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Pest Management Solutions for Specialty Crops and Specialty Uses

IR-4 Monthly Update

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Spring PMC/CLC Meeting
Washington, DC
March 12-14

**Canadian AAFC/PMC
Priority Setting Workshop**
Gatineau, QC
Hilton Lac-Leamy
Mar. 19-21

WSR SLR Meeting
Mt. Vernon, WA
April 9-10

Dear Sherri,

This monthly email provides information about IR-4 program accomplishments, announcements, resources and upcoming events.

Food Use Program

In October, there were 38 new tolerances obtained for 133 new uses [View the October report here.](#)

The annual IR-4 National Research Planning Meeting (NRPM) was held at IR-4 HQ Nov. 1-2. During October, Regional Field Coordinators and HQ staff determined acceptable upgrade projects and assigned field sites for all upgrade and "A" priority projects from the Sept. FUW. Additionally, plans for 2019 performance research are being made to complete ongoing projects and to initiate research on the 8 "H+" projects.

The 2019 residue Tentative/Scheduled Studies list is now available on the IR-4 website ([click here](#)), and the performance trials continue to be added to the plan as trial needs are confirmed. Preparation of all 2019 draft protocols is in progress.

Environmental Horticulture

2018 Research Activities

During October, we continued to receive and process research from the 2018 experiments and from previous years.

2019 Research Activities

We have started to plan for 2019 research by revising the 2018 protocols for use in 2019. Draft protocols will be posted shortly. The Research Selection Portal will be open from Nov 1 through Nov 28. Contact your Regional Coordinator for more information.

Numbers through October

85% of the research has been received for 2016 projects
73% of the research has been received for 2017 projects

28% of the research has been received for 2018 projects
433 unique visitors viewed 1,484 EnvironHort website pages

Research Summaries

During October, we completed the Fusarium Efficacy Summary and Literature Review. We also posted the Flumioxazin + Pyroxasulfone Crop Safety Summary.

Invasive Species

In October, we submitted the final annual research report to APHIS and continued compiling the research conducted over the last 5 years for Impatiens Downy Mildew.

SCRI Protecting Pollinators

In October, our research team continued collecting and started analyzing pollinator attractiveness data on top environmental horticulture crops. We continued analyzing residue samples, and developing comparisons of available tools for key pests of greenhouse crops.

Integrated Solutions

For the Integrated Solutions priority setting workshop, the top priorities identified were: damping-off in hemp, bacterial disease control in onions, parasitic weed control in processing tomato, cucumber beetle control in watermelon, wireworm control in sweet potato, verticillium wilt control in eggplant and nematode control to avoid tuber decay in yam. IR-4 believes that this Integrated Solutions approach, being a hybrid of the Food Use Pest Problems without Solutions research (PPWS) and elements of the traditional Biopesticide research program, will better service the needs of the IR-4 stakeholders. These priorities will serve as a roadmap for 2019, and help to address the high priority pest management voids for the grower community.

International Activities

2018 Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues was held in Berlin, Germany 18-27 September 2018. They reviewed 19 compounds for MRLs. The report should follow by the end of the year. Data Generators are now in the process of making submissions for the 2019 JMPR, data submissions are due November 30th. The tentative date for CCPR is the week of April 9th, 2019.

In September, there was a modification of an existing Maximum Residue Levels established by the European Union for Potassium phosphide. [View the September report here.](#)

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