

Report and Recommendations

NORTHEAST MULTISTATE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

June 25, 2007, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Via Teleconference

Chair, Bill Vinson (WV)

Members: Michael Vayda (VT), Tom Burr (NYG)

1. Request to approve a Request to Write a Proposal entitled, "Plant-parasitic Nematode Management as a Component of Sustainable Soil Health Programs In Horticultural and Field Crop Production Systems" 10-2009 to 2014. Submitted by Louis Magnarelli (CTNH).
Action: Recommends approval.
2. Request for a one-year extension, NE1014: "Development of New Potato Clones for Improved Pest Resistance, Marketability, and Sustainability in the East" 10-2007 to 2008. Submitted by Kirby Stafford III (CTNH).
Note: This is an extraordinary request. The original Request to Write a Proposal was approved at the March 2007 meeting, but instead of writing the proposal NE_temp1302, the technical committee came back with this request for a one-year extension.
Action: Request for extension was denied. Extra time needed to write a proposal was not a strong justification and was deemed unacceptable.
3. Request to approve the proposal, NE_temp504: "New England Center for Invasive Plants" 10-2007 to 2009. Submitted by Ian Hart (CTS).
Action: Recommends approval.
4. Request to approve the proposal, NE_temp505: "Private Strategies, Public Policies, and Food System Performance" 10-2007 to 2009. Submitted by Ian Hart (CTS).
Action: Recommends approval.
5. Request to approve the proposal, NE_temp506: "Wood Utilization Research on US Biofuels, Bioproducts, Hybrid Biomaterials Composites Production, and Traditional Forest Products" 7-2007 to 2009. Submitted by Edward Ashworth (ME).
Action: Recommends approval. MAC also suggested adjusting the start date, to allow time for the review and approval by the association and CSREES.
6. Request to approve the proposal, NE_temp507: "Mosquitoes, Disease and Public Health" 10-2007 to 2009. Submitted by Bradley Hillman (NJ).
Action: Recommends approval.
7. Advisor Assignments:
Action: Nominations have been put forward and will be confirmed at the NERA meeting.

- NRSP3: The National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP), 10/2003-9/2008
 - NRSP8: National Animal Genome Research Program, 10/2003-9/2008
8. Request to approve a Request to Write a Proposal entitled,"Biological Control of Arthropod Pests and Weeds" 10-2007 to 2012. Submitted by Richard Rhodes III (RI).
Action: Return the request to the technical committee for two reasons: the focus was not clear and they need to justify how a new Northeast project can be distinguished from the existing North Central project, NCERA125: Biological Control of Arthropods and Weeds.
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