

# Conservation Biological Control Farm Walk

*Integrated Plant Protection Center, OSU, with Oregon Tilth*

## Agenda

Persephone Farm walk

6<sup>th</sup> August, 2003 4pm-6pm

Participant, program and farmer introductions .....	30 min
Walking to station one to discuss landscape factors with Paul .....	~20 min
Walk to station two to discuss methods for enhancement with Jeff .....	~25 min
Walking to station three to review insect displays with Gwendolyn & Mario .....	~10 min
Handouts, evaluation and discussion.....	~ 20min
Food, fun & more discussion.....	~ 15 min
6:00.....	Completion

## Community IPM: Conservation Biological Control Project

This farm walk initiates a project which aims to implement conservation biological control (CBC) on a much wider scale within Oregon farms. For this to be successful, the methods of CBC will need to be tuned and adapted to fit within our local farming systems, they will need to be relevant to local needs and they will need to be effective. We believe that the best way to achieve this is through establishment of a community-based project, following the principles of *Community IPM*, and adapting these to meet our needs.

*Community IPM* is a strategy for sustainable agricultural development where farmers:

- act on their own initiative and analysis;
- identify and resolve relevant problems;
- conduct their own local IPM programs that include research and educational activities;
- elicit support from local institutions;
- establish or adapt local organizations that enhance the influence of farmers in local decision making;
- employ problem-solving and decision-making processes that are open and egalitarian;
- create opportunities for all farmers in their communities to develop themselves and benefit from their IPM activities; and
- promote a sustainable agricultural system.

We will adhere to these principles in facilitating the first steps in the program over the coming months. We greatly value any comments and feedback that you can provide for us.

At present we are planning:

- further farm walks;
- a fall workshop on CBC methods and how they might be adapted to OR conditions
- a method of seeking and providing feedback that fits within farmers' schedules.

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