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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

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

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

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

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

Dear Sherri

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

### Food Use Program

In March, there were 16 new tolerances (2 for Kasugamycin, 13 for Fluopicolide, 1 for Flutianil) with 59 total new uses. [You can read the entire report here.](#)

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.

For Food Use project prioritization we will again use an on-line project nomination process (Aug. 23 - Sept. 4) to reduce our list of researchable projects for possible 2019 priorities before we arrive in St. Louis. Please be advised that new project requests (PCRs) should be submitted as early as possible for us to secure proper vetting by registrants prior to the workshop (Aug. 21 is the deadline for new project requests to be available for nomination and possible discussion at the workshop). NOTE: some registrants cannot commit to providing response to new PCRs before the workshop if they receive them after July 1st, so please submit new PCRs to IR-4 HQ as early as possible.

We hope you put Sept. 19-21 on your calendar - see you in St. Louis!

### Ornamental Horticulture

#### **Numbers through March**

89% of the research has been received for 2015 projects  
81% of the research has been received for 2016 projects  
53% of the research has been received for 2017 projects

#### **Research Summaries**

### 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 24, 2018  
November 6, 2018

### Western Region IR-4 Training

UC Davis  
February 26-27, 2019

During March, we finalized and posted 4 summaries: Afidopyren Crop Safety, Borer, Beetle & White Grub Efficacy, Fluopyram Crop Safety, and Pydiflumetofen + Azoxystrobin + Propiconazole Crop Safety.

### 2018 Research Activities

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

### Invasive Species Projects

During March, the first downy mildew review for an ornamental horticulture crop was submitted to Plant Disease, and we revised the manuscript after receiving peer-review comments. **Spoiler alert: it was accepted in early April and the First Look can be found here:** <https://doi.org/10.1094/PDIS-12-17-1968-FE>

### SCRI Protecting Pollinators

In March, we began to review and compare the bee-attractiveness data from the field observations in 2017, we continued with systemic insecticide residue sampling in pollen and nectar, and we analyzed consumer willingness to pay premiums for different types of labelling for plant materials in retail operations.

We also put final touches on the 'Find Pollinator Plants' search page, and it is now live! Check it out today on the Protecting Pollinators website <https://protectingbees.njaes.rutgers.edu/>

## Biopesticide & Organic Support Program

Biopesticide and Organic Support Program Assistant, Krista Coleman, recently attended the Organic Grower Advisory Meeting organized by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County. This meeting is an annual event that brings together farmers and researchers to discuss the hurdles and successes of growing in New Jersey. Representation from growers included, but was not limited to: Terhune Orchards, Specca Farms, Muth Family Farms, Honey Brook Organic Farm, Cherry Valley Cooperative Farm, and Chickadee Creek Farm. For information related to the meeting, visit:

<https://nofanj.org/>

<http://plant-pest-advisory.rutgers.edu/>

<https://njaes.rutgers.edu/ultra-niche-crops/>

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