

WSU PUYALLUP HIGHLIGHT

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Pest Management Strategic Plans - A Model of Cooperation



Under the direction of Catherine Daniels, WSU's Washington State Pest Management Resource Service (WSPRS) has taken the lead in Washington State for hosting and organizing Pest Management Strategic Plans (PMSPs) for the agricultural industry. PMSPs are stakeholder documents that (1) identify key pests that limit production in a particular crop, crop group, or site; (2) systematically discuss the chemical and non-chemical controls for those pests, including the efficacy, safety and future practicality of each control; then (3) list the priority actions that are necessary to take that industry's pest management to the next safer and more effective level. Through workshops and collaborative meetings, Daniels (*pictured above*) and Sally O'Neal Coates, WSPRS Research and Extension Communication Specialist from the WSU Tri-Cities campus, provide both a method and a strategic plan product that can be used by industry, educators and researchers. Industry uses it to lobby regulatory agencies with documented priorities, extension agents use the list of industry educational needs to design programming, and researchers use PMSPs as evidence of stakeholder input when applying for grants to address research priorities. These strategic plans are drafted in a full-day or day-and-a-half workshop in which various aspects of the industry are represented: growers, processors, regulators, researchers, and extension agents.



Most recently, the pulse industry (dry peas, lentils, chickpeas) participated in a PMSP workshop in Spokane, Washington (*pictured at left, workshop participants filling out data tables*). PMSPs often represent more than one state, but this workshop was national in scope, including representatives of all seven significant pulse-producing states. Regulatory agencies and IR-4 (Interregional Research project No. 4) were represented as well. Daniels and Coates are now in the process of finalizing the document resulting from this workshop with the input of workshop members. It should be complete by July 2006 and will be available on the National IPM Centers website (<http://www.ipmcenters.org/>) and the WSPRS website (<http://wsprs.wsu.edu>).

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