
IR-4/USDA Food-Use Workshop Announcement: 11-13 September 2001

**Deadline for
Hotel and
Registration
is August
10th**

If you have an interest in expanding the range of pest control products available for use on minor crops, plan to attend the 25th annual IR-4/USDA Food-Use Workshop. It will be held September 11-13, 2001 at the Holiday Inn - University Park, Ft. Collins, Colorado. Input is needed from research scientists, extension personnel, commodity groups, growers and ag chemical industry representatives on specific pest control needs for minor food crops (fruits, nuts, vegetables, herbs, and others). Separate day-long sessions will be held for weed, insect/mite, and disease management. The outcome of the Workshop will determine the prioritization of IR-4's 2002 research projects. IR-4 is funded and supported by USDA and the State Agricultural Experiment Stations. IR-4 conducts field trials and residue chemistry (under Good Laboratory Practices) on promising pest control compounds to obtain EPA clearances for use on minor crops.

September 11 - Weed Management
September 12 - Insect/Mite Management
September 13 - Plant Disease Management

Pre-register (\$75.00) by calling Cheryl Ferrazoli at IR-4 Headquarters, 732-932-9575 ext. 601. On-site registration is \$125.00. A special room rate of \$76.00 for Workshop attendees is available until August 10 by calling the hotel directly (970-482-2626)

IR-4 Team Awards: Federal and State

IR-4 Is Honored With An Award by OPP. EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) presented an award for Excellence in Teamwork to the Minor Use Technical Work Group at a June 5 ceremony. Willis Wheeler and Dan Kunkel were present to accept the Award for IR-4. The EPA/IR-4 Technical Work Group, made up primarily of members of the EPA-OPP, IR-4, Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency, and California's Department of Pesticide Regulation, has made significant contributions to minor use clearances. Since its inception in early 1999, the Technical Work Group has formulated the super crop group concept, established the Herndon standardized summary tables for IR-4 petitions, established a rolling 3 year work plan, helped develop work-share petition reviews with California to speed reduced risk materials to growers, helped establish EPA's work plan for 1999, 2000, and 2001, and showcased IR-4 electronic petition submissions. For more information, contact Dr. Bob Holm, holm@aesop.rutgers.edu or Hoyt Jamerson, jamerson.hoyt@epa.gov.

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IR-4 Is Honored by Cook College/NJAES with its Team Award At Rutgers University. Dr. Bruce Carlton, Dean of Cook College and IR-4 Northeast Region Administrative Adviser, presented the award on April 26, 2001. The project that earned IR-4 this reward was "The Registration of Crop Protection Tools for Minor Crop Growers Via Reduced Risk and Super Crop Group Strategies". Certificates were presented to the awardees, including members of the IR-4 HQ and field researchers from the Bridgeton and Chatsworth, NJ Research Centers. For more information, contact Dr. Michael Braverman, braverman@aesop.rutgers.edu.

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