

**National Insect & Disease Risk Map (NIDRM)
Focus Group Action Items**

Questions/Actions

Q1: How do participants get more information on how base data layers are developed and how to appropriately utilize them?

A1: FHTET will provide further guidance through briefs and demos this Summer.

Q2: How do we disseminate the Model DB information available on the internet to a broad user group?

A2: FHM/FHTET should advertise in the FHM Newsletter, assure the topic is easily reached through a Google search, and distribute through our partner networks.

Q3: How do we better assure that our partners can accept our models and results as the authoritative source of risk information?

A3: FHM Regional Modeling Teams should solicit as much active involvement from their partners as possible, starting with having them identify which pests should be included in the risk map and reviewing the 2006 models.

Q4: What next steps need to be taken to involve participants?

A4: FHTET will solicit feedback from FHM Regions and their partners to help determine the utility of the base data layers.

FHTET will also set up a clearinghouse for the data as it becomes available.

Q5: How do we consistently portray predictive variables and model calibrations across geographic zones/regions, and obtain supplemental financial resources for such an additional analytical effort?

A5: Modeling Team needs to identify tasks and resources that can be addressed Within a short timeframe and focus on improvements on those tasks For the 2011 effort. Other tasks requiring a longer timeframe will also Be evaluated for future consideration.