

Minutes from CAPS Committee meeting on December 19,2007

The state CAPS Committee met on December 19, 2007 at 1:00 pm at the Dean's Conference room, 137 Waters Hall at Kansas State University. In attendance were Erin Stiers, USDA-APHIS, Russ McKinney, USDA-APHIS, Craig Webb, USDA-APHIS, Doug Jardine, KSU Plant Pathology, Walter Fick, KSU Agronomy, Jon Appel, KDA, Megan Kennelly, KSU Plant Pathology, Glenn Salsbury, KDA, Sharon Dobesh, KSU-IPM Coordinator, Jeff Vogel, KDA, Bill Scott, KDA, Judy O'Mara, KSU Plant Pathology, and Laurinda Ramonda, CAPS coordinator.

Introductions were made and then the current surveys were discussed. The surveys are Cereal Crop Nematode to begin in April, Witch Weed was completed in August, Exotic Scarab Beetle was started with root ball surveys in October and will begin in March with new stock in nurseries, Emerald Ash Borer was done with outreach this summer and will continue this spring, and Karnal Bunt will begin when wheat harvest starts.

State specialists gave updates on their projects. Jeff Vogel talked about the Witch Weed survey and it encompassed 93 of the 105 Kansas counties of sorghum and corn. The results showed that all fields were negative of Witch Weed and the data was uploaded to NAPIS with their GPS readings.

Jon Appel talked about the plans for the Cereal Crop Nematode survey to begin when wheat breaks dormancy. The plan is to hire to 2 temporary employees to survey fields in the western 1/3 of the state between March and May. Approximately 700 samples will be taken and GPS readings will be used for the locations. It was also mentioned that it would be a good idea to create a fact sheet for what we a looking for.

Glenn Salsbury talked about the fall root ball survey which yielded some chafers. This will continue in the spring when new stock starts to arrive at the live plant dealers. He also told about collecting 12 bundles of firewood from dealers to try to rear insects. Five of the bundles did have bark beetles emerge.

Erin Stiers told us that the federal government is still under a continuing resolution. She also explained that the survey proposals for the next Kansas fiscal year would be operating under the 2006 budget which was less than this year. Also changes in CAPS included writing only work plans instead of proposals and work plans. Work plans must include at least 75% of pests on the national pests of concern list and 25% of pests on the state pests of concern list. She also said that data from surveys are currently being entered in NAPIS and they might be trying to push to use ISIS for national data entry of results. Work plans will become public under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006. She informed us that committees are formed to work on what data needs to go into NAPIS.

Project proposals submitted for the Kansas fiscal year, July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009 will be the 2nd year survey for Cereal Cyst Nematode (middle 2/3 of the state) and Karnal Bunt.

These were the only ones submitted because of the work plans going off of the 2006 budget.

Erin and Laurinda spoke about the up coming Emerald Ash Borer Survey proposals. Forestry has a grant, the Great Plains Tree and Forest Invasives Initiative, to do outreach and inventory and we will be putting in a proposal for an Emerald Ash Borer Survey doing trapping this summer in areas where ash trees are prevalent.

We will be working on submitting our surveys on a calendar year basis for the 2009 survey year. The Core project will most likely stay on the Kansas fiscal year.

Questions arose about the Karnal Bunt survey and if we would ever stop doing it. It seems as though this will be a survey that will continue for many years because it is needed for exports and marketing.

Doug Jardine told us that Soybean Rust and Soybean Aphids were first found in sentinel plots this year. There were a total of 14 sites in 9 counties with approximately half of these being sentinel plots.

Discussion on what should be on the state pests of concern list. It was decided that Erin and Laurinda would look at what is on the surrounding states and regions lists. We would then come up with a set of criteria before deciding what should be on our list.