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The IPM Achievement Awards recognize practitioners who have made outstanding achievements in IPM adoption, implementation, and program maintenance. In 2002, the USDA, along with its stakeholders, developed a [national roadmap for IPM](#), which was revised in 2013. This roadmap has provided direction for practitioners who specialize in IPM for research, implementation of new technology, and measurement of success in management of all types of pests, including but not limited to agricultural, structural, veterinary, ornamental, forest and public health pests. The success of an IPM program depends on how well it follows the [USDA NIFA IPM Roadmap](#), engenders stakeholder support, and increases IPM adoption and implementation. IPM practitioners who have achieved excellence fully support the IPM roadmap and garner stakeholders to help with program implementation and team building.

For each award category, the Awards Committee reviews each nomination package on:

- improving economic returns by reducing input costs and/or improving product or service quality;
- reducing human health risks;
- minimizing adverse environmental effects from pests or pest management activities;
- documenting outcomes in pesticide use and hazard reduction, improved economic returns, environmental impacts, etc. vs. outputs items like fact sheets published and distributed, meetings convened and attendance, number of producers in the study, etc.
- developing/implementing innovative strategies.
- working with a team to pull people together. The Award Committee wants each applicant to illustrate how the nominees—both individuals and groups—have used a team approach in the IPM process.

There are four award categories:

- Lifetime Achievement
- IPM Practitioner
- IPM Team/Group
- Graduate Student (New this year!)

This year, winners will have the opportunity to submit an article at no cost to the [Journal of Integrated Pest Management](#) for a special 9th International IPM Symposium edition. At the same time, winners will be invited to present their award-winning story during one of the many symposia sessions. Winners will receive their award recognition at the opening session Monday evening.

Consider nominating someone today! Awards nominations will be accepted between April 24, 2017 through June 30, 2017. Winners will be notified in August 2017.

To learn more about the application process join us for a short webinar on May 4, 2017 at 2:00 PM EDT, 1:00 PM CDT, 12:00 PM MDT, and 11:00 AM PDT. Use this link to register now, <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4332726006873300737> - you will receive reminders about the date. If you can't attend, you will also get a link to the recorded meeting after the fact. The recording will be posted to the Awards page on May 8, 2017.

To apply or learn about the specific criteria for each award, visit our webpage at <https://ipmsymposium.org/2018/awards.html>