



Advocating for progressive integrated pest management to improve environmental, social and economic conditions through the application of scientific principles.

IPM Voice Action Alert

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Draft House Farm Bill Includes Threat to IPM Projects

The draft farm bill released by the House Agriculture Committee last week includes a new 1:1 matching funds requirement for all commodity and state-specific competitive grants programs involving applied research or extension. **If included in the final farm bill, this provision will create match hurdles for most competitively awarded extension projects and integrated projects, including IPM projects.**

Act today! The House Ag Committee vote is expected tomorrow.

1. Please call your Representatives and let them know that this provision adds unnecessary obstacles to IPM and other competitive grants programs. Find your Representative [here](#). If your Representative is a [member of the House Committee on Agriculture](#), your voice is especially important.
2. Please contact your commodity and grower association leaders and alert them to this provision. Inform them that funding for commodity-specific IPM projects may be threatened if the matching requirement is included in the final farm bill. Request that they contact their Representatives as well. Please relay replies received from Representatives or collaborators to Jim Cubie, jimcubie@gmail.com, so he can track contacts and responses.

IPM Voice Needs Your Support!

Please join or renew your IPM Voice membership for 2012 by visiting <http://www.ipmvoice.org/join.htm>.

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.
