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IPM Voice Special Update

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Authorization for Regional IPM Centers Included in Senate Farm Bill Markup

Late last week, the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee marked up the 2012 Farm Bill. Section 7308 of the Senate bill contains explicit authorization for the USDA Regional IPM Centers. Authorization in the Farm Bill ensures ongoing support for the Centers, which were established in 2000 and have a very successful record operating programs and managing grants that connect public and private IPM stakeholders to provide effective pest management solutions.

Authorization language for the Centers was included in the <u>set of Farm Bill initiatives</u> drafted by IPM Voice legislative representative Jim Cubie with the help of IPM Voice members and IPM stakeholders. In early March, these initiatives were presented by Cubie and Dr. Tom Green to key committees working on the Farm Bill. Many thanks to IPM Voice members and IPM stakeholders for working to get Centers authorization into the Farm Bill! See section 7308 of the bill by downloading the Manager's Amendment to the Committee Print (page 808) at the <u>Farm Bill website</u>.

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IPM Voice is an independent, non-profit organization advocating for integrated pest management (IPM) that is genuinely progressive and seeks continuous improvement of environmental, social and economic conditions through application of accepted scientific principles. IPM Voice was formed in 2010 by more than 35 professionals working to expand the benefits IPM has provided to agriculture and communities for more than 40 years.

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