What is Most Important in IPM?

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Varies Depending on Point of View

- Farmer/Rancher
- School Administrator
- City Manager
- Golf Course Superintendent
- Natural Resources Manager
- Environmentalist
- Homeowner
IPM is Much More than Insect Pest Management

- Inclusive of all pest interactions of daily life
  - Home
  - Infrastructure
  - Work
  - Play
- Reduces harm to humans and the environment

Public Funding of IPM is a Resources Issue

- Public funds are limited
- Not everything can be addressed
- Priorities must be established
- Establish partnerships
- Increase awareness of IPM
- Get the most bang for your $$$
Resources

• Many USDA programs
  – Grants
  – Agencies
    • Natural Resources Conservation Service
    • Agricultural Marketing Service
    • Risk Management Agency
  – Programs
    • Regional IPM Centers
    • IPM State Funding
    • IR-4
    • Sustainable Agriculture
    • Water Quality

Western IPM Center Resources

• Issues in IPM
• Networks
• Workgroups
• Emerging Issues
• Pest Management Strategic Plans
• Regional IPM Grants Program Management
• Pest Management Alternatives Program
Setting Priorities

- Annual call
- State IPM Coordinator Group
- Special meetings/workshops – this group!
- Pest Management Strategic Plans (PMSPs)
- Workgroups
- Networks
- Advisory Committee
- Programmatic mandates

What is a Pest Management Strategic Plan?

- Bringing together the stakeholders to create a document to:
  - Discuss pest management
  - Set Research, Regulatory & Education Priorities
How are PMSPs Used?

• Commodity organizations
• USEPA
• USDA
• University researchers
• Private organizations

Public Participation

• Mandated by most funding agencies
  – Evidence of stakeholder identified need
• Far more public process than before
• Your voices make a difference