Successes for the quarter can be found at the IR-4 Website http://www.cook.rutgers.edu/~4 under IR-4 Newsletter (Web Issue) 34:2.

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The current tally for the 2003 research program is in: IR-4 is conducting 103 residue studies supported by 692 field trials. IR-4 still has six projects that require protocols to initiate 2003 studies. IR-4 is waiting for EPA’s approval to eliminate three of the studies, as they will not be required to gain the proposed uses for pronamide herbicide. For the remaining three projects, IR-4 has not been able to get GLP characterized material for one project, IR-4 has not received registrant approval for another, and the final one is a post-harvest project that will be going out in the fall, which will conclude IR-4’s 2003 projects.

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Industry Meetings With IR-4 During the 2nd Quarter 2003

IR-4 Headquarters staff have been making their annual tour of meetings with cooperative crop protection companies this quarter. These visits help IR-4 prepare for the 2003 Food Use Workshop, which is scheduled for September 16-18, as well as keep IR-4’s cooperating registrants informed of IR-4 progress on projects regarding their products and to discuss regulatory strategies. During this quarter, IR-4 has had meetings with Arvesta, BASF, Bayer CropScience, Cerexagri, Dow AgroSciences, DuPont Crop Protection, Makhteshim-Agan N.A., Nichino America, Syngenta Crop Protection, Uniroyal, and Valent to discuss cooperative projects.

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The 27th Annual IR-4/USDA Food-Use Workshop will be held September 16-18, 2003 at the Doubletree Hotel Columbia River, Portland, Oregon. Input is needed from research scientists, extension personnel, commodity groups, growers and crop protection 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 2004 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 16 - Weed Management and Plant Growth Regulators**

**September 17 - Insect/Mite Management**

**September 18 - Plant Disease Management**

Pre-registration is encouraged. Pre-register by August 15 to receive complete meeting materials to review in advance. Pre-registration fee is on $100.00; On-site registration is $125.00. Registration fee includes meeting materials, continental breakfast daily (7:00 am - 8:00 am) and evening receptions. Contact Cheryl Ferrazoli at IR-4 Headquarters - ferrazoli@aesop.rutgers.edu or call 732-932-9575 ext. 601 for more information.

The lodging is $89.00 plus tax for single/double room per night. You must register before August 28, 2003 to receive this low rate!! Call the hotel directly at 503-283-2111 or 800-643-7611 and mention you will be attending the USDA/IR-4 2003 Food Use Workshop. Rate will be honored the weekends either side of meeting (based upon availability).