NCPN Budget and Proposals FY 2020 - Highlights

- 25 ‘Crop’ Proposals > $7.5 M ‘ask’
- Six ‘Special Topics’ Proposals > $1.7 M ‘ask’
  - Strategic/Business/Operations Planning
  - Education/Outreach
  - Economics
  - Quality Management
  - Virus Information – Scientific Collaboration
  - High Throughput Sequencing

- Total ‘ASK’ for FY 2020 >>> $9.2 million
- Budget Availability >>> $7.5 million
- $7.15 M > Agreements [92% Operations & 8% Special Initiatives]
NCPN- Fruit Trees – Some Numbers 2020

• NCPN-Fruit Trees FY 2020 - Funding
  ✓ The ‘ask’ is $1.43m > the ‘give’ is $1.38m >>> 96%

• Center Details:
  ✓ WSU/Prosser >>> $715k >>> 100%
  ✓ UC/Davis >>> $382k >>> 100%
  ✓ Clemson (SC) >>> $281k >>> 100%
  ✓ U. Georgia >>> $75k >>> but ‘give’ is $-0- this year.

• U. Georgia – Why no support in 2020?
  ✓ Request for *Xylella fastidiosa* a non-viral pathogen
  ✓ Request focused on exploratory research
  ✓ Other sources of support suggested
Emerging Issues - Spring 2020 > NCPN-FT

➢ **COVID-19:**
  • From an NCPN national perspective, what short and long-term impacts might we anticipate and plan for?

➢ **NCPN-Fruit Trees > Non-NCPN Program**
  ‘Quarantine’ Needs:
  • What is the issue / What are the needs?
  • What’s the status of activities?
COVID19 – NCPN - Some National Observations on Impacts

• **NCPN Supported Center Staffing**
  - Staff scheduling for ‘social distancing; rare telework options
  - How can we best keep our folks employed? *NCPN is also an Insurance Policy!*

• **Center Work and Industries Need for Clean Plant Materials**
  - New requests and projects often on hold; reduced operations
  - Might a ‘new normal’ look different from the past?

• **Availability of Equipment and Supplies --- Future Concerns**
  - Prioritizing work due to possibly limited material availability?
  - Are shortages possible? Where are we if supplies are prioritized?

• **NCPN Governance and Meetings**
  - Electronic only; meetings cancelled or postponed for FY 2019 - Funds Disposition?
  - How do we best help stay together?

• **NCPN Agreements – Administration ad Flexibilities**
  - Extensions likely needed; funding flexibilities sought
  - What options are available from USDA?
NCPN-Fruit Trees – Quarantine Issues and Needs

• A Prime Category of Fruit Trees Requiring Program Support
  ✓ Fruit Trees Imported for Initial Variety Trials – small and large scale

• The Problem
  ✓ USDA Prohibits Plant Entry in Many Cases under NAPPRA
  ✓ Exception >>> if entry into ‘Quarantine’
  ✓ The Problem >>> Facilities non-existent, expensive, or not well suited

• The Solution
  ✓ USDA discussions as to how best to resolve --- Team being proposed

• USDA Entities Needing to be Part of the Discussion
  ✓ USDA Post-Entry Quarantine (PEQ) Program Coordinators
  ✓ USDA Plants for Planting (Q-37) Program Coordinators
  ✓ USDA Program Risk Analysis Coordinators
  ✓ USDA Permitting Program Coordinators
  ✓ USDA Clean Plant Program Coordinators

• Status of Team
  ✓ Discussion
NCPN - Special Initiatives

- Strategic Planning
- Economics
- Quality
- Scientific Information Sharing
- Education/Outreach/Communications
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- National and Crop Level Communications Plans
- Plans Drafted Over 2 Year Period
- Developers Largely from the NCPN Educ./Outreach Team

Next Steps?
- Plans in Hands of Education/Outreach Team
- Initial Assessments of Plans Requested from Tier 1 & Tier 2’s
- Build Appropriate Review and Implementation Cadre
- Determine Status:
  - What are we already doing?
  - What can we add?
  - What’s beyond our needs?

Issues? Leadership, Process, Purpose, and Cost
It doesn't look like I'm going to get any apples off this tree again this year.

That's too bad.

We've had it five years and it's never given us any apples yet.

There's an old proverb that says, "The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago."

We might've got some this year if that early frost hadn't killed all the blossoms.

Yeah, that'll do it every time.

Plus, we think it might be a plum tree.

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