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Pest Management Strategic Plans (PMSPs) have traditionally been associated with agriculture and crops. All PMSP’s currently listed on the National IPM Center web site are for agricultural commodities. There is now a PMSP under development for the urban sector, the National Pest Management Strategic Plan for IPM in Schools.

Regional School IPM Working Groups have been formed with help from the Regional IPM Centers. The groups were established to encourage collaboration between university, state agencies, federal agencies, industry, and advocacy groups working to encourage and enhance successful implementation of IPM in schools in the western region.

The groups are dedicated to promoting the use and adoption of School Integrated Pest Management by:

- Setting goals and priorities that minimize and balance risks of pests and pest management strategies
- Collaborating and sharing resources with colleagues
- Identifying and pursuing resources together
- Producing and presenting new resources that are economically acceptable and practical

We strive to accomplish this through development of an inventory of programs and resources, increased networking and communication, improved access to and sharing of resources, and identification of IPM implementation challenges and barriers.

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