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Cost Sharing

The issue of federal-state cost sharing of plant pest response was addressed in the Safeguarding Review conducted in 1999. In 2003, a formula for cost sharing was published in the Federal Register. Although no formal position was identified, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) continues to influence APHIS access to the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) with an implied policy that has been transmitted through APHIS program managers, resulting in the disruption of program activities and strained relationships among cooperators at the field level. With the continuing budget resolution at the federal level and reduced appropriations for existing and emerging plant pest programs, cost sharing discussions have become highly relevant. It is more appropriate for these discussions to be between the Office of the Deputy Administrator and the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA).

Resolved, by the Eastern Plant Board at its 82nd annual meeting in Jackson, NH, on April 5, 2007, recognizing the control and influence that OMB has over APHIS access to Commodity Credit Corporation and contingency funds, and that the vague concept of cost sharing persists, it is recommended that the APHIS Deputy Administrator bring this funding issue before NASDA for clarification.

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