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 us 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. The director of the NYS IPM 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.

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.

CHAIRPERSONS (All working groups are co-chaired by the NYS IPM coordinator of the corresponding commodity):

Community: Kyle Wickings, Entomology, Cornell AgriTech
Livestock/Field Crops: Margaret Smith, Plant Breeding and Genetics, Cornell University
Ornamentals: Margery Daughtrey, Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology, Cornell University
Vegetables: Meg McGrath, Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology, Cornell University
Fruit: Awais Khan, Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology, Cornell AgriTech

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.

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.
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.