

595 - Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

IPM for Organic Specialty Crops

2012 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)

Purpose: to utilize a sustainable approach to manage pests by implementing a combination of prevention, avoidance, monitoring, and suppression strategies based on UT guidelines and National Organic Program standards.

Eligible Land: Specialty and Organic Crops

Producer requirements for payment:

- Implement a certified IPM Plan.
- Documentation of the combination of Prevention, Avoidance, and Monitoring strategies utilized to reduce pest suppression activities as required by the IPM Plan.
- Documentation of Conservation Practices for mitigation implementation and dates as required by the IPM Plan.
- Documentation of Suppression activities including pesticide application records.
- Scouting Reports that include:
 1. Date(s) of monitoring
 2. Results of monitoring
 3. Identification of pests (insects, weeds, and diseases)
 4. Identification of beneficial insects enlisted
 5. Crop planted
 6. Crop condition at time of each monitoring
 7. Threshold of infestation
 8. Strategies implemented with dates
 9. Pesticide application records required by state and federal requirements
 10. Records required or needed as part of the UT guidelines being used

References:

UT Organic and Sustainable Crop Production

<http://organics.tennessee.edu/default.htm>

National Organic Program

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateA&navID=NationalOrganicProgram&leftNav=NationalOrganicProgram&page=NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome&acct=AMSPW>