

Name of Practice: VOLUNTARY INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT
DCR Specification for No. VWQ-10

This document specifies terms and conditions for the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's voluntary integrated pest management best management practice that are applicable to all contracts entered into with respect to that practice.

A. Description and Purpose

A procedure to prevent excessive and/or unnecessary application of pesticides to land and/or crops for the control of pests.

The purpose is to improve water quality by scouting fields and/or crops and only applying pesticides when the pest reaches the threshold of economic damage.

B. Policies and Specifications

1. This practice may include:
 - i. Pheromone traps and black light traps
 - ii. Sweep nets
 - iii. Sticky traps
 - iv. Envirocasters
2. Copies of scouting forms must be retained and kept in the producer file.
3. Eligible crops for scouting:
 - i. Cotton
 - ii. Peanuts
 - iii. Soybeans
 - iv. Small Grain
 - v. Alfalfa
 - vi. Corn
 - vii. Fruit Orchards
 - viii. Ornamentals
4. Cooperative Extension economic threshold criteria will be used.
5. Scouts must demonstrate knowledge of IPM techniques as defined by Cooperative Extension for the crop being scouted.
6. The practice must not be in lifespan from any other conservation program.

C. Technical Responsibility

Technical and administrative responsibility is assigned to qualified technical DCR and District staff in consultation, where appropriate and based on the controlling standard, with DCR, Virginia Certified Nutrient Management Planner(s), NRCS, DOF, and VCE. Individuals certifying technical need and technical practice installation shall have appropriate certifications as identified above and/or Engineering Job Approval Authority (EJAA) for the designed and installed component(s). All practices are subject to spot check procedures and any other quality control measures.

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