National Clean Plant Network

Governing Board Perspective After Year One

Annual Meeting – Davis, California
Week of May 10, 2010

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May 2010
NCPN activities 2009

First meeting of Governing Board – May 2009.

Fast-track RFP and Proposal Review.

Grape & Tree Fruit NCPN expanded to meet industry needs.

Tremendous Shot in the Arm for foundation plant programs.

Three additional commodity networks organized.

Tremendous national progress due to talents and leadership of NCPN national coordinator.
Plum Pox: Highlights Clean Plant Center Value

- Rapid response by Prosser to 2008 Plum Pox discovery in Michigan.
- Ten years worth of high quality *Prunus* breeding material was rescued.
- Salvation of Michigan breeding program worth millions of dollars to stonefruit industry.
- Clean Plant Centers provide similar value for many other commodities.
Value of Pulling Together

Regulatory agencies, industry, university researchers and ARS working together to develop and carry out clean plant efforts.

Eastern Grape industry has unique needs; also Muscadines.

Special needs for peaches in southeast supported by Clemson center.
Value of Pulling Together

East and west Citrus production benefit from united clean plant effort.

Efficiency of adding hops to existing center.

Different berry commodities working together.
Perspectives on the RFP process

Coordinating proposals through Tier 2 committees results in high quality, properly focused proposals.

Earlier 2010 publication date, and longer open period will be helpful to both applicants and reviewers.

Opportunities and Limitations –
equipment and program needs: yes
brick and mortar facilities: no
Perspectives on the RFP process

Funding uncertain after 4 years

Investment in infrastructure and replacing old equipment will outlast this Farm Bill funding cycle.
Commodity fees and offsets for certification do not fund production of Foundation Stock.

State certification programs depend on NCPN centers for foundation material.