

Excerpt from 7 M.R.S.

§2404. Integrated Pest Management Council

1. Establishment; meetings. The Integrated Pest Management Council, referred to in this section as the "council," as established in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 3-C, is created within the department and is administered jointly by the department and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Pest Management Office. Members of the council must be jointly appointed by the commissioner and the Director of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. The council must meet at least 2 times a year. Members are entitled to reimbursement for expenses only in accordance with Title 5, chapter 379.

[2001, c. 667, Pt. B, §4 (AMD); 2001, c. 667, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

2. Membership. The council consists of the following 11 members:

A. Three members representing agricultural pest management; [2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW).]

B. One member representing a citizen interest organization; [2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW).]

C. One member representing the interest of forestry; [2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW).]

D. One member representing organic growers and producers; [2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW).]

E. One member representing structural pest management; [2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW).]

F. One member representing rights-of-way vegetation management; [2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW).]

G. One member representing turf or landscape management; [2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW).]

H. One member representing a nonprofit environmental organization; and [2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW).]

I. One member representing integrated pest management research. [2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW).]

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3. Term of office. The term of office for members is 3 years except that, of the original members appointed, the appointing authority shall appoint members to serve one-year, 2-year and 3-year terms to establish staggered terms.

[2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW) .]

4. Coordinators. The commissioner and the Director of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension shall each appoint one member of the council to serve as a cocoordinator of the council.

[2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW) .]

5. Duties; responsibilities. The council shall facilitate, promote, expand and enhance integrated pest management adoption in all sectors of pesticide use and pest management within the State. Specifically, the council shall:

A. Identify long-term and short-term priorities for integrated pest management research, education, demonstration and implementation; [2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW).]

B. Serve as a communication link for the development of coordinated multidisciplinary partnerships among researchers, educators, regulators, policymakers and integrated pest management users; [2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW).]

C. Identify funding sources and cooperate on obtaining new funding for on-site trials, education and training programs and other efforts to meet identified goals for expanding, advancing and implementing integrated pest management; [2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW).]

D. Establish measurable goals for expansion of integrated pest management into new sectors and advancing the level of integrated pest management adoption in sectors where integrated pest management is already practiced; and [2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW).]

E. Cooperate with appropriate organizations to establish protocols for measuring and documenting integrated pest management adoption in the State. [2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW).]
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6. Report. The council shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters annually on all of the council's activities during the year.

[2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2001, c. 497, §3 (NEW). 2001, c. 667, §B4 (AMD). 2001, c. 667, §B5 (AFF).

**Annual Report of the Maine Integrated Pest Management Council to
the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and
Forestry
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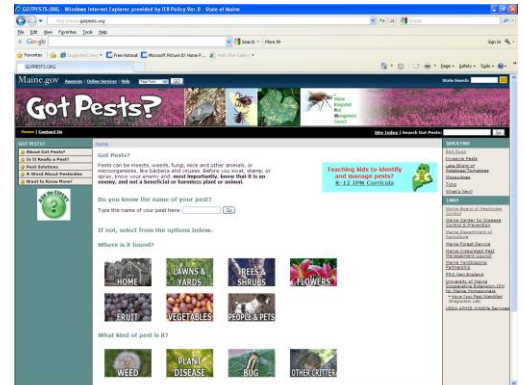
What is IPM?

Integrated Pest management, or IPM, is an environmentally sound approach to managing pests such as insects, weeds, plant pathogens, and wildlife on farms, in our communities and in our homes. IPM relies on proper pest identification, monitoring, and combinations of pest avoidance and management strategies to protect people, crops, and the environment while minimizing pesticide use.

The Maine Legislature established the **Integrated Pest Management Council** in 2002 to promote, expand and enhance integrated pest management adoption in all sectors of pesticide use and pest management within the State. The Council also promotes public education about the needs, benefits, and practices of IPM.

Major Accomplishments 2012

- Updated and maintained the IPM Council's webpage (www.gotpests.org) to provide easy access to high quality resources for pest identification and pest problem-solving for both the general public and their educators.
- Distributed approximately 5,000 copies the bookmark created to publicize the Council's 'GotPests' website, at numerous public events and venues, including public libraries and schools, colleges, garden shows, farm stands, stores and fairs. To date, 15,000 bookmarks have been distributed.
- Participated in outreach events to educate the public and promote environmentally sound pest management methods. Outreach events included the Common Ground Fair (Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Assn), Bug Maine-ia (Maine State Museum), Maine School Gardens Network Annual Conference, and the Maine Agricultural Trade Show.
- Networked with other organizations, agencies and programs to stay informed and share resources about new pest issues, current pesticide issues and federal funding for IPM. Identified needs and priorities for IPM research, education, and regulation in their dual role as State Advisory Council for ProNewEngland, an on-line information network administered by University of Maine Cooperative Extension.
- Maintained status as a US Environmental Protection Agency Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Partner.
- Literacy Program to reach students and teachers across the northeastern US. Lessons, activities and resources are made available to all educators via the IPM Council's webpage: www.gotpests.org.



IPM Council's pest identification and solutions webpage: www.gotpests.org



IPM Council poster displayed in the state capital's Hall of Flags



Commissioner Walt Whitcomb recognized outgoing member William Jordan, Jr. for his contributions and many years of service to the IPM Council.

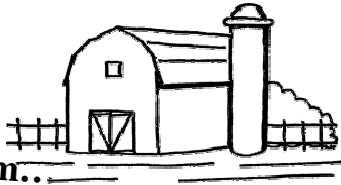
The Maine IPM Council is administered and coordinated jointly by Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and University of Maine Cooperative Extension. The Council is made up

of 11 members representing a broad base of IPM stakeholders. Members are jointly appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Executive Director of University of Maine Cooperative Extension and each serves a three-year term.

Current IPM Council Membership	
Francis Drummond	University of Maine
Tom Stevenson	Maine Small Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association
Tom Qualey	Three Oaks Farm
Patricia Ianni	Friends of Casco Bay
Ronald Lemin, Jr.	Crop Production Services
Eric Sideman	Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association
Weston Davis	Iberdrola/Central Maine Power
Theodore St. Amand	Atlantic Pest Solutions
Jesse O'Brien	Maine Ornamental Horticultural Association
Maggie Shannon	Maine Congress of Lakes Associations
Marilyn Meyerhans	Maine Pomological Society

The IPM Council meets twice annually to collaborate, share information, and plan activities.

*For more information about the Maine IPM Council, please contact the co-coordinators, **Kathy Murray** (Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, kathy.murray@maine.gov, 207-287-7616) or **Jim Dill** (University of Maine Cooperative Extension, james.dill@maine.edu, 1-800-287-0279).*



On the Farm...

Maine farmers use IPM to produce healthy crops, protect the environment and save money. Shop for Maine-grown food and ask your farmer-neighbors about their IPM practices.

Maine Schools...

Mold, rodents, insects, weeds and more can be managed and costs are kept under control with IPM. Maine Schools are required by state law to use IPM practices.



This Message Brought to You by....

The Maine Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Council – an 11-member panel established by state legislature to identify, promote and enhance the use of IPM practices that reduce or minimize harmful environmental and human health impacts of pesticides and other pest management tactics.

Visit us: www.maine.gov/IPM (click on IPM Council)

Outsmart Pests...

Reduce Risks....

Use Integrated Pest Management!!



Battling Pests?



Outsmart Them.

Use Integrated Pest Management!

IPM: Smart Approaches for Healthy Gardens, Homes and Communities

Find out More About IPM

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Smarter Ways to Deal with Pests

From mice to mildew, crabgrass to cockroaches – whenever nature becomes a pest, integrated pest management (IPM) offers least-risk solutions.

What is Integrated Pest Management?

- IPM is just a **common sense approach** that everyone can use to protect against pests in a safe and healthy manner. Every time you swat a fly, pull a weed, or select disease-resistant plants for your garden you're using IPM tactics that reduce the need for pesticides.
- Most farmers and serious gardeners use IPM practices to **protect crops** and create **beautiful landscapes**.
- IPM is the smart way to **keep your home pest-free** too.
- IPM relies on **cultural practices** (such as proper use of fertilizers), **physical methods** of pest removal (such as pruning, hand-picking pests, or vacuuming them up), **biological controls** (attracting or conserving beneficial insects and spiders), and selective and careful use of **pesticides only as needed**.

IPM In and Around Your Home...



- **Healthy Lawn Tips.** Cut lawn to proper height (about 3") to keep lawn healthy. Seed bare spots with a low-maintenance grass seed mix.
- **Get a Soil Test.** Apply right amounts of fertilizers. Avoid 'weed & feed' products.
- **Choose Pest-Resistant Plants.** Native plants are often less susceptible to pests & disease.
- **Put Your Gloves On.** Pick bugs off your garden plants and hand-pull or hoe weeds.
- **Spare the Sprays.** Protect beneficial insects and spiders that keep pests in check
- **Keep Pests Out.** Use weather-stripping, screens & caulk to keep pests out. Vacuum occasional invaders and the food crumbs that can attract them.
- **Know your Enemies and Friends.** Cooperative Extension, books & internet can help identify pests and natural enemies.

Why Use IPM ?

Use IPM to protect yourself, your family and the environment from pests and potentially harmful effects of pesticides. IPM can save you money too.



Great Websites for More Tips..

Lawn and Garden Tips

www.yardscaping.org/

Pest Identification & Management Tips

www.gotpests.org

<http://umaine.edu/ipm/>

Organic Gardening & Farming

www.mofga.org

Native Plants for Maine Landscaping

www.umext.maine.edu/onlinepubs/htmlpubs/nativeplants.htm

Maine Soil Testing Lab

<http://anlab.umesci.maine.edu/>