

Great Lakes Vegetable Working Group History

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ABSTRACT

The Great Lakes Vegetable Working Group (GLVWG) began in October 2004 with funding from the North Central IPM Center as a network of 149 vegetable production specialists throughout IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, NY, OH, PA, WI and Ontario, Canada, united by addressing key pest management issues in vegetable production within this region. Members communicate predominately through an electronic listserv that reaches not only other specialists but and other industry, grower and commodity association stakeholders throughout the region.

A web page for GLVWG has been developed (<http://glvwg.ag.ohio-state.edu/>) to display current annual meeting information, research presentations, project updates, member profiles, and stakeholder information. The working group also hosts an annual 1.5 day conference to promote information and program exchange among vegetable specialists across state lines, and to identify and discuss current priorities facing the vegetable industry.



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OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the Great Lakes Vegetable Working Group are centered around the expected outcomes proposed by the North Central Integrated Pest Management Center Working Group (NCIPMC WG) the NCIPMC WG outcomes are focused on improved flow of information among all components of IPM, with broader understanding and engagement of both scientific and Extension communities across disciplines, crops, and states during IPM challenges, while improving economic efficiencies of information exchange and knowledge sharing. The NCIPMC WG has also prioritized IPM tactics in greenhouse/controlled environments and production agriculture research and outreach.

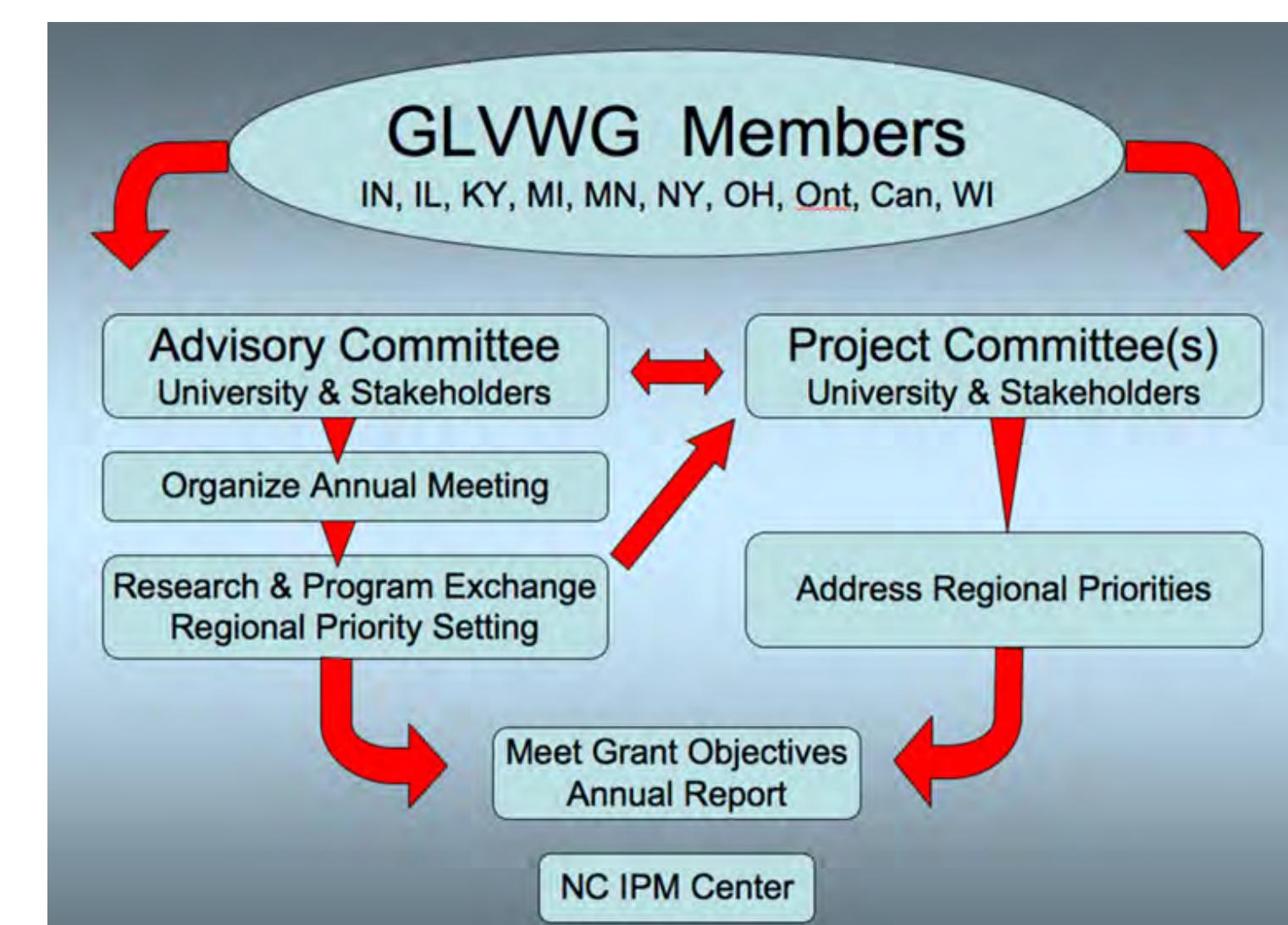
Objectives of the GLVWG include:

- Facilitate communication and collaboration among members of the Great Lakes Vegetable Working Group through continued use of the listserv and webpage.
- Coordinate an annual meeting for members to exchange programmatic and research information, build multi-state collaborations, and identify current priorities within the vegetable industry.
- Produce an on-line regional high tunnel vegetable crop disease and pest disorder guide that will assist vegetable growers with the implementation of successful pest management programs.



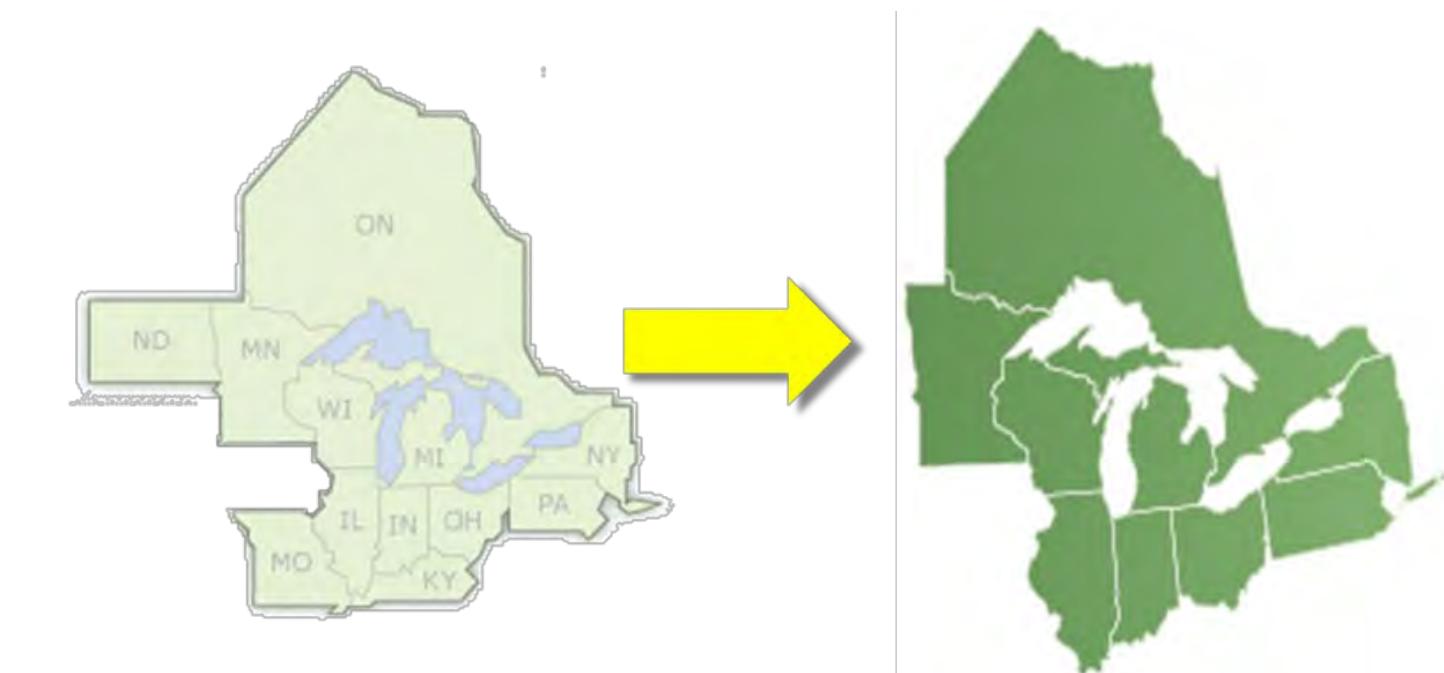
Mission statement

To form a communication network of vegetable specialists throughout the Great Lakes region to address current priorities facing growers and the vegetable industry.



GLVWG web site

<http://www.ncipmc.org/glvwg/>



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Results of the GLVWG

- Vegetable PM surveys developed and conducted
 - Regional pumpkin survey
 - Midwest & Ontario processing tomato IPM survey
- Conducted cucurbit IPM workshop
- Developed cucurbit DVD and workshop
- Developed sweet corn IPM workshop
- Developed sweet corn DVD of workshop
- Implemented sweet corn IPM regional survey
- Sweet corn pest ID and management pocket book
- Regional heirloom tomato variety trial
- Season extension webinar series – 5 webinars
- Natural enemies ID factsheet
- Natural enemies 25 min HD movie
- Natural enemies workshops (5 states)
- Natural enemies smart phone app
- Great Lakes sweet corn and cucurbit app
- High tunnel guide (in development)
- Twitter (@GLVeg) and Facebook

