


Policy and Potpourri:
Current Perspectives from
USDA-CSREES

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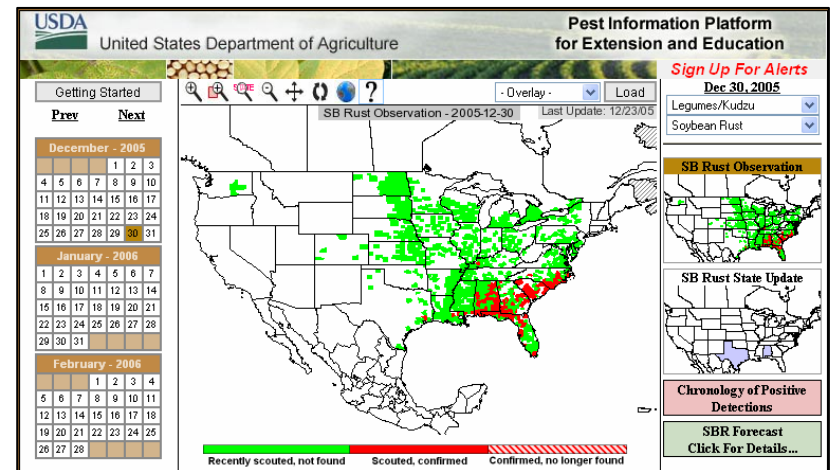


2007 National Soybean Rust Symposium
Louisville, KY – Dec 13-14



Issues and concerns

- Department view of the system-wide approach
- Outcomes from a Focus Group activity
- Data Access and Expectation
- Funding issues
- ipmPIPE & NPDN
- USDA's commitment



Issues and concerns

- **Department view of the system-wide approach**
 - LGU research and ipmPIPE outreach
 - “The best example of near real-time IPM in 30 years”
 - “Not a research project so it is hard to promote”
 - Well recognized as a useful tool for producers
 - In general, it works!



Issues and concerns

- **Focus Group outcomes**

- Small group meeting in Nashville in October to assess SBR progress at LGUs.
- SWOT analysis
- Recognized many outputs and outcomes/impacts
- Identified 25 procedural or researchable questions to address
- Expressed concern about “rust fatigue”
- Sent a clear message that there is more to be done!
- Identified a need for a “Champion” spokesperson



Issues and concerns

- **Data Access and Expectations**
 - Industry access to back side
 - Access is a historic precedent
 - Subcommittee in place to set new policy
 - Post e-mail announcing lock-out date,
 - Develop access policy,
 - Announce date and process for resubscription.
 - With privilege comes responsibility!



Issues and concerns

- **Funding issue**

- Budget update.

- Current budget is frozen
- 9th quarter of 2006
- New CR to 12/21 in progress
- Farm Bill is the priority
- A new CR or Omnibus spending bill is likely
- Optimism with new budget talks



Issues and concerns

- **Funding issue**

- President's budget has proposed \$2.27 million for SBR for two years
- Congress says “no new programs” and they zero out and budget line that they believe is “new” – wants offsets



Issues and concerns

- **Funding issue** CSREES funding opportunities for SBR
 - Redirection of funds – most are set by congress – not much flexibility in the budget “competitive” changed what little discretionary funds we had.
 - What we can work with is...
 - The new President’s Budget for 2009 and 2010
 - What congress appropriates- they authorize a lot – they appropriate much less



Issues and concerns

- **Funding issue**

- University approaches

- NRSP – National Research Support Project approach
 - Hatch is allocated across the top – typically at least three of the regions together
 - Already allocating in kind service from AES & CES

- Commodity approaches

- Continued check-off support?
 - Voluntary self-assessment (**not** evaluation)?
 - Boll weevil eradication program model?



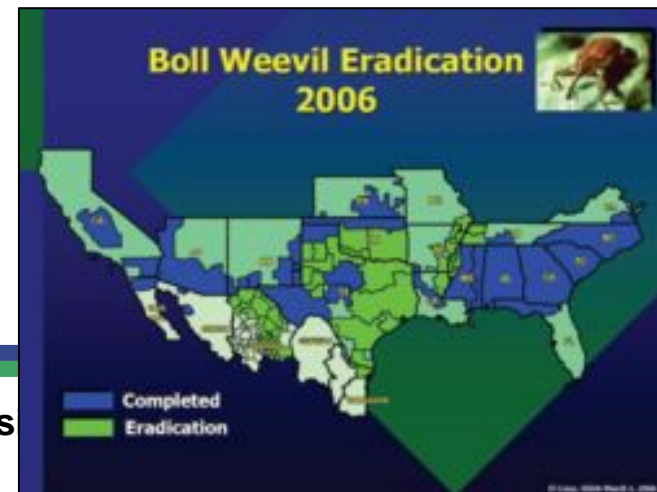
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- Commodity approaches

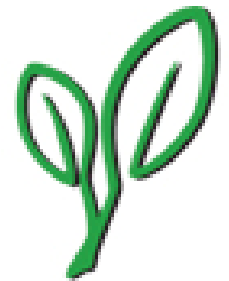
- Boll weevil eradication program model?

- Documents 40-100% reduction in pesticide use in cotton.
 - Establishes management zones, coordinating:
 - » Monitoring with pheromone traps
 - » Cultural practices
 - » Scheduled spraying



Issues and concerns

- **Funding issue**
 - Producers approaches
 - Subscription
 - Fee-for service
 - Industry approaches
 - Assessments on fungicide sales?



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Issues and concerns

- **Funding issue**

- Realistically...

- Leveraged funds across several sources
- Federal funding is all speculation until a bill is passed and signed



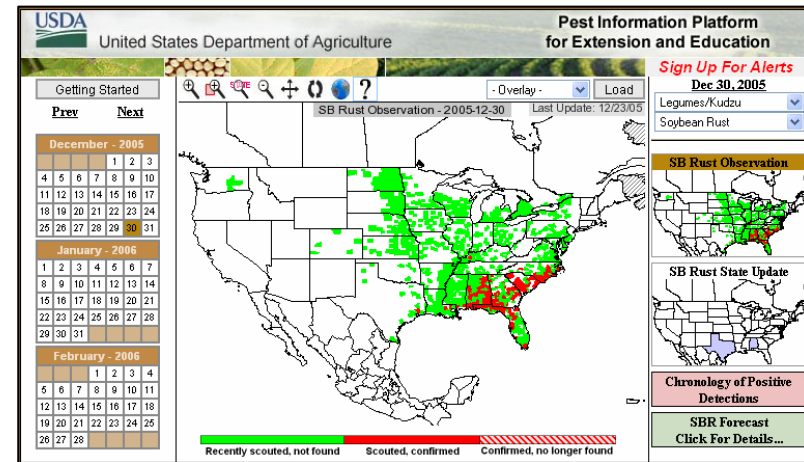
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Issues and concerns

- **ipmPIPE & NPDN**
 - How do they fit together?
 - Mission differences
 - Collaborative
 - Mapping capabilities
 - NPDN value-added



Issues and concerns

- **USDA commitment**

- Supportive USDA administration
- President's budget has been supportive for the past two years
- Next year?



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