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Farm Bill Funding – ‘Past, Present, and Future”

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Fiscal Realities – FY 2011

• All Federal Departments and Agencies have been put on notice:
  – President has called for a three year freeze in spending on many domestic and discretionary programs.
  – Initiative intended to signal his seriousness about cutting the budget deficit.

• What this means:
  – When an Agency such as APHIS proposes any funding increases to a program it must also propose an offsetting decrease in another.
  – Because of this policy, each Agency must truly prioritize its budget requests over the next three years.
Fiscal Realities – FY 2011 (continued)

• One very positive development in the President’s budget for FY 2011:
  – Continuation of the funding for the Farm Bill sections 10201 ‘Pest Detection’ and 10202 ‘National Clean Plant Network’.
  – There is $50M for 10201 i.e., an increase of $5M above the FY 2010 level
  – There is continued $5M for 10202 ‘National Clean Plant Network’.
  – This was both positive and unexpected. We should support this to ensure Congress appropriates the full funding as proposed.
Fiscal Realities – FY 2011 (continued)

• The AQI User Fee program revenue:
  – Has serve as an integral part of PPQ operations for many year.
  – Was used early-on to support clean plant activities before the Farm Bill of 2008
  – It has been negatively impacted by the declining economy.
  – The AQI program can no longer afford to provide funding to backup programs such as clean plant network activities

• What this means:
  – Some means of sustaining the NCPN and its clean plant activities for the long-term needs to be established when the current Farm Bill expires in FY 2012.
Budget Outlook – Farm Bill

• Section 10202 - National Clean Plant Network

  – (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a program to be known as the “National Clean Plant Network” (referred to in this section as the “Program”).

  – (e) FUNDING.—Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out the Program $5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012, to remain available until expended.
NCPN Farm Bill 2008 Funding

• The ‘Pros’
  – $5 million each year for 4 years = $20 million total
    • FY 2009 - 2012
  – Remain Available ‘Until Expended’

• The ‘Cons’
  – The current Farm Bill does not extend NCPN funding beyond FY 2012
NCPN Program Funding 2009-2010

Program Funding Logistics 2009

• Cooperative Agreements
  – RFA Issued April 2009
  – Funding ‘Let’ Aug/Sept 2009

• Funded Recipients
  – 2 Specialty Crops Covered
  – 5 Clean Plant Centers Supported

• Funding Amount
  – About $3.5 Million Obligated
  – About $1.5 Million ‘Carry-Over’

Program Funding Logistics 2010

• Cooperative Agreements
  – RFA Issued April 2010
  – Funding Expected July/Aug 2010

• Funded Recipients
  – 5 Specialty Crops Anticipated
  – 10-12 Clean Plant Centers Possibly Supported

• Funding Amount
  – About $5 (+) Million Anticipated Obligation
NCPN Budget – What’s Good

• NCPN Nat’l and Specialty Crop Governance
  – Stakeholders Support the Network and Counsel NCPN on Program Opportunities and Needs

• NCPN Competitive Cooperative Agreements
  – Proposals Harmonized and Peer Reviewed

• NCPN Program Funding
  – Early Stakeholders Receiving Necessary Support
  – Specialty Crop Base Expanding and Strengthening the Network
NCPN – Program Budget Alert

NCPN is a Very Successful Program
Great Strides Since it Began

NCPN is only Funded for 4 years (2009-2012)

If the Program is not Reauthorized for FY 2013
Everything Stops!
NCPN Budget – What’s Needed Next

• Your Voices as NCPN Stakeholders
  – ALL Covered Crops (5 +) Acting in Unison!

• Farm Bill Re-Authorization FY 2013
  – “NCPN Funding for FY 2013 and thereafter…”
    • This follows the language currently used in Section – Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention

• Future NCPN Funding:
  – Ideally made as an Integral Part of the Agency’s Annual Appropriations
Thank You

Questions