

**IR-4 Project**

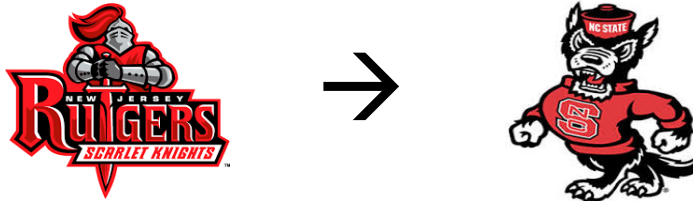
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**Update...What's New**

**@ NIPMCC Conference**

# What's New-Infrastructure

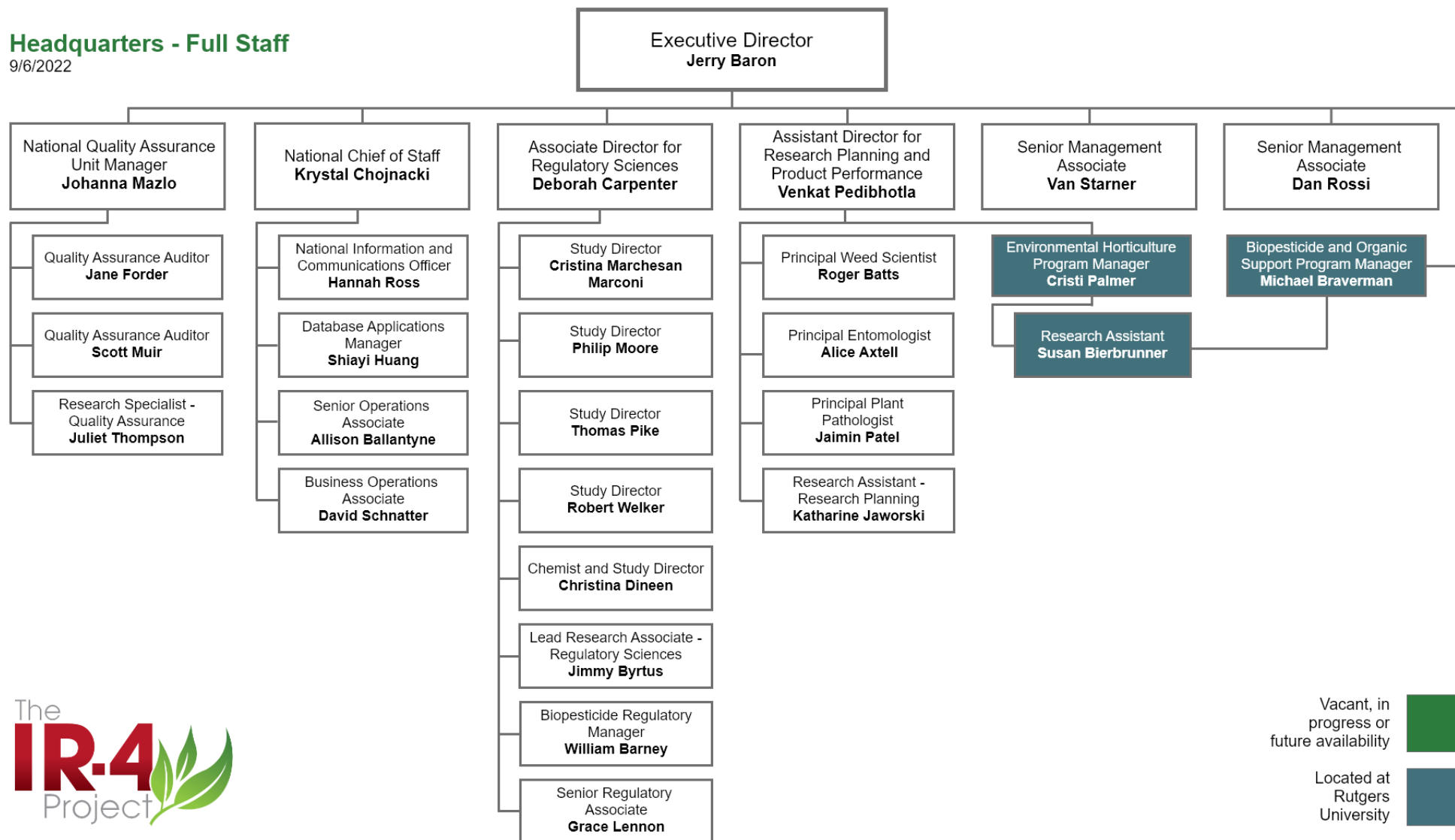
- Completion of IR-4 Project Headquarters relocation



- Shutdown of the North Central Region Analytical Laboratory
- Quality Assurance Unit assignments

## Headquarters - Full Staff

9/6/2022



# What's New-Funding

- IR-4 funding was increased by Congress!
  - Up \$2.6 million to \$14.5 million
    - First funding increase in over 12 years
  - Single grant to NC State
  - USDA “rules” now allows indirect costs (10%).  
\$1.45 million of new funds are allocated to indirect costs
  - 2023 CLC/Friends of IR-4 are proposing \$25 million
    - House-\$15 Million
    - Senate-\$14.5 Million

# What's New-Value of IR-4

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- IR-4 contributes \$8.7 Billion to annual US Gross Domestic Product
- IR-4 supports >123,000 jobs
- Return on Investment – over \$500 to \$1

# What's New-Regulatory Challenges

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- Tolerance Revocations-OPs & Carbamates
- Pollinator Protection safeguards
- “European Style” Hazard Assessment
- ENDANGERED SPECIES!

# What's New-Path Forward 2.0

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Ad hoc Committee to examine IR-4 processes and procedures;  
make recommendations for enhancements

1. Performance expectations
  - Annual evaluation IR-4 Regional and HQ employees
2. Field trial reimbursement
  - Increase reimbursement to \$7,777 per residue field trial in 2023
3. Communications
  - All Hands meetings
  - Intranet site
  - Enhanced communications relations
4. Training
  - Leadership Development Program
  - Sabbaticals
  - New employee training program

# What's New-Path Forward 2.0

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5. Technology
  - Electronic Field Data Notebook
  - Technology Task Force-explore other opportunities
6. Laboratory backlog
  - National coordination of analytical laboratories priorities and scheduling



# What's New-Minor Use Foundation

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- Expansion of International Harmonization of Specialty Crop MRLs/Data Development Cooperation
  - Dirk Drost/Anna Gore
  - IR-4 Archive Project
  - Working on priorities from Global Minor Use Workshop
  - Training/Capacity building
  - Planning next Global Minor Use Summit

# 2022 Activities & Accomplishments

Item	
Food Approvals (Tolerances/Supported Uses)	559/618*
New Food Residue Projects (Studies/Trials)	83/549
Food Product Performance (Projects/Trials)	46/98
Integrated Solutions (Projects/Field Trials)	27/60
Food Submissions to EPA (Chemistries/PRs)	7/37

\*Does not include Crop Group Approvals for Legume Vegetable and Cereal Grain Groups

# It takes a village!

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Field Research Directors & Cooperators

Regional Field Coordinators

Quality Assurance Unit  
Directors

Administrative Team/Support staff  
(HQ & PMC)

Growers (CLC/Friends of IR-4)  
Industry

Regulatory Authorities (EPA/States)  
NIFA/ARS/FAS

IPM Centers  
Community

State Liaison Reps.

Analytical laboratory staff

HQ Biologist/Study

IR-4 Management

Crop Protection

USDA-

Land Grant



# Thank You!

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