National Clean Plant Network (NCPN) Update 2009

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NCPN – A Brief History > 2005 - 2009

- 5 Existing U.S. Clean Plant Programs met at UC-Davis in 2005 to Discuss Early NCPN goals
  - Establish Regional Clean Plant Centers
  - Initially focus on fruit crops
  - Secure sustainable funding

- NCPN Steering Committee formed in 2006
  - Identify and draft initial NCPN goals/objectives
  - Report on history of existing clean plant programs
  - Propose national workshop with a broader audience

- NCPN Workshop – May 2007
  - Discuss/refine goals and objectives
  - Draft Mission and Vision Statements
  - Draft a Strategic Plan

- NCPN Implementation 2008
  - NCPN ‘Federal’ MOU
  - Farm Bill 2008
  - Stop-Gap Agency Funding Sources

- NCPN Governance Formation 2008-2009
  - Core Working Group and Tier 1 National Body
  - Tier 2 Commodity Bodies Chartered
    - Grapes
    - Tree Fruits (Pomes and Stone Fruits)
  - Tier 3 Regional Bodies Chartered
    - Grapes

- NCPN General Meeting – March 2009 Pending
  - National Governance Body Roll-Out
  - Develop and Ratify a Business Plan
  - NCPN Cooperative Agreement Funding Program

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Summary of NCPN Governance – Through February 2009

NCPN Governing Body

- Tier 1
  - CWG
  - Support Staff

- Tier 2
  - Fruit tree CPN Governing Body
  - Grape CPN (GCPN) Governing Body

- Tier 3
  - Eastern GCPN
  - Western GCPN

No Regional networks at this time

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National Clean Plant Network Governance
National [Core Working Group (CWG) and Tier-I] - UPDATE

Nat’l Governance CWG and Tier 1

- Tier 1 Governing Body – Selected
- Nat’l / General Meeting – March 25-26, 2009
- MOU between APHIS, ARS, CSREES – Signature Planned for March 26, 2009
- NCPN Business Plan – Ratification Planned at NCPN General Meeting

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NCPN CWG and Tier 1 - Update
National Clean Plant Network Governance – National (Primary or Tier-I) - UPDATE

NCPN Governing Body

- Invited members (5-7) must be state or federal employees and have voting rights
- SME can be non federal or state employees with no voting rights
- Invites proposals for funding
- Makes the funding distribution decisions among the commodity clean plant networks
- CWG has no voting rights but can veto the governing body recommendations

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NCPN CWG and Tier 1 Governance

Core Working Group

Murali Bandla – APHIS
Tom Bewick – CSREES
Gail Wisler - ARS

NCPN Coordinator

Erich Rudyj - APHIS

NCPN CWG Admin Support

Tammy Kolt - APHIS

National Governing Body Tier 1

Ken Rauscher – MI
Tom Wessels – WA
Wayne Dixon – FL
Joseph Postman – ARS
Bill Dickerson - APHIS

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APHIS/PPQ
Program Realignment – Update
Impact on NCPN
Internal APHIS NCPN Program - Realignment

Quarantine Pest Analysis and Support (QPAS)

Accreditation and Certification

National Clean Plant Network (NCPN)

Nursery Accreditation and Certification

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February 2009
NCPN General Meeting – Update
Washington, DC
March 25-26, 2009
NCPN General Meeting – March 25-26, 2009

• Purpose
  – Introduce CWG and Tier 1
  – Update on General NCPN Issues
  – Update on Tier 2 / 3 Activities
  – Discuss / Ratify Business Plan

• Highlights
  – MOU Signing Ceremony
  – Roll Out NCPN Funding Program

• Special Topic
  – Citrus Clean Plant Concept

• Location
  – U.S. Nat’l Arboretum, Washington, DC

• Participants
  – About 70-80 Anticipated
  – Registration Opened Feb. 20, 2009

• Special Sessions
  – APHIS/PPQ Exec. Team - Concurrent
The USDA ‘NCPN’ MOU
A Status Update

USDA Partners:
- APHIS – Quarantine Programs
- ARS – Research Activities
- CSREES – Outreach Initiatives

Purpose:
- Establish ‘Core’ Group for NCPN Structure
- ‘One USDA’ mission support
- Defines role of each Agency
- Communicates concepts to stakeholders
- Synergize, share, and coordinate resources

Proposed MOU Activities:
1. Working Group - Program Implementation
2. Stakeholder Consultation Process
3. Strategic/Operational Planning
4. Program Priority Setting
5. Program Support – Facilities, Staff, Methods
6. Foundation Blocks – Certification Schemes
7. Germplasm Collection Improvement
8. Diagnostic Guidelines and National Standards
9. Research and Methods Development
11. Extension, Education, and Outreach
12. Resources Coordination

Status:
- ✓ To be signed on March 26, 2009

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NCPN Business Plan - Update
NCPN Business Plan – An Update

Covers 5 Critical Areas of NCPN Activity

1. NCPN Governance and Infrastructure
2. Program Operations
3. Research and Methods Development
4. Extension and Outreach
5. Quality Control

Status - Update

• Status
  – Formal Draft Stakeholder Review
  – Discussion on March 25-26, 2009

• Current Necessity
  – Needed for ‘Release’ of Farm Bill NCPN Funding

• Action
  – Internal Use Draft being prepared for USDA use w/OBPA and OMB

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Farm Bill of 2008 – An Update
Connection to the NCPN Business Plan

including

Section 10202 >>> NCPN
Section 10201 ‘e’ >>>> Nursery Certification
The USDA Secretary shall establish “National Clean Plant Network” of clean plant centers for pathogen diagnosis and elimination to (1) produce clean propagative material and (2) maintain blocks of pathogen-tested plant material throughout USA.

Clean plant material made available to: (1) a State for certification programs; and (2) private nurseries and producers.

The Secretary shall consult with State Departments of Agriculture and Universities; to extent practicable and with input from State officials and industry representatives, use existing Federal or State facilities to serve as clean plant centers.

Funding – Commodity Credit Corporation - $ 5,000,000 annually for each of 4 years (2009 - 2012); available until expended.
The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008
National Clean Plant Network - Sec. 10202 - Update

- Apportionment / Availability – To USDA/APHIS on behalf of the NCPN Core Working Group >>> anticipated availability beginning in March/April 2009.
  - Stimulus Package ‘Fix’ to CCC Funding – Ongoing

- Request for Proposals – Pending; finalized in March 2009, rolled-out at the NCPN General Meeting and posted to the NCPN website.

- Program Proposal Decisions – Proposals submitted to NCPN Commodity Groups for initial consideration, planning, and conveyance to NCPN Tier 1 for decision.

- Funding Decisions – Made by the NCPN Tier 1 Governing Body.

- Funding Mechanism – Cooperative Agreements issued directly to recipients by USDA/APHIS – May through September for initiatives arising in FY 2009

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Farm Bill Sec 10202. NCPN – Business Plan
Proposed Activity Area

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Funding is no year so any carryover will be spent on the same ratio.

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## BUSINESS PLAN – Maintenance of Commodity Networks
($3,000,000)

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* 10-20% depending on the availability of unspent dollars carry forwarded

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NCPN

G1, G2, G3 Discussions

and

Nursery Stock Certification Programs

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NCPN Discussion - G2, G3, and Certification Programs

• Primary NCPN ‘10202’ funds:
  • Strengthen existing programs
  • Build new programs only if to solidify the network
  • Establish and maintain foundation and mother blocks – G1

• Additional funding sources plausible for:
  • G2 / G3 establishment
  • Nursery Certification Programs
The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and Other Funding Opportunities

First time Horticulture and Organic Agriculture title was included (Title X) to address Specialty crops issues and grower needs

- Specialty Crop Research Initiative ($ 230 million)
- Specialty Crop Block grants ($ 224 million) – Sec. 10109
- Pest and Disease Management (NCPN Amount TBD) – Sec 10201(d)
- National Clean Plant Network ($ 20 million) – Sec. 10202
The principle activities associated with NCPN

- Imports
- NCPN Centers
- Improved diagnostics and therapy
- Clean Plant
- Mother blocks
- Audit & Quality Control
- Maintenance of mother blocks
- Extension, Education & Outreach
- Nurseries
- Domestic varieties
- February 2009
The ancillary activities associated with NCPN

- Imports
- NCPN Centers
- Clean Plant
- Establishment & Maintenance of mother blocks
- Nurseries
- BMP’s
- Harmonized state Certification Programs
- Audit & Quality Control

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Certification Programs

Challenges

> Harmonization of standards towards a national program

> Funding

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Certification Programs-Challenges

Funding

Specialty crops block grants Sec 10109

- Amendment to Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004
- “Subject to appropriation” to “Using the funds made available”
- Extension to 2012
- Each State a minimum of $100,000 or 1/3 of 1% of total amount of funding whichever is greater
- Reallocation of unobligated funds prorated to the remaining states
- $10,000,000 for 2008; $49,000,000 for 2009 and $55,000,000 for 2010-2012 ($224,000,000)

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### Sec 10201 (e) . Safeguard Nursery Production

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NCPN – Ongoing Discussion

• Grapes >>> G1 / G2 – East
  • Discussion???

• Testing for Crown Gall (any other Eastern concerns) vital for national network to thrive

Discussion

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NCPN Request for Proposals and Cooperative Agreements Program 2009 - 2012
NCPN Farm Bill Funding – RFP and Cooperative Agreements Logistics

• How will NCPN Funding Decisions be made?
  – *By the NCPN Tier 1 Governance Body in consultation with the CWG and any invited SME’s*

• When will new funding be available?
  – *Likely sometime after March 2009 (Federal FY 2009)*

• By what mechanisms will funding be distributed?
  – *Generally as single or multiyear cooperative agreements*
  – *Annual renewal based on audit of individual programs*

• Will there be a call for proposals?
  – *Yes. Proposals will be entertained at tier 2 level*
  – *Integration at Network/National level required*
NCPN Farm Bill Funding – RFP and Cooperative Agreements Logistics

• Will the RFP have NCPN Focused Criteria?
  – Yes. *The NCPN Cooperative Agreements program will provide for reasonable focus based on Congressional intent for program.*
    • e.g. Specialty Crops, Existing Facilities, Network Ready

• What will NCPN Program Generally Fund?
  – *Program operations; including staffing, materials, diagnostics, therapy, foundation establishment, information/communications, and administration needed to produce and deliver clean plant material to nurseries and growers*

• Will the NCPN Program fund ‘New’ Construction?
  – No. *It is the intent of Congress that, to extent practicable, existing facilities (or cooperator developed facilities) shall be primary focus*
NCPN Farm Bill Funding – RFP and Cooperative Agreements Logistics

• Will facility improvements, rentals, or equipment be ‘allowed’?
  – Generally allowable on a case-by-case basis.

• Other ??? - Discussion
## NCPN Cooperative Agreements Program – Draft Selection Criteria

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IT DOESN'T.

ISN'T THAT LYING?

I CALL IT LEADERSHIP BY WORDS.

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