



Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan Funding Opportunity Fiscal Year 2014

November 2013

*Practice Prevention, Avoidance,
Monitoring and Suppression to
prevent or mitigate pest
management risks for identified
natural resource concerns.*

What is an IPM Plan CAP?

An Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) which documents planned activities and practices that will be performed to Prevent, Avoid, Monitor, and Suppress (PAMS) pests on agricultural land. This approach places emphasis on the first three items, reduces the need for chemical or mechanical Suppression techniques, and may reduce their potential environmental impacts.

An Integrated Pest Management Plan is an ecosystem-based strategy that is a sustainable approach to manage pests using a combination of techniques such as chemical tools, biological control, habitat manipulation, and modification of cultural practices and use of resistant varieties. Methods of chemical applications are selected in a manner that minimizes risks to human health, beneficial and non-target organisms, and the environment.

An IPM Plan is developed in accordance with the NRCS Criteria outlined for this CAP. Among others items, the plan includes:

- Site specific assessment of environmental risk associated with existing and alternative pest suppression system.
- Planned conservation practices and IPM techniques to mitigate potential environmental and health hazards.
- Pest Monitoring strategies that utilize damage and economic thresholds to determine when to treat.
- Cultural techniques and activities to prevent and avoid pests and disease.
- Recordkeeping

In addition to IPM principles and practices, the plan may include other supporting conservation practices such as Conservation Crop Rotation, Cover Crop, and Nutrient Management. These practices can help to make your crops more resilient to pests and disease, may mitigate some adverse effects of pesticides, and are potentially eligible for some funding in a future Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) contract.

Developing an IPM Plan

IPM Plans will be developed by an independent Technical Service Provider (TSP). You will be responsible for

contacting and hiring the TSP. You can find the names of certified TSPs at <http://techreg.usda.gov/>, or through your local NRCS office listed below.

Payment Information

The NRCS payments for an IPM Plan are fixed, regardless of what a TSP charges for the plan. Participants are responsible for paying the difference.

The current payment rates are:

Component	2014 Payment Rate General / HU*
< 50 acres	\$1,472 / \$1,766
51-250 acres	\$1,884 / \$2,261
>250 acres	\$2,944 / \$3,532

Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis. However, applications received by **December 20, 2013** will be considered for funding in 2014.

Need More Information? Contact:

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Houlton, ME 04730-9527
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Cumberland and York Counties

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