

# The State of Affairs of the IR-4 Project's



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# Food Crop Program

- **Initial objective, remains “Signature” objective**
- **Mostly Guideline Magnitude of Residue studies**
- **Targeted Product Performance**
- **Crop Grouping Expansion**
- **Harmonization of MRLs and international activities**
- **NEW-Integrated Solutions**

# Food Program Success

Trifluralin/Rosemary

Mandipropamid/Many -

Bentazon/Pea

Clofentezine/Guava

Sulfoxaflor/119 uses

Pydiflumetofen/32 uses

Nitrapyrin/128 uses

Abamectin/

S-Metolachlor/Many

Flonicamid/Sunflower group -

Fluensulfone/root vegs

Penthiopyrad/Caneberries

Bushberries

Propiconazole/30 uses

Emamectin benzoate/122 uses

Buprofezin/158 uses

# Food Program Research

## Residue

- 73 studies
- 436 field trials
  - ARS 51
  - NE 38
  - NC 38
  - WR 183
  - SR 97
  - Canada 29

## Performance

- 44 studies
- 95 field trials

## Integrated Solutions

- 5 studies
- 16 sites
- one early success

# Crop Grouping

- **IR-4 submissions to EPA completed**
- **EPA fallen behind in processing submissions**
- **Log jam finally broken**
  - **Herb and Spice proposal**
- **Codex mostly complete**

# International

- **Continue to work closely with Canada**
- **US/Canada cooperation is model**
- **Capacity building success**
- **Minor Use Foundation**



# Changes in Biopesticide World

- Many new effective products with registrations
- Products have fit into conventional agriculture systems
- Big companies are established in biopesticide market
- Consumer demand for green products for home and garden
- Biostimulants





## IR-4's Role in the “NEW” Biopesticide World

Biopesticide research will be moved into existing Food and Environmental Horticulture Programs

- No significant changes in Environmental Horticulture Program
- For Food Program → “Integrated Solutions” initiative; coupling biopesticides with conventional products in research
  - Pest Problems Without Solutions, Resistance Management Projects & Residue Mitigation Priorities
- IR-4 will maintain Biopesticide Regulatory Support
- IR-4 will set aside some funds for research to assist organic farmers
- New funds to expand research?

# Environmental Hort.

- Predominantly crop safety testing and efficacy, including invasive pests allowing industry to expand registrations (Open Labels)
- Pollinator Protection





## 2018 Accomplishments-EH

- Success-5 registration decisions impacting 2574 uses
- Submissions-21 data summaries compiled and transmitted
- Research-628 trials
- SCRI Pollinator protection
  - Residue work
  - Alternative treatment options
  - Consumer choice

## Process Improvements

- Various steps to eliminate laboratory analytical analysis backlog & achieve timelines
- Integration of Product Performance research with modern chemical and bio-based pesticides → **Integrated Solutions**
- 2019 Week of Workshops

## Funding

- IR-4 funding less today than in 2010;  
Expenses : Research 
- CLC stepped up their game; “19 in 19”
- At the end of the process; another year of flat funding → Operation 20 in 20
- Eliminated in President’s FY 2020 proposal. House of Representatives → small increase, Senate → FY 2010 levels

## Additional Challenges

- **University Service Fees**
  - **Cornell**
  - **Rutgers → “The Move”**
- **Convert to SCA in FY 2021 → 10% IDC**
- **NIFA’s Strategic Realignment**



# “The Move”



# Reality of “The Move”

- **A relocation of this magnitude is disruptive**
- **IR-4 must remain operational during move**
  - **Challenge to keep current team**
    - Retirements
    - Personal Situations/Decisions
  - **Develop shadow organization**
  - **Long transition period to minimize disruption**
- **Robust specialty crop base in NC**
- **Strong institutional support**
- **Hub of the crop protection industry**

## Benefits

- Growers
  - Legal access to safe & effective pest management technology.....grow high quality crops
- Food Processors & Food Retailers
  - Consistent supply of raw materials
- Economy
  - ***IR-4 contributes \$9.4 Billion to annual US GDP/supports >95,200 jobs***
- Public
  - Plentiful supply of specialty crops that contribute to a healthy diet & plants that enhance the environment.

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