

JAPANESE BEETLE HARMONIZATION PLAN REVIEW

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JBHP Review

- Began in 2013, when then NPB President Mike Cooper tasked the existing members of the Japanese Beetle Harmonization Plan Survey and Treatment Committees with conducting a review of the JBHP.

- Membership included:
 - USDA - Andrea Simao, Kai Caraher, Ben Kaczmarski, Phil Lewis, & Rich Johnson
 - States – Awinash Bhatkar (TX), Rich Cowels (CT), Carl Schulz (NJ), Dana Rhodes (PN), Gray Haun (TN), Jason Leathers (CA), Robert Leavitt (CA), Jason Oliver, (TN Ext), Jeff Vogel (KS), Julie Van Meter (NE)
 - AmericanHort – Craig Regelbrugge & Joe Bischoff

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- Specific areas of review included:
 - ▣ State category designations & infested counties;
 - ▣ Shipping requirements to category 1 & 2 states;
 - ▣ Criterion used to establish a state as category 4; and
 - ▣ Clarify process for adding treatments & updating state categories;

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- Quickly added were :
- Changes in language and definitions to make it more consistent and current with NPB model laws, IPPC, and FAO language;
- Addition of executive summary of JB regulatory history, from federal quarantine to JBHP development;
- Adding example compliance agreements.



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- Other changes included:
 - ▣ standardization of language and terminology
 - ▣ removal of treatments that no longer are labeled for use,
 - ▣ updates to certification requirements.
 - ▣ We thought we were done and then...

- Then along came adult mitigation



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- A draft of the revised JBHP was released to the NPB BOD in March & September 2015
- Released to the NPB membership in October 2015
- Changes were made based on feedback, and a final version released for signature in March 2016



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- This was a very thorough review
- We went through the plan line-by-line, page by page.
- Dozens of conference calls
- Hundreds of emails



JBHP – Future Research Needs

- Compost –
 - ▣ acceptable methods of production, minimum temp that must be generated during the composting process to be lethal to all life stages of JB, & safeguarding methods during & after the composting process.
- Non-neonicotinoid chemical options for pre-harvest soil surface treatments
- Additional chemical options for dip treatments
- Determine if a lesser trap density would be as effective for detection surveys

JBHP – Implementation

- The JBHP has been signed by all three parties.
- Implementation date is January 1, 2017.
 - ▣ The new version will be going up on the web site soon.

JBHP – Action for States

- Train staff on changes to plan and new requirements
- Update Compliance Agreement language and Ads
- Educate industry