

Hello school IPMers and interested others,

December's monthly school IPM program update for Arizona is below (please note attachments referred to in bold):

DID YOU KNOW...?

Our neighbors at the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CADPR) offer several resources in support of school IPM, including sample records/forms, links to the University of California IPM pest webpages, and a school IPM Listserv. The listserv is fast, free, and easy to sign up for with CADPR; it offers helpful tips on pest management and resources for pest control operators. To learn more about CADPR's IPM resources, visit their website:

<http://www.schoolipm.info/main.cfm>

ARIZONA CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COALITION WINTER WORKSHOP...

What a diverse crowd it was at this year's ACEHC workshop, Nov. 8th, 2007. **Minutes are attached.** The group also received a draft of the comprehensive bat IPM document created by UA entomologists and AZ Game & Fish bat biologists. Input at the meeting is being incorporated into this document, and a final version will be available following review early next year. Please note: UA and Arizona Game & Fish Department presentations on honeybees and bats from the meeting are approx. 5- MB files each, and are available from Dawn or Jennifer upon request. Thanks to all those who could attend!!

YEAR-END WEST NILE VIRUS STATISTICS...

Thanks to the Arizona Department of Health Services for released the following data on WNV:

Arizona ranks 14th among the 43 states.

U.S. WNV Total = 3,359 human cases reported in 43 states (98 deaths)

Neighboring States:

- CA - 375
- NV - 11
- UT - 66
- CO - 555
- NM - 60

Arizona human cases (those confirmed) - 93

- Apache - 1
- Coconino

- Graham – 3
 - Maricopa – 67
 - Mohave – 1
 - Pima – 14
 - Pinal - 5
- Equines - 19
Dead Birds - 10
Sentinel Chickens – 35

ARIZONA HAS CITY LEADERSHIP IN IPM!

Congratulations to the City of Phoenix (CoP) Public Works Department who, as part of their Sustainability Program, are initiating a one-year IPM pilot program in two of their facilities. Based on how the pilot goes, the CoP anticipates expanding the IPM program to hundreds of other buildings. The CoP is also looking into the Green Shield Program (<http://greenshieldcertified.org/>) as a way of independently certifying their IPM program. Green Shield is similar to the IPM STAR Certification, which is held by several of Arizona's school districts. *"The City wishes to set a IPM benchmark for other cities and organizations to follow," - recent press release.*

SCHOOL IPM FACT SHEET...

Sometimes even the best experts are overlooked if plucked from the same tree as their audience. If you find that you need "proof" or assistance explaining school IPM to faculty, administrators, or clients, check out the reader-friendly fact sheet from the National Institute of Health (NIOSH) and U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) at: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2007-150/>. This easy-to-understand fact sheet emphasizes school IPM as a workplace safety and health concept, which helps frame IPM in a way that even the busiest among us can appreciate.

IPM CONFERENCE....

The Association of Applied IPM Ecologists (AAIE) addresses IPM topics in the areas of urban, agricultural, and landscape/horticultural pests. Their upcoming conference is February 3-5, 2008, in San Luis Obispo, CA. This association "...provides quality information about ecology-based pest management while encouraging environmentally compatible approaches and an awareness of IPM. The organization also establishes a forum for the exchange of information through member services and other means." Check out benefits to membership and conference registration details at AAIE's website: <http://www.aaie.net/membership.htm>; **conference agenda attached.**

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