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SUBJECT: 2016 ISDA Grasshopper/Mormon Cricket Program

Introduction

Grasshoppers and Mormon crickets continue to be one of the most serious pest problems in Idaho rangelands and adjacent croplands. The management and the timely control of grasshopper and cricket populations are high priorities for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) and our cooperators at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Congress has addressed this issue with special funding to the impacted states of Idaho, Utah, and Nevada. This funding was initiated in 2004 and is available until the original appropriation is entirely spent.

Detailed information on the amount of insecticide (Carbaryl bait) distributed to landowners in 2015 can be found in the 2015 Grasshopper and Mormon cricket
Suppression Program Summary at the ISDA Grasshopper and Mormon cricket website:
http://invasivespecies.idaho.gov/s/2015-GH-MC-Program-Summary-4-5-16-by-APHIS.pdf

2016 ISDA Program Policy

- **Field Operations will be a Bait Distribution Program only.**
  Farmers and ranchers with infestations will have the option of receiving Carbaryl bait. The landowner will take full responsibility for labor costs, proper application, and storage of the bait. In order for a landowner to receive bait, the land to be treated must be used for agricultural purposes (i.e. grazing, haying, or other types of crop production) and be 5 acres or more in size. All private landowners receiving bait must submit a completed Form 1, Request for Evaluation. Please email the attached fillable PDF form found with this letter to grasshoppers@isda.idaho.gov.

  Upon receipt of a Request for Evaluation form, ISDA will inspect the private landowner's property for the extent of infestation. ISDA field scouts will inspect the land in question to determine if bait is to be distributed to a particular landowner. Upon receipt of any bait, the landowner will be required to sign an ISDA bait form, taking full responsibility for the use and storage of the bait they receive.

- Landowners who receive bait will be required to comply with all label restrictions and requirements, as well as comply with the Idaho Pesticide and Chemigation Law, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Pesticide General Permit (PGP), and any other applicable state, federal, or local laws. This responsibility also includes strictly following the

insecticide label and proper calibration of application equipment, following all environmental precautions, and properly storing and disposing of the empty bait bags.

- ISDA has the responsibility and the authority to investigate any alleged pesticide misuse, particularly in regard to Carbaryl bait applications, and take enforcement action when appropriate.

- Adequate oversight of the pest suppression program is an expectation. Failure of participants and cooperators to submit the proper forms, such as Request for Evaluation or Bait Distribution Record, as required by ISDA, may result in loss of eligibility to participate in the program or to receive financial assistance.

2016 Contact Information & Request for Assistance Forms

Infestations on all Federal Lands in Idaho	**Infestations on State or Private Lands**
If your infestation is on BLM, USFS or other Federal Lands *Western Idaho* *USDA APHIS PPQ Office* Boise, Idaho **Voice:** 208-373-1600 **Fax:** 208-378-5794 **Email:** Rob.R.McChesney@aphis.usda.gov *Eastern Idaho* *USDA APHIS PPQ Office* Twin Falls, Idaho **Voice:** 208-733-5119 **Fax:** 208-734-7863 **Email:** Bradley.A.Newbry@aphis.usda.gov	If your infestation is in one of these regions or counties: *North Idaho* Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Benewah, Kootenai, Latah, and Shoshone (North of the North Fork of the Clearwater River) *Latah County Extension Office* **Voice:** 208-883-2267 **Fax:** 208-882-8505 **Email:** latah@uidaho.edu *Nez Perce and Lewis Counties* *Nez Perce County Extension Office* **Voice:** 208-799-3096 **Fax:** 208-799-3054 **Email:** nezperce@uidaho.edu *Idaho and Clearwater Counties (South of the North Fork of the Clearwater River):* *ISDA Point of Contact* **Voice:** 208-322-8620 **Fax:** 208-334-2283 **Email:** grasshoppers@isda.idaho.gov *South West Idaho* Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, and Washington Counties *ISDA Headquarters, Boise*

	Voice: 208-332-8620 **Fax:** 208-334-2283 **Email:** grasshoppers@isda.idaho.gov *South Central Idaho* Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Custer, Gooding, Jerome, Lemhi, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Twin Falls Counties *ISDA Headquarters, Boise* **Voice:** 208-332-8620 **Fax:** 208-334-2283 **Email:** grasshoppers@isda.idaho.gov *Eastern Idaho* Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Caribou, Clark, Franklin, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Oneida, Power, and Teton *ISDA Idaho Falls Field Office* **Voice:** 208-332-8620 **Fax:** 208-334-2283 **Email:** grasshoppers@isda.idaho.gov

We will continue to work cooperatively with counties, extension educators, and our federal partners, USDA APHIS.

The Latah and Nez Perce County Extension offices have agreed to be contact points for private landowners in northern Idaho. In addition, we will have field scouts assigned to northern Idaho to work with the counties, as needed, that are receiving calls from private landowners.

We will be glad to send our staff to special grower/rancher informational meetings in the impacted counties, if requested, to report on the program procedures.

Attached is Form 1, Request for Evaluation, which is used for evaluation of need for suppression of grasshopper or Mormon cricket in Idaho, better known as the "Complaint Form". This fillable PDF form will be used for all initial calls regarding infestations on federal, state, or private lands. Please email this form to grasshoppers@isda.idaho.gov.

Our goal is to serve impacted landowners and encourage judicious use of effective insecticides, while protecting pollinators, non-target species, and sensitive environments.

For additional information, go to the Grasshopper/Mormon Cricket Program at the ISDA website, or click
http://invasivespecies.idaho.gov/grasshopper-mormon-cricket-control-program/

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the 2016 program, please do not hesitate to contact Dan Safford at 208-332-8620.

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