

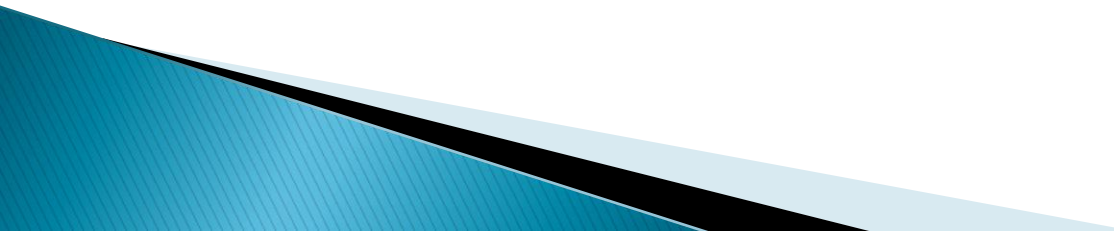
USDA's Perspective on Schools IPM

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USDA Commitment to Urban IPM

- ▶ Priority set in National Roadmap for IPM
- ▶ IPM in Schools Pest Management Strategic Plan
 - Funded \$10 K from each regional IPM Center plus \$10K from USDA-CSREES
 - Working Groups Funded by IPM Centers
 - Mark Shour and Tom Green, North Central
 - Lynn Braband and Kathy Murray, Northeastern
 - Fudd Graham and Janet Hurley, Southern
 - Dawn Gouge, Western
 - The leads for these groups are serving along with Sherry Glick as *de facto* lead coordinators for the national effort
 - Entomological Society of America (ESA) School IPM Network

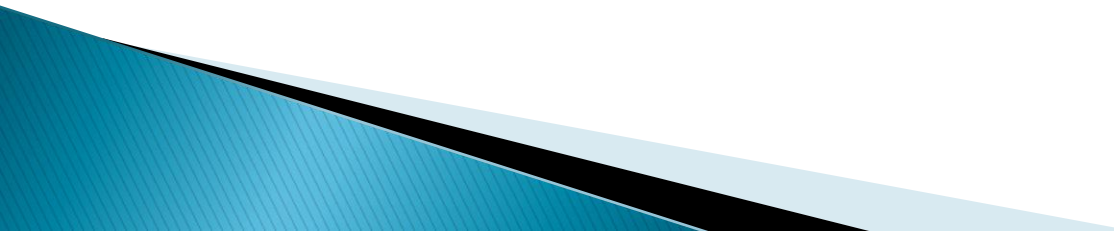
Working Groups

- ▶ Regular interaction between regional working groups
 - ▶ All groups have met and have started on priority setting for their regions
 - ▶ Groups are developing report cards on implementation of IPM to secure baseline data for the 50 states
 - ▶ Track IPM adoption from baseline data over time
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Collaborations

- ▶ USDA, EPA, Regional IPM Centers, Land Grant Universities
 - Developed IPM in Schools logic models
 - Pass through funding from EPA to identify indicators to evaluate implementation of IPM in schools
 - Providing IPM education for managers of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) projects
 - National IPM Evaluation Group

USDA IPM Educational Programs for Urban Environments

- ▶ Various USDA programs support development of IPM in K–12
 - Seen as an important avenue to educate youth on pest management, pesticides and agriculture
 - ▶ Sponsorship of symposia by Regional IPM Centers with examples of IPM programs that provide school curricula
 - ▶ National Botanic Gardens IPM demonstration project
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Liaison with Other Agencies

- ▶ Herb Bolton is shared staff with USDA and Department of Defense
 - Brings IPM to military schools, housing and buildings
 - Member of National IPM Committee of Federal Agencies

USDA Commitment

- ▶ USDA has increased its support of urban IPM through various programs
- ▶ Changing demographics have resulted in adding pest management in the urban environment to better serve citizens