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Good News for Regional IPM Centers

Section 406 Funding Partially Restored in 2011 Budget

This month, Congress passed the 2011 budget bill, including a partial restoration of the Section 406 program funding. In past years, the Regional Pest Management Centers, the Methyl Bromide Transition Program, the Organic Transition Program, Crops at Risk, the FQPA Risk Mitigation Program and the Critical Issues Programs have all been funded under Section 406.

The 2011 budget bill restores funding to Regional Pest Management Centers, the Methyl Bromide Transition Program and the Organic Transition Program. Unfortunately, along with several other national conservation programs, funding for these programs has been significantly reduced from last year's levels: Regional Pest Management Centers will be funded at \$2,994,000 (reduced from \$4,096,000 in FY 2010), the Methyl Bromide Transition Program is reduced from \$3,054,000 to \$1,996,000 and the Organic Transition Program is reduced from \$5,000,000 to \$3,992,000.

While these Section 406 programs will continue to operate with fewer funds in 2011, funding for Crops at Risk, the FQPA Risk Mitigation Program and Critical Issues Programs has been completely eliminated in the 2011 budget bill.

Thanks to IPM stakeholders such as you who contacted legislators and informed others of the importance of restoring funding to these critical programs! As 2012 quickly approaches, we need to turn our attention to educating policymakers and others about the important benefits of IPM funding in the 2012 Farm Bill, where significant cuts to conservation programs are anticipated.

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