



# Northeastern IPM Center

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Robert Martin, Records Officer  
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**RE:** Reporting Requirements for Research, Education, and Extension project online reporting tool (REReport). *OMB Number:* 0524-0048.

Dear Dr. Martin,

This letter is in response to comments requested on the project online reporting tool, REReport.

The four Regional Integrated Pest Management Centers, funded by USDA-NIFA under the Crop Protection and Pest Management Program for over 20 years, report on both our accomplishments and those of the annual subawards we fund in our respective regions each year. We address urban and structural IPM, agricultural IPM, and natural areas and invasive species issues.

In response to National Program Leader requests, we have developed reporting measures related to our work to enhance the ability of USDA-NIFA personnel to find quantitative data on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) outputs and outcomes. These numbers can include peer-reviewed publications, Extension publications, IPM practices adopted and number of acres impacted, numbers of people reached by outreach effort, and practitioners educated in IPM, as well as other types of data. We are incorporating these measures in the reporting that we require of subawards, as well as tracking our own Center results for submission to REReport. These “Common Measures” are quantitative means of demonstrating impact and accountability, something that for USDA-NIFA, and the Centers have agreed to enter quantitative numbers under the “Accomplishments” section of REReport is seeking.

However, REReport only allows text entries and qualitative, descriptive input. Therefore, USDA-NIFA personnel and others have to glean data from the narrative rather than being able to simply export aggregated quantitative data as needed. As a result, our efforts may go under-reported, or we are asked to provide quantitative data separately from the REReport submission.



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Revising the REEport system to allow for reporting of quantitative data would improve reporting and reduce the time spent in searching narratives and text for quantitative data or in providing quantitative data outside of REEport.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Deborah G. Grantham'.

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