Integrated Pest Management

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• Fundamental aim of sustainable use directive.
  - ‘Would result in a better targeted use of all available pest control measures, including pesticides’.
  - ‘Take all necessary measures to promote low pesticide-input pest management’.

• Commission sending strong signals that this an area where activity should be focussed.
  - Perceived to be substitute for reduced availability of plant protection products.
  - Berlin workshop last month (share experiences, identify possible future actions).
• Where are we?
  - Fully integrated approach (i.e. adopting all of the general principles) probably not yet realistic in all situations.
  - Such approaches may not deliver quality or consistency of control demanded by market.
  - Allow Defra policy position to mature.

• Existing work.
  - Engage and assess outcome research projects.
  - Ensure IPM covered in designated training programmes, reflected appropriately in revised Code of Practice.
  - R&D funding for alternatives and in amenity.
  - Farming Advice Scheme, guidance built around IPM.
  - Other initiatives. RSPB, LEAF, Assurance Schemes, NFU Plan.
Thank you, any questions?

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