

What is a Pest Management Strategic Plan (PMSP)?

A PMSP is a comprehensive, collaborative plan that addresses the pest management needs and priorities of

- production agriculture (by individual commodity)
- residential and public areas
- institutional facilities
- recreational environments
- natural resources and wildland areas

PMSPs may focus on a particular state, region, or the nation and are developed by workgroups consisting of

- growers and other pest managers
- commodity association representatives
- land-grant institution specialists
- food processors
- crop consultants
- Interregional Research Project No. 4 (IR-4) representatives
- other observers
- environmental organization representatives
- personnel from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regional IPM Centers, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture

The plans take a pest-by-pest approach to identifying current management practices (chemical and nonchemical) and those under development. Plans also identify priorities for research, regulatory activity, and education and training programs needed for transition to alternative pest management practices. Completed PMSPs are hosted on the National IPM Center Web site at <http://www.ipmcenters.org>.

Stakeholder Involvement

Facilitated workgroups of 15–25 diverse stakeholders are convened for one- to two-day workshops.

The PMSP is drafted from the workgroup's comments, reviewed by the workgroup members, finalized, and posted on the National IPM Center Web site.



What are PMSPs for?

PMSPs serve as a very effective conduit for communication from growers and other pest managers to regulators, policymakers, granting agencies, and other interested constituencies.

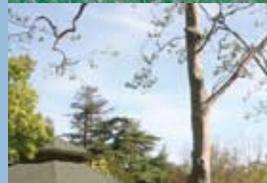
These documents give a realistic view of pest management issues and strategies used in the field, and they provide a forum for agricultural producers and other

pest management professionals to set meaningful research, regulatory, and educational priorities.



What is the Role of the WIPMC in the Development of PMSPs?

- The WIPMC has an ongoing Request for Applications on its Web site to support the development of PMSPs.
- The WIPMC facilitates the coordination of multi-regional PMSPs.
- PMSPs are one of the mechanisms the WIPMC uses to identify and prioritize IPM needs in the region.



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PMSP Impacts

COMMODITY ACTION GROUPS

Formation of Commodity Action Groups comprised of university researchers, state Departments of Agriculture, USDA representatives, and growers.



BMPs

Crop specific Best Management Practices developed and adopted by growers.



REAL-WORLD INFORMATION

Provides current, real-world information to regulators, giving a realistic picture of commodity production practices. (Less dependence on default assumptions.)

COLLABORATION

Fosters multi-state and multi-regional collaboration resulting in less duplication of efforts and more judicious use of limited dollars.



GRANTS

Grant funds exceeding \$1 million have been received that address stakeholder priorities identified in Pest Management Strategic Plans.



REDUCED-RISK PESTICIDE ALTERNATIVES

Successful registration of reduced-risk pesticide alternatives to organophosphates, carbamates, and other more toxic pesticides.

COMMUNICATION

Provides a venue for increased USDA and EPA communication.

