

WHAT IPM COORDINATORS SHOULD KNOW

As state IPM coordinator, you are the leader for IPM efforts in your state. You are part of a national and regional network that includes multi-state Hatch projects, national coordinating committees, regional IPM centers, and federal and state partners. Your role is critical in shaping pest management strategies, securing funding, and fostering collaboration across disciplines and geographies.

For reference, see the [brief](#) and [detailed](#) IPM strategic plan.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

You are responsible for leading and coordinating IPM efforts within your specific state or territory.

Program leadership: coordinate faculty and staff to oversee the development, implementation, and evaluation of statewide IPM programs, which aim to manage pests using environmentally sensitive and economically viable methods

Education and outreach: provide training and resources to farmers, schools, housing authorities, and other stakeholders to promote IPM

Research and extension: collaborate with researchers and extension agents to translate scientific findings into practical pest management strategies

Stakeholder and government engagement: work with local and federal government partners, environmental groups, industry professionals, and growers to support IPM adoption

Funding and reporting: manage grants and report outcomes to federal agencies, ensuring alignment with national IPM goals and roadmaps

Impact statements: submit annual statements to the [National Impacts Database](#) highlighting measurable impacts of your program; see helpful examples [here](#) and a helpful writing guide [here](#)

SUPPORT NETWORKS AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Regional IPM Centers and ERA groups support multi-state collaboration and outreach.

Regional IPM Centers:

Funded by USDA-NIFA, serve as communication hubs and collaboration platforms for multi-state IPM efforts across the [Northeast](#), [North Central](#), [Southern](#), and [Western](#) regions, while also providing grants, hosting stakeholder meetings, and supporting outreach and education initiatives.

ERA groups (Multi-state Hatch projects):

ERA stands for Education/Extension and Research Activities. Every IPM coordinator is automatically a member of their region's multi-state Hatch project, which brings together IPM coordinators and faculty within each respective region: SERA-3 in the Southern Region, NCERA-222 in the North Central Region, WERA-1017 in the Western Region, and NEERA-2104 in the Northeast Region.

PARTNERS IN IPM

State and federal partners help implement and fund IPM programs across sectors and regions.

State partners

Land-grant universities (your primary base), grower organizations, state departments of agriculture and natural resources, local governments, school districts, community organizations, and environmental groups to implement IPM policies, support public infrastructure, and promote grassroots education and awareness.

Federal partners

USDA-NIFA (funds IPM programs and oversees Regional IPM Centers), the EPA (for initiatives in schools, housing, and public buildings), HUD (for urban affordable housing), and agencies like APHIS, ARS, and the USDA Forest Service, which support diagnostics, research, and biological control.

COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

State IPM coordinators contribute to national and federal IPM committees by sharing state-level data and priorities, participating in joint meetings and working groups, and helping shape national IPM goals and funding strategies.

National IPM Coordinating Committee (NIPMCC)

Committee composed of representatives from land-grant universities, extension programs, and state IPM coordinators; serves as a national coordinating body for IPM research and extension while also advocating for IPM priorities and funding at the federal level.

Federal IPM Coordinating Committee (FIPMCC)

Led by the USDA Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP), this group includes representatives from federal agencies such as the EPA, HUD, USDA-ARS, APHIS, the Forest Service, and others, and is responsible for coordinating the federal IPM strategy and updating the [National IPM Road Map](#), which guides federal IPM efforts.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

IPM funding comes primarily from USDA-NIFA's CPPM program, with additional support from Regional IPM Centers and federal agency partnerships.

USDA NIFA Crop Protection and Pest Management (CPPM)

This initiative is the base funding source for state IPM coordinators. You are eligible to lead your state's Extension Implementation Program (EIP) grant submission – limited to one application per land grant university – with funding of up to \$300,000 per year with no indirect costs.

Regional IPM Centers (via USDA-NIFA)

Small grants and support for multi-state collaboration, outreach, and education.

Federal agency partnerships

Opportunities for joint funding and support through EPA, HUD, USDA-ARS, APHIS, USFS, and other federal agencies.

Think of the IPM enterprise as a multi-layered network where national strategy is set by FIPMCC, university and extension efforts are aligned by NIPMCC, and regional IPM Centers foster collaboration across states. State IPM coordinators serve as the operational bridge, connecting all levels and ensuring implementation, while stakeholders at both state and federal levels benefit from and contribute to IPM adoption.