess and address problems posed by sneaky pests.