

**NATIONAL ROAD MAP FOR INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT**  
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**KEEPING A STEP AHEAD**

Pest management systems are subject to constant change, and must respond to a variety of pressures. For example, pests may become resistant to chemical pesticides, crop rotation, or trapping methods. Regulatory agencies may restrict or phase out certain pesticides when their risks outweigh their benefits. Environmental concerns, consumer demands, and public opinion are significant influences in the marketplace related to pest management practices. IPM Practitioners must now, more than ever, strive to implement best management practices and tools to incorporate a pest management regime where strategies work in concert with each other to achieve the desired effects while posing the least risks. Current and evolving conditions clearly signal the need for the increased development and adoption of IPM practices. The justification for a national IPM Road Map, which serves to make these transitions as efficient as possible, has never been greater.