# Section E - Pest Management Practices

# Section E: Purpose

- To provide data about pest management practices that growers use on their crops.

- Alternative to pesticides

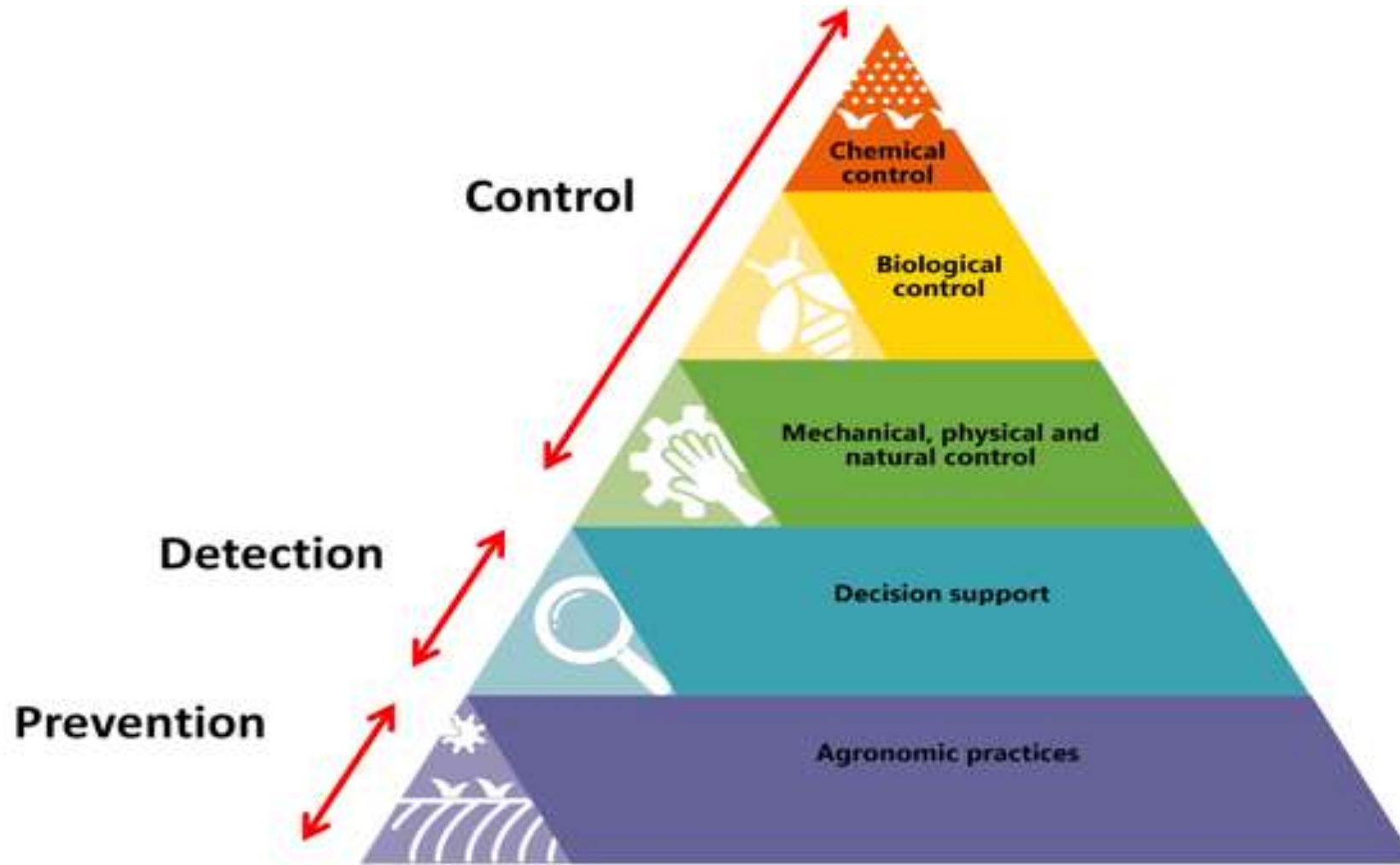- Practices which improve the effectiveness of pesticides

# Section E: Pest Management

- What do we define as Pests?

  - Weeds
  - Insects
  - Diseases
  - Fungus

# Section E: Pest Management

# Filling out the Questionnaire

- Pay Attention to Skip Codes

4. In 2024, how were your vegetable acres primarily scouted for insects, weeds, diseases, and/or beneficial organisms?............

1 By deliberately going to the vegetable acres specifically for scouting activities. Enter code 1 and go to item 5.

2 By conducting general observations while performing routine tasks. Enter code 2 and go to item 7.

3 The vegetable acres were not scouted. Enter code 3 and go to item 10.

Code

608

# "Were your vegetable acres scouted for…"

| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | [If column 2 = Yes, ask—]<br>Who did the majority of the scouting for [column 1]?<br><br>1 Operator, partner or family member<br>2 An employee<br>3 Farm supply or chemical dealer<br>4 Independent crop consultant or commercial scout<br>5 Processor<br>6 Other: (specify:_____)<br><br>Code |
| 7. Were your vegetable acres scouted for — | | Yes = 1<br>No = 3 | |
| a. weeds? | | 612 | 614 |
| b. insects or mites? | | 615 | 617 |
| c. disease? | | 618 | 620 |

# Specific Practices of Managing Pests

Code

| | | | Code |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8. Were written or electronic records kept to track the activity or numbers of weeds, insects, or diseases?............................................................................ | Yes=1<br>No=3 | 623 | |
| 9. Was scouting data compared to published information on infestation thresholds to determine when to take measures to manage pests?.......................................... | Yes=1<br>No=3 | 624 | |
| 10. Was field mapping data used for making pest management decisions?................................... | Yes=1<br>No=3 | 625 | |
| 11. Were the services of a diagnostic laboratory used for pest identification or soil or plant tissue pest analysis?.......................................................................... | Yes=1<br>No=3 | 626 | |

# Section E: Key Points

- Remember how we define pest for this survey

- Be careful with your skip codes

- Leave detailed notes

- If you have questions, ask them

# Conclusion

# Starting/Ending Time

**CONCLUSION**

[Thank the respondent, then review this questionnaire.]

Ending time [Military]................................................................................................

H   H   M   M

0005

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If the interview took more than one day, then make notes outside the box so that total elapsed time can be calculated.

# Record & Supplement Use

## Record Use

[Did respondent use operation records to report —]

Pesticide data................................................................................... Yes=1
No=3  | Code
064

## Supplement Use

[Record the total number of supplements used to complete this interview.]

Pesticide Supplements............................................................................... | Number
068

# Contact Information

**Contact Information**

Operator Email: | Operator Phone:

| 9929 | 9917 Check to receive results by email ☐ | 9918 ( ) _____ | check if cell phone ☐ |

Operation Email: (if different from above) | Operation Phone: (if different from above)

| 9937 | 9920 Check to receive results by email ☐ | 9936 ( ) _____ | check if cell phone ☐ |

Respondent Name: | Respondent Phone (if different from above)

| 9912 _____ | 9911 ( ) _____ | check if cell phone ☐ | 9910 MM DD YY Date: __ __ __ __ __ __ |

# Conclusion

- Be sure to fill out the bottom of the back page!

This completes the survey. Thank you for your help.

| OFFICE USE | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| R. Unit | Ptr 1 Str | Ptr 2 Str | Ptr 3 Str | Ptr 4 Str | OPS | SSO 1 | ADJ | Optional Use | |
| 9921 | 9922 | 9923 | 9927 | 9928 | 923 | 9907 | 922 | 9906 | 9916 |

| Response | | Respondent | | Mode | | Enum. | POID | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1-Comp<br>2-R<br>3-Inac<br>4-Office Hold | 9901 | 1-Op/Mgr<br>2-Spouse<br>3-Acct/Bkpr<br>4-Partner<br>9-Other | 9902 | 2-PATI (tel)<br>3-PAPI (Face-to-Face) | 9903 | 9998 | 9989 <br> __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ | | |
| | | | | | | | | Eval. | Change |
| | | | | | | | | 9900 | 9985 |

# Thank you!