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## Facilitating Registration of Sustainable Pest Management Technology for Specialty Crops and Minor Uses

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Monthly UPDATE

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### Events

#### **IPM Symposium**

Renaissance Baltimore  
Harborplace Hotel  
Baltimore, MD USA  
March 19-22, 2018

#### **Canadian Priority Setting**

Hilton Lac Leamy in Gatineau,  
Quebec  
March 20-22, 2018

#### [Western Region IR-4 Training](#)

Webinar 11am - noon  
April 3, 2018

#### **Northeast Region IR-4 Meeting**

Univ. Of MD  
College Park, MD  
April 17-18, 2018

#### **Western Region IR-4 Meeting**

Dear Sherri

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

### Food Use Program

In February, there were 19 new tolerances (5 for Isoxaben, 3 for Fomesafen, 11 for Rimsulfuron) with 174 total new uses. [You can read the entire report here.](#)

The complete 2018 Food Use Tentative/Scheduled Studies list (pdf) is available on the IR-4 website ([click here](#)). Also available on the website are a few remaining DRAFT residue and performance protocols (many have been finalized/signed) for review and final protocols after they've been signed ([click here](#)). Comments and suggested protocol revisions should be directed to the Study Director responsible for the study.

Dates and venue for the 2018 Food Use/Biopesticide Workshops are Sept. 19-21 at The Marriott St. Louis Grand in St. Louis, MO. Agendas, room information, etc., will be communicated in coming months via this monthly report and other announcements.

### International Update

The 50th Session of Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues will be held at the Shangri-La Hotel Haikou, 256 Binhai Road, Xiuying District, Haikou, Hainan Province, 570311, P. R. China. The session will start Monday, 9 April and finish on Saturday, 14 April.

### Ornamental Horticulture

#### **Numbers through February**

89% of the research has been received for 2015 projects  
81% of the research has been received for 2016 projects  
48% of the research has been received for 2017 projects

#### **Research Summaries**

During February, we finalized and posted 4 summaries:  
Bacterial Disease Efficacy, Dimethenamid Crop Safety,

Davis, CA  
April 24-25, 2018

**Southern Region  
IR-4 Meeting**  
Embassy Suites  
Cary, NC  
August 15-16, 2018

**North Central Region  
IR-4 Meeting**  
East Lansing, MI  
August 20-21, 2018

**2018 Food Use /Biopesticide  
Workshops**  
The Marriott St. Louis Grand  
St. Louis, MO  
September 19-21, 2018

[Western Region IR-4 Training](#)  
Webinar 11am - noon  
July 10, 2018  
November 6, 2018

**Western Region IR-4  
Training**  
UC Davis  
February 26-27, 2019

Pendimethalin + Dimethenamid-p Crop Safety, Prodiamine +  
Isoxaben Crop Safety.

#### **2018 Research Activities**

During February, we continued to refine protocols for the 2018 research season. The Regional Field Coordinators started contacting researchers about tentative plans. Please check the website for the most recent version of the protocols prior to starting experiments

#### **APHIS Invasive Species Projects**

In February, we held a meeting with APHIS to summarize research activities in the boxwood blight and downy mildew projects. Notes will be forthcoming

#### **SCRI Protecting Pollinators**

In February, we held a stakeholder-research meeting in St Louis to present status on the various research objectives including pollinator attractiveness data from the 2017 field season, pollen and nectar residue trials, and the consumer willingness-to-pay in-lab survey with eye-tracking. Notes will be forthcoming.

We continued to add posts about pollinator literature and update the ongoing activities on the Protecting Pollinators website (<https://protectingbees.njaes.rutgers.edu/>).

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