



IPHIS Biweekly Newsletter

May 10, 2010

What's New?

- IPHIS Updates. Enhancements will be made to IPHIS on April 30, 2010. Notes on what was included are available online at [IPHIS](#) → Message Forums
→ Administrative → Supporting Documentation → IPHIS Updates – 4/30/2010.

Did you know...

State	# of Users	# of Locations	# of Sites	# of Compliance Agreements	# of EANs	# of Activities	# of Topics	# of Posts
Idaho	3	222	5029	0	0	40	0	0
Indiana	2	13	0	0	1	0	3	4
Missouri	3	49	0	11	0	0	10	14
Nebraska	5	69	22	0	0	22	16	33
Michigan <i>(Just Trained)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-Total	13	353	5051	11	1	62	29	51
System Total	117	353	5051	11	1	62	34	90

IPHIS Status - Development Milestones

Milestone

Status

Support all PPO Programs

- The first tier of users in Nebraska, Missouri, Indiana, Idaho, and Michigan has been trained. Users in Maryland and Tennessee will be trained by the end of May supporting Phytophthora ramorum, and Emerald Ash Borer.
- Initial users will help enhance the system and ensure it meets critical operational needs before more users are added to the implementation.
- To date, the system is being used by states to support the Emerald Ash Borer Program, European Gypsy Moth Program, Light Brown Apple Moth Program, and the Japanese Beetle Program.

Transition the ALBES to IPHIS

- Members from the ALB program management as well as representatives from Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York met with the IPHIS contract team during the week of April 19 to clarify ALB requirements. The draft requirements were finalized.
- ALB program management approved the schedule to develop functional requirements. The schedule identifies the final functional requirements, as well as a data migration plan, will be completed by the end of June.

Support the CAPS Program

- The first requirement gathering session was held with CAPS program management and the IPHIS contract team. This will be followed by several more sessions. No dates or milestones have been defined yet.

Develop Traps and Lure Functionality

- Software solutions to support Trap and Lure functionality are being reviewed.
- Discussions with Trap and Lure stakeholders to begin developing requirements have been scheduled to being on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

Develop Control Functionality (SIT, Mechanical, Chemical, etc.)

- The ALBES transition to IPHIS is the first step in identifying how control functionality can be applied to the system. These discussions are currently underway. More details will be provided once requirements are fully documented.

IPHIS Training

- Future IPHIS classes:
 - PPQ Maryland/May10-12
 - PPQ and State Tennessee/May 18-20.
- Completed classes this year:
 - PPQ Nebraska/March
 - PPQ Missouri/March
 - PPQ Indiana/April
 - State Dept. of Agriculture Idaho/April
 - PPQ Michigan/April

Requested System Enhancements

We are seriously listening to your feedback. Here's a list of the most recent user-requested system enhancements that the CCB will be reviewing. Enhancements listed below are just a sample of the total enhancements that have been requested and are considered to be critical.

- **Survey** Template Preview. Add the ability to view what **Activity** screens will look like in the field as you develop the template.
- Print Calendar View from **Scheduling**. Add the ability for users to print out the current view in a calendar format.
- **Compliance Agreement Template** Attachment. Add the ability for an attachment to be included on the **Compliance Agreement Template**. This would ensure consistency and standards for how addendums are used.

Blog Posts – What are your colleagues saying?

Log into IPHIS to see the outcome of the following discussion threads:

- **Disconnected Device – Survey file naming convention and PDA display.** I've gotten to the point where I've created a couple of surveys and saved them on my PDA. These are multi-service EAB surveys – so a user in the field would be going back to these sites and opening the survey file several times during the year....
 - **Posted by:** Timothy Miller
- **Schedules to the PDA.** I have created a survey, set up a schedule, configured my PDA to the proper URL, and waited 30 minutes to make sure the schedule was in the system. When I attempt to download the survey/schedule to my PDA....
 - **Posted by:** Jeffery Marker
- **Record Uploads from the PDA.** I uploaded a site and activity that I created on the PDA to the IPHIS site. The PDA said that "1 records were uploaded". It has not shown up yet under the Activity tab nor has a new site shown up in the location I created it. So far it's been about an hour since I uploaded it. Anyone have any suggestions....
 - **Posted by:** Jeffery Marker

Join the conversation and you could see your post here!

Call for Feedback

We want to know what you think about the IPHIS training you've received and your user experience on the system. What are we doing right? What do we need to improve? What would you like to see in the system? Are you experiencing time efficiencies or deficiencies by using the system? If so, please send us the details.

Log into IPHIS and post your thoughts on the blog so that everyone can benefit from your ideas. Or, if you'd rather not blog your input, please provide it to Todd Schroeder at Todd.E.Schroeder@aphis.usda.gov or call (301)734-5700.