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IPM Voice Update

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IPM Funding Likely Close to Level for Fiscal Year 2013

The US House and Senate Appropriations Committees IPM funding proposals are very close (Figure 1), suggesting that the 2013 budget will likely match or nearly match 2012 amounts. In the House proposal, many programs took cuts compared to 2012. IPM Voice worked hard to garner support in many states to protect IPM funding from cuts. Overall USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) funding will likely increase slightly.

Figure 1. Budget Comparison, FY 2012 and proposed FY 2013, dollars in millions.

	2012 Levels	2013 House Appropriations	2013 Senate Appropriations
Regional IPM Centers	\$4.000	\$4.000	\$4.000
Expert IPM Decision Support System (EIPMDSS)	\$0.153	\$0.149	\$0.153
Regional IPM Grants Program (RIPM)	\$2.362	\$2.315	\$2.362
Pest Management Alternatives Program (PMAP)	\$1.402	\$1.374	\$1.402
Smith-Lever 3(d) IPM	\$9.918	\$9.650	\$9.918
Total	\$21.752	\$21.326	\$21.752
IR-4	\$11.913	\$11.675	\$11.913
AFRI	\$264.470	\$276.515	\$279.956

Consolidation and proposed cuts to IPM - The Administration's proposed Crop Protection Program posed the possibility of significant funding cuts, including a \$700,000 reduction overall. In addition, consolidation created the potential for a 30% loss, or \$4 million, in operating funds to Smith-Lever 3(d) IPM, RIPM and EIPMDSS. Both the House and Senate rejected the proposed consolidation, indicating that these IPM funds will not likely be subject to indirect.

Although the Appropriations Committees did not approve the Crop Protection Program proposal, it is apparent that the House Appropriations Committee sees benefits in consolidation, as stated in its 2013 report language:

"Program Consolidation and Streamlining. The Committee appreciates the agency's efforts and proposals to consolidate and streamline its programs and operations to achieve administrative

efficiencies and reduce costs...The Committee is concerned that the proposal to consolidate the pest management programs was not developed with sufficient input from land-grant universities, grower associations, industry, and other interested parties. The Committee encourages NIFA to continue its efforts, working with all interested parties, to design a broadly supported and effective pest management research, education, and extension program that is responsive to the needs of today and the future."

Report language is not binding but is taken very seriously by the Administration. We can anticipate additional efforts to consolidate and streamline for FY 2014. The entire Committee report can be found at <http://appropriations.house.gov/uploadedfiles/hrpt-112-ap-fy13-agriculture.pdf>.

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IPM Voice is an independent, non-profit organization advocating for integrated pest management (IPM) that is genuinely progressive and seeks continuous improvement of environmental, social and economic conditions through application of accepted scientific principles. IPM Voice was formed in 2010 by more than 35 professionals working to expand the benefits IPM has provided to agriculture and communities for more than 40 years.

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