

# Maine Integrated Pest Management Council



## Protecting Maine's Future through Reduced Reliance on Pesticides

- **Established by state legislature in 2002** to 'promote and enhance implementation of IPM practices that reduce or minimize harmful environmental and human health risks.'

- **Promotes public education** about the need, benefit, and practices of IPM.

- **Identifies priorities** for integrated pest management research, education, demonstration and implementation;

- Serves as a **communication** link among researchers, educators, regulators, policymakers and integrated pest management users;

- **Sets goals** for expanding, advancing and implementing integrated pest management;

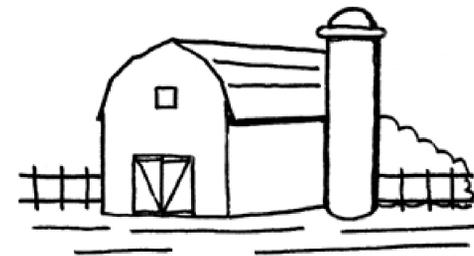
- Establishes protocols for **measuring and documenting** IPM adoption.

### Membership:

The 11 members plus 2 coordinators represent a broad range of IPM and environmental interests

### 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.



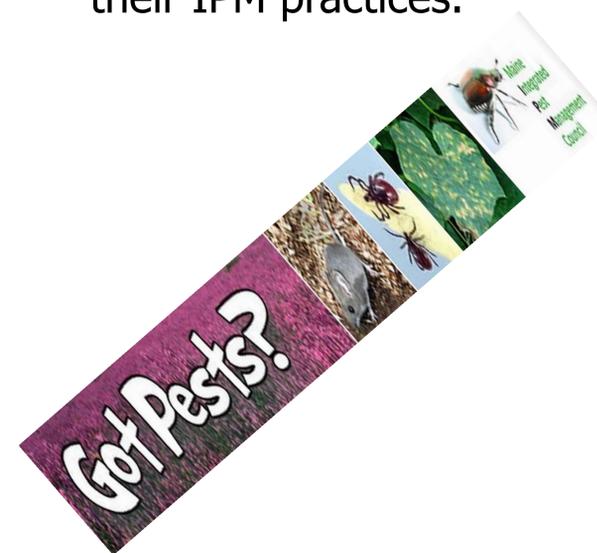
### On the Farm...

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.

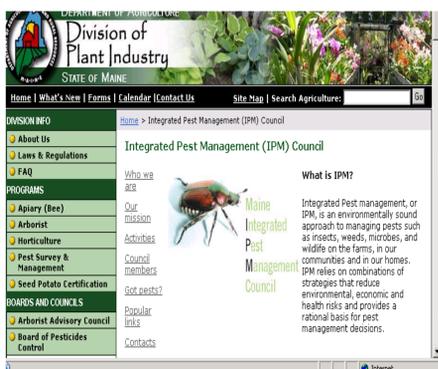
### What is Integrated Pest Management?

- IPM is a **common sense and sustainable method** anyone can use to protect against pests. 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.

- IPM methods include:
  - **Cultural practices** such as mowing higher to favor grass instead of weeds
  - **Physical methods** such as pruning or installing deer fencing)
  - **Biological controls** such as attracting or conserving beneficial insects and spiders
  - **Chemical methods** such as selective and careful use of organic, natural and/or conventional **pesticides only as needed.**



Find IPM answers to common pest issues at [www.gotpests.org](http://www.gotpests.org)



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