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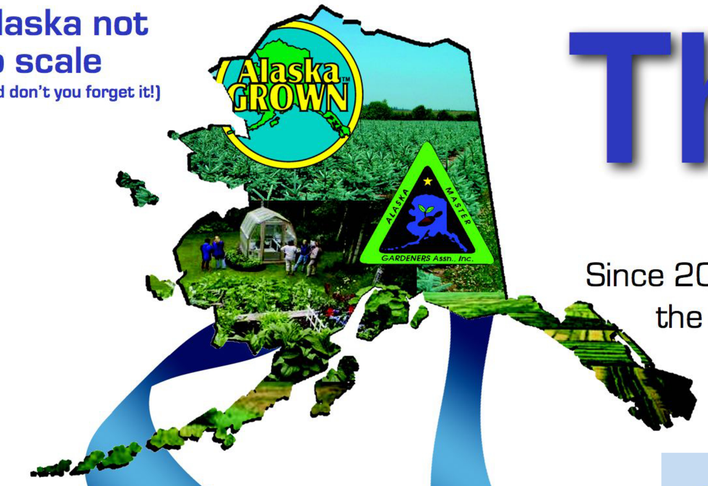


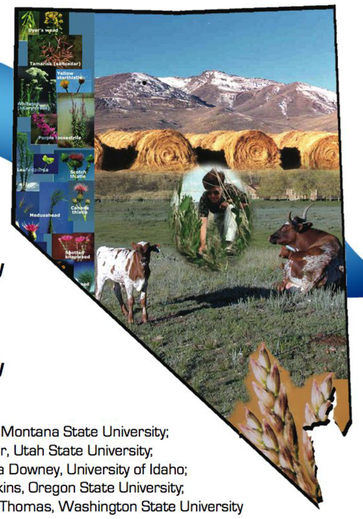
The PNW Workgroup

Pacific Northwest

Since 2001, Pacific Northwest states have acted as a **flexible** coalition, united by **similar crops** and cropping systems and the **shared objective** of promoting IPM in agricultural settings. Meeting at least twice per year, the workgroup has collaborated on a number of projects benefiting our constituents. By sharing resources, we **maximize expertise** and minimize duplication of effort. The result is not only **economic efficiency**, but numerous measurable outcomes.

OUTPUTS
we have produced

- Identification of pest management issues in PNW minor crops
- Improved communication and collaboration among stakeholders
- 86 crop profiles
- Pest Management Strategic Plans (PMSPs) for 16 crops
- Positive, productive cooperation among growers, processors, Extension personnel, researchers, and environmental groups
- Origination and establishment of a unique Comment Coordinator position to track emerging issues and advise USDA and USEPA on real-world critical use data
- Feedback to USDA/USEPA on 36 chemicals and over 80 crops
- Development of a feedback mechanism now being emulated in other parts of the country
- Maintenance of websites to disperse and archive information
- Coordination of regionwide pest alerts and weather/forecasting models for the region
- Development of regionwide projects and partnerships with water quality and endangered species impacts
- Creation of the "One Plan" with NRCS for farm planning
- Coordination of regionwide pest management handbooks for weeds, diseases, and insects



OUTCOMES
we have achieved

- IR-4 has raised priority rank of pesticides identified by our group's crop profiles and PMSPs
- USEPA has accelerated registration of pesticides identified by our group's crop profiles and PMSPs
- USDA has used our data to support minor crop production
- Growers have an open dialogue with USEPA and USDA on usage data as a result of our documents
- Several pesticide uses have been maintained for minor crops as requested by the PNW Workgroup Comment Coordinator
- Growers now voluntarily provide pesticide usage data that better enables decisions at the federal agency level
- Use of real data (rather than models and worst-case scenarios) has refined USEPA risk evaluation to, in many cases, retain uses on PNW minor crops
- PNW growers have more tools to aid in IPM implementation
- PNW growers have increased knowledge about IPM practices
- PNW growers have increased their use of IPM practices
- NRCS is providing cost share incentives for adopting IPM practices
- Growers, researchers, and agencies throughout our region function as true partners

PARTNERSHIP ● POWER ● PROGRESS

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With our mutual membership in the Western IPM Center at our core, we interact and share expertise about a host of common concerns.