

ALASKA PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FY 2004 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Workgroup Meeting Coordinator and 2003-2004 Summary Impacts and Achievements Report

A. Objectives

1. Alaska Efforts
Maintain a working pest management advisory committee for Alaska that is capable of regional input and activity
2. Regional Efforts
 - a. APMP PI will coordinate meetings, activities and summary report of PNW Workgroup.
 - b. APMP PI will collaborate with regional PI's to develop intra/interstate crop profiles, pest management strategic plans (PMSP), rank and prioritization of emerging issues and the development of regional publications.
 - c. APMP PI will participate in regional "Alignment to the IPM Roadmap" efforts including the collaboration with other regional projects (as developed).

B. Accomplishments

1. Alaska Efforts
APMP maintained an adhoc Advisory Committee in 2003-2004. Little changed federally for Alaska Growers in 2003-2004, so grower members were less focused on new/alternative pest management and more focused on new crops (onions) than in previous years. Lack of IPM-based faculty at UAF, and their unwillingness to generate multi-state research efforts, continues to reduce proactive pest management activities statewide.
2. Regional Efforts
 - a. One PNW Workgroup Meeting was held in Portland, OR - June 28, 2004. APMP PI Coordinated the meeting. Minutes can be found in the PNW Workgroup Annual Report, which accompanies this FY 2004 Accomplishment Report. Emerging issue prioritization was discussed and will be addressed in the newly released WRIPM Center's RFA. Travel budgets for FY 2004 PNW Workgroup meetings were coordinated and held by the WRIPM Center. It is my recommendation that unspent travel funds be rolled-over into the individual state PI's accounts to help cover FY 2005 PNW Workgroup travel. Two meetings, one in

Alaska and one in Portland are proposed, which will cost more than the single meeting held this past June in Portland.

- b. The APMP did not participate in any regional Crop Profiles or PMSP's in FY 2004, because none were pertinent to Alaska's agriculture. A Trees as Crops Profile was completed in 2004, to complete our fifth crop profile to date. Alaska has only participated in one PMSP to date (Potatoes), but would be interested in participating in a regional forage grass PMSP when enough interest is generated in the PNW.
- c. No regional Alignment to the IPM Roadmap projects were developed in FY 2004 that included Alaska.

Alaska remains isolated from the rest of the U.S. in many ways, including its pest management needs. We continue to seek IPM-based management help for a wide variety of pest problems from the PNW. Although this appears to be a priority of the WRIPM Center and USDA/OPMP, the reality remains that academically, it receives limited support and favor, especially for eager young scientists with the energy and interest to make it happen. The APMP continues (through WRIPM Center proposals) to seek funding to address Alaska's major pest problems.