

**EASTERN PLANT BOARD  
80th ANNUAL MEETING  
AGENDA  
April 4 - 7, 2005  
Clarion Hotel  
Egg Harbor Township, NJ**

**Monday, April 4, 2005**

5:00 p.m – 7:00 p.m	Registration
7:00 p.m – 9:00 p.m.	Reception – Cash Bar

**Tuesday, April 5, 2005**

7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 – 10:00 a.m	<b>Opening Session 1</b> (Moderator: Carl Schulze) Call to Order and Opening Remarks - Carl Schulze, NJ Roll Call of States - Walt Blosser, PA, Secretary-Treasurer Introduction of Guests and Attendees – Carl Schulze Local Arrangements – Carl Schulze Welcome Eastern Plant Board President’s Report – Carl Schulze National Plant Board President’s Report – Bill Dickerson, NC NPB Meeting Delegate’s Report – Scott Pfister, VT NASDA Update – Bob Ehart
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 – 12:00	<b>Session 2 Current Applied Research in Biocontrol</b>  <i>Updates and new opportunities from researchers and practitioners focusing on pests of interest to the Northeast and Mid Atlantic states.</i>  Mile a Minute weed control – Judy Hough-Goldstein, Dept. Entomology & Wildlife Ecology, University of Delaware  Producing biocontrol organisms – Mark Mayer, NJDA
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch

**Tuesday, April 5, 2005**

1:30 – 3:15 p.m. **Session 3 Partner Updates** (Moderator: Patty Douglass)

US Forest Service – Joe Cook

Department of Homeland Security – Ed Hotchkiss, DHS CBP

Canadian Food Inspection Agency – Jean Guy Champagne,  
Forest Pest Manager, CFIA

USDA APHIS PPQ – Tom Chanelli, NE Region PPQ

3:15– 3:45 p.m. Break

3:45 – 5:15 p.m. **Session 4 Crisis Management – What’s the best way?  
(with CAPS)**

*When a crisis emerges how is it handled? How do you handle the press? Do you have a system in place?*

Incident Command System (ICS) – Howard Panton, NJDA

Public Relations/Communication – What do you do during a crisis?  
ALB in NJ – Jeff Beach, Public Information Officer, NJDA

SOD in Connecticut – Vicki Smith, CT

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. EPB Committee Meetings

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Hospitality Room

**Wednesday, April 6, 2005**

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Session 5-Emerging Pest Situations** (Moderator: Vicki Smith)

*How does a state decide when to take action while balancing ongoing program functions? It is a balancing act and how do states choose what to do.*

Soybean Rust a concern in Delaware – Faith Kuehn, DE

Fitting ALB into the workload in NY- Bob Mungari, NY

PSB, HWA – Scott Pfister, VT

Concerns about SOD - Group

10:00 – 10:30 Break

**Wednesday, April 6, 2005**

10:30 – 12:00            **Session 6- Using Volunteers in Pest Detection**

*There are a whole set of citizen scientists out there with interest and a little knowledge of plant pests. How do you incorporate these extra ears and eyes into plant pest detection programs while still maintaining a credible regulatory system?*

Case study of NJ volunteers tracking down CWR – Carl Schulze, NJ

Master Gardener Module – George Hamilton, Rutgers University

CAPS perspective on Using Volunteers – Group

Managing Volunteers and Information - Group

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.        Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Session 8-Hot Topics** (Moderator: Faith Kuehn)

Soybean Rust (PPQ Weekly Teleconference)

Potentially Perilous Potpourri – Art Tucker  
Delaware State University

NEPDN Results of the Test Exercises – Carla Thomas  
NPDN Coordinator (via teleconference/powerpoint)

Surveying for Swede midge to make it a multi state approach –  
Patty Douglass, PPQ

ALB control update from NJ – Carl Schulze, NJ

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Session 7 – Diagnostics**

*Process for identifying all the new pests. Who does the screening? Where are they sent for final identification? How long should this process take*

PPQ Diagnostic Ramping Up: An Update – Billy Newton,  
NE Region PPQ

CAPS needs and observations – Nancy Richwine, PA

Where are we with Q37 – Mike Firko, PPQ

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. EPB Committee Meetings

7:00 – 11:00            Hospitality Room

**Thursday, April 7, 2005**

8:00 – 8:20 a.m. ANLA Update – Craig Regelbrugge (Moderator: Ann Gibbs)

8:20 – 10:00 a.m. **Session 9-Invasive Plant Round Table**

*Update on what is happening in states in the EPB. New regulations have been put in place in the last few years. Progress of existing programs and councils. Any proposed regulations or changes*

Invasive plants Regulations – CT, NH, VT

Nursery Industry Perspective – Carl Nordstrom, NJLA, Craig Regelbrugge, ANLA

Existing Program Updates - Faith Kuehn DE

Model Law “Invasive Species Control” would this work?

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Break

11:30 – 12:00 p.m. **EPB Business Meeting**

HIS Report

NPB Web Site Pep Talk – Carol Holko, MD

Old Business

New Business

Committee Reports

Other