Public Tick IPM Working Group  
August 8th, 2018

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The Working Group meets via conference call on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00PM CT (2:00PM EST). The following notes are for August 8th, 2018.

**Roll**

1. Frank Laufenberg, IPM Institute of North America  
2. Julian Cooper, IPM Institute of North America  
3. Tim Fox, Madison Lyme Support Group  
4. Bob Maurais, Mainely Ticks  
5. Monica White, Colorado Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Association  
6. Tom Mather, University of Rhode Island  
7. Heather Szerlong, Ticknology  
8. Tom Green, IPM Institute of North America  
9. Nicole Chinnici, East Stroudsburg University  
10. Lynnae Jess, North Central IPM Center  
11. Jennifer Reid, BLAST Lyme Program  
12. Emily Wozena, US BIOLOGIC  
13. Joellen Lampman, New York State IPM Program  
14. Jill Auerbach, Hudson Valley Lyme Disease Association  
15. Chris Stelzig, Entomological Society of America  
16. Mike Mrozinski, Pike County Tick Borne Diseases Task Force  
17. Raderrio Wilkins, EPA

**Agenda**

1. Finalization of Tick Pest Alert Updates and Plan for Distribution  
2. Review of Tick Management Options Document  
3. Additional updates, comments and announcements from Working Group members

1. **Finalization of Tick Pest Alert Updates and Plan for Distribution**
   a. After we reviewed for a few months, we agreed upon two updates for the Tick Pest Alert  
      i. Change phrase about Lyme to Tick-borne diseases make up 89% of all vector-borne diseases – according to the CDC’s most recent data  
      ii. Place an asterisk after the “Species, Location and Related Disease” header and then provide text at the bottom (where it says October 2016)  
       1. Text: *Tick species may be in your region even if they are not marked on these maps. Please consult a local public health authority or USDA Agricultural Extension Office to determine more specific information at the state, county, or municipal level.*
ii. Tick life cycle
   1. Provide a disclaimer that all the tick species that exist in the continental U.S. are not included on the Tick Life Cycle graphic.
   2. Text: *There are additional tick species found in the continental US that are not depicted in the above graphic.

b. Distribution: we will wait for increased distribution until the CDC maps on page two are updated
   i. Public health organizations
   ii. Veterinarians

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c. Mike: American Planning Association
   i. Conservation districts nationwide
   ii. Outdoor organizations

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2. Review of Tick Management Options Document
   a. Number of sprays in question.
      i. Suggest spraying as early as practical, in early fall, final information will be based on research verified results
   b. 4-poster might not be a viable control option for PMPs or homeowners
      i. Suggest leaving this information on the document because if a county or state wants to use the 4-poster device they may hire PMPs to complete the task
      ii. Additionally, this option could be viable for people who own lots of land
   c. A few new comments from Tom Mather will be integrated into the next draft of this document
   d. The working group has printing weather resistant versions of this document built into the budget for this year.
   e. Concerned that the document could be missing a good treatment with controlled burning
      i. Mixed results in the research, especially if the practice is not done annually
         1. 90% first year reduction
ii. PMPs wouldn’t be the target audience for this practice
iii. Annual burning could be dangerous, and this practice is outside the scope of the document
iv. We must look at who the document is designed for
v. Burning is beyond the realm of what people will do to control ticks on a regular basis
f. Frank will follow up with Kirby Stafford regarding burning for an ITM practice to keep the tick numbers down

3. Additional updates, comments and announcements from Working Group members
   a. Raderrio: EPA tick magnet requests have been received from the working group and he will work to distribute them ASAP
      i. If others want these magnets, please reference Raderrio Wilkins email from August 8th
   b. NYS group, governor authorized a state level working group
      i. Includes the Cornell Regional Center of Excellence and a variety of other scientists beyond NYS
         1. Some advocates and physicians are also included in this working group
         2. The focus is on prevention items, rather than medical
         3. Just like the HHS group there’s no funding for the group
         4. Next meeting will be in September
         5. Purpose: Department of health, Dr. Bryon Backenson and Jennifer White are running the group, only met once and it was mostly discussion
         6. Hopefully this will encourage the state to fight back against TBDs
      ii. NYS senate passed a bill to likewise form a TBD working group, but it has not passed the assembly yet
   c. Please notify Frank if the Tick Pest Alert has been shared with any new organizations or individuals so we can keep track of its reach!
      a. Here is the link to share: https://www.ncipmc.org/action/alerts/ticks.pdf
      b. If you come across articles that would benefit members of this group feel free to share them by sending an email to the PUBLIC_TICK_IPM_WG@LISTSERV.URI.EDU

These notes are for a Working Group call on August 8th. Future calls will continue to fall on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 PM Central time. Please send Frank updates, announcements or other additions for February’s call.

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