

## 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