

2007 Oklahoma State Contact Report For the Southern Region IPM Center

1. Outcomes

A. State Contacts

1. Serve as primary contact for federal regulatory inquiries

Oklahoma received 14 responses for the reporting period. The 14 requests were forwarded on to specialists for more information or direct comment by the specialists. The state contact made 3 comments directly and the others depended on specialist's response. Some responses were sent directly to grower groups such as comment periods for certain products. Challenges for Oklahoma on response are that we are dependent on specialist input to make quality responses or specialist direct response. A reminder a week before the deadline could be helpful in giving time for us to remind specialists to supply that information.

2. Responses to other entities (strongly encouraged)

Oklahoma responded to questions from entities such as Aerial Applicators and Ag Retailers on 2,4-D, Picloram and Dicamba; OK Department of Transportation and Turf groups on the status of MSMA; American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE) on picloram and soil fumigant cluster; Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry (ODAFF) on diquat for canola, metolchlor on sesame; Growers groups and tolerances for crops such as canola, sesame, sweet sorghum, switchgrass. Responses were also given to the Poison Control Center, Allen Canning Company.

3. Establish and maintain a stakeholder network

Oklahoma contact maintains a strong network with the state IPM coordinator, Pesticide Coordinator and Ir-4 liaison. Interaction is almost on a weekly basis which allows for IPM need to be discussed for state needs. Oklahoma state contact maintains a very tight relationship with ODAFF concerning IPM needs and pesticides especially undertaking Section 18 and 24c requests from stakeholders. State priorities are also communicated with OSU specialists with IPM duties to shape upcoming Oklahoma needs.

The Oklahoma SC meets or attends major stakeholder meetings throughout the state. The SC attended or met with the Oklahoma Agriculture Aviation Association (OAAA), Oklahoma Agribusiness Association(OARA), Oklahoma Crop Consultants (CCA), Oklahoma Pest Control Association(OPCA), Oklahoma Vegetation Management Association (OKVMA), Oklahoma Greenhouse Growers Association (OGGA), Oklahoma Nursery and Landscape Association (ONLA), Oklahoma Turf-grass Foundation (OTRF), Oklahoma Grain & Feed Association(OGFA), Oklahoma Farm Bureau, Oklahoma Peanut Commission, Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, and ODAFF.

These meetings along with direct contact with these groups allow for quick relay of information to and from these groups to the Oklahoma State Contact

4. Coordination and oversight of IPM Documents in the state

Coordination of IPM documents is prioritized by first crops that do not have crop profiles and PMSP and then the age of the documents. Also the state contact works closely with specialists to complete crop profiles requested by specialists or commodity groups to assist in further research and grant efforts.

5. Expertise list update

"The file containing updated IPM expertise for Oklahoma State University was (corrected OR verified as correct) by a communication with SRIPMC staff on Nov 11 2008

6. Annual meeting

The state contacts for Oklahoma were not able to attend the annual meeting at Roanoke, VA on Nov. 12-13, 2007 due to earlier scheduled conflicts. The state contact informed IPM center of this conflict and communicated any state information requested by the IPM center for the annual meeting. Travel funds were reallocated for other IPM meeting such as the Southern Region School IPM meeting.

7. Additional activities

A monthly newsletter is published and participation in the Oklahoma School IPM program to facilitate better pest management in Oklahoma Schools.

B. IPM Documents

No IPM Documents were scheduled for Oklahoma for this reporting period.

2. Prioritization of Crop Profiles and PMSPs

Annual assessment prioritizing Crop Profiles and PMSPs

Crop Profiles for Oklahoma Crops/Commodities

Low Priority (crop profile developed and/or revised within last 3 years):

Cotton (last updated: 03/14/2005)

Wheat (last updated: 05/13/2005)

Cattle (last updated: 01/2006)

Peanuts (last updated: 1/2006)

Canola (last updated 11/2007)

Spinach (last updated 11/2007)

Medium Priority (crop profile more than 3 years old):

Watermelons (last updated: 06/20/2003)
Pasture/Rangeland (last updated: 7/24/2003)
Alfalfa (last updated: 10/01/2002)

High Priority (crop profile more than 6 years old):

Greenhouse Crops (last updated: 8/01/1999)

High Priority (crop profile not available):

Grain Sorghum (in production), Poultry, Swine, Goats, Soybeans, Corn, Rye, Oats, Turf-grass (in production), Nursery, Residential and Industrial Pests, Pecans, Grapes, Peaches.

Pest Management Strategic Plans for Oklahoma Crops/Commodities

Low Priority (PMSPs developed and/or revised within last 3 years):

Stored wheat (08/2006)
Turfgrass in the Southern U.S. (10/21/2004)

Medium Priority (PMSPs more than 3 years old):

None

High Priority (PMSPs more than 6 years old):

None

High Priority (PMSPs not available):

Cattle, Watermelon, Cotton, Peanuts, Spinach, Canola, Sorghum, Corn, Soybeans, Alfalfa, Wheat, Pasture/Rangeland, Goats, Poultry, Swine

3. Web Site

This project's website is found at <http://www.pested.okstate.edu/sipmc.html> here).

The site:

1. Addresses regional priorities established by the Southern Region IPM Center
2. To the best of our knowledge is compatible with regional and national IPM Center sites to the extent that information on the SNP sites can contribute seamlessly to the larger information databases maintained regionally and nationally.
3. Includes contact information for the program and the project leader
4. Includes or is linked to (provide url) a project description, abstract, or summary for the State Contact Project.
5. Includes or is linked to <http://pested.okstate.edu/pdf/report2007.pdf> all annual progress reports for the State Contact Project.
6. Complies with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments to the Workforce Investment Act of 1998

7. Includes links to the Southern IPM Center and other appropriate entities

The home page:

1. Prominently displays, near the project or site heading, the phrase "the OKLAHOMA component of the Southern IPM Center."
2. Include the statement "This site is supported, in part, with funding from the Southern IPM Center."

All pages:

1. Include the phrase "the Oklahoma component of the Southern IPM Center," with the words "Southern IPM Center" hyperlinked to the Center web site.
2. Include an indication of the date created or the most recent update (whichever is more recent), and the name of a person responsible for maintaining the page.

4. Impacts

Impacts of this project to stakeholders is that it serves as a clearinghouse and central office to find pest management options and tools available to growers and specialists. This has become even more important as you see a increase in non-traditional cropping such as sesame, biofuel crops, canola, and other crops traditionally not grown in Oklahoma. These new alternatives provide many questions in pest management such as what products and tools are available to meet their pest management needs and the Oklahoma contact can help in being that first contact in finding new products or answering regulatory questions such as tolerances on crops and putting together section 18 and 24c packages.

5. Discussion

The Oklahoma State Contact strives to meet all that is required of it by the Southern IPM Center. Constraints are that all individuals involved have other job duties other than those required by the State Contact. Communication on a regular basis by the IPM Center would help in keeping information flowing back and forth between the states and center. Automated reminders of requests would help in those requests not getting lost in the "email" shuffle. Putting the subject title in the information requests would make sorting and keeping track of information requests much easier especially when multiple requests are requested at the same time.

The IPM Centers will continue to play an important role in pest management as we start to shift some of our agriculture away from traditional uses. Biofuel crops will pose their own new problems with pest management and I look for the IPM Centers to help in meeting the needs of this new cropping system.