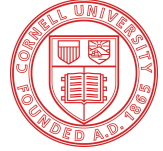




The NYS Agricultural IPM Program will end in 2010



If state funding for Agricultural IPM is not restored, we lose:

Money savings and improved profitability...

- The Network for Environment and Weather Applications (NEWA) connects electronic weather stations in farmers' fields to forecast models, for example potato growers can save \$25,000 each on sprays in one year from late blight forecasts.
- Our large NY food companies require grower/suppliers to document their practice of IPM. IPM Elements developed in NY for 34 crops help growers with this essential documentation.
- Organic production manuals developed by the IPM Program allow growers of 13 crops to tap into the organic marketplace and the typical 30% premium for growing their crops organically.
- NYS IPM's pheromone trap network provides critical information for sweet corn growers to prevent damage from worm pests. Three other trap networks address serious pests of field crops.

Pesticide use reductions and protection of public health and the environment...

- The Environmental Impact Quotient (EIQ), developed and maintained by NYS IPM, allows farmers to choose the least toxic pesticide when they have to use one. The EIQ web page gets 10,000 hits annually. The model is used worldwide.
- Of Cornell's 10 annual pest management Guidelines, 4 (Vegetable web version, Grapes, Trees & Shrubs, Homes & Grounds) would not be published without NYS IPM staff. Four additional (Berries, Tree fruit, Field crops, Turfgrass) have significant content contributions from NYS IPM staff. The Vegetable Guidelines website alone gets 300,000 hits from 5,000 users annually.
- NEWA pest forecasts for apples, onions, potatoes, tomatoes and grapes allow growers to spray pesticides only when absolutely necessary, often reducing applications.
- We research and promote biocontrol for dairy barns, greenhouses and sweet corn.

Educating New Yorkers...

- In 2009 we made 251 presentations on specific IPM pest control options to 12,696 people.
- The NYS IPM website is the sole source for many organic IPM manuals, IPM guidelines, EIQ information, newsletters, and many other IPM resources. It gets 1,000,000 hits annually.

IPM information is timely...

- IPM staff produce weekly e-newsletters for field crops, vegetables, grapes and ornamentals that directly contact more than 10,000 New York farmers to give them timely information about impending pest problems.
- IPM Guidelines, NEWA, trap networks and other IPM information is available online 24/7.

This state investment goes a long way...

- NYS IPM staff have used the \$1 million agricultural IPM allocation to leverage \$2-3 million more for New York by obtaining grants from federal and private sources. Without the funding from New York State, these dollars and impacts will be lost.