

APPENDIX (WERA1017 Proposal): Recent Accomplishments

The following regionally-coordinated accomplishments were reported at the 2015 Annual Meeting:

Nineteen Extension IPM Coordinators and associated research:extension faculty and staff representing 14 western state IPM programs said their faculty teams increased skills, knowledge and awareness of IPM specifically through participation in WERA1017 annual meetings;

\$7.4 million in new multistate regional grants were awarded during 2015 for IPM implementation in alfalfa seed, hop and winter wheat that accrued to participation in WERA1017; multistate participation in a Planning Grant to assess stakeholder needs and develop proposals for IPM research and extension about Brown Marmorated Stink Bug;

Multistate collaborative delivery of Extension IPM Workshops (e.g. School IPM Implementation Workshops among IPM specialists in Colorado and Utah);

Collaborative development of multistate regional outreach materials (e.g. Intermountain Tree Fruit Production Guide and companion website, and cooperative development of single-pest fact sheets);

Jointly-delivered presentations to stakeholders about regional IPM research progress and extension implementation at the International IPM Symposium;

Contributions to USDA-NIFA national IPM policy priorities by participation of WERA1017 Chair at the annual meeting of the National IPM Committee and by election of Washington State Extension IPM Coordinator Doug Walsh as Chair-Elect, Executive Committee, ECOP/ESCOP IPM Committee.

Other recent accomplishments include collaborative regionally coordinated needs-assessment and development of IPM resource materials for small acreage farmers conducted by Extension IPM Coordinators and Extension Small Farms/Sustainable Agriculture Program Leaders at New Mexico State University, Oregon State University, Utah State University, University of Idaho, and Washington State University; WERA1017 networking set the stage for awards from the Western IPM Center for IPM Workgroups, IPM Planning Documents, IPM Implementation, Outreach and Implementation, IPM Issues Research, and Pest Management Strategic Plans. Analyses by the Western IPM Center (March 2015) demonstrated that IPM adoption is widespread among western producers of cotton, fruits and nuts, vegetables and wheat, and adoption particularly includes pest prevention, avoidance, monitoring and selective pest-suppression practices; at least part of that IPM implementation and adoption progress accrues to the networking and subsequent joint programming that occurs through WERA1017.