



# NEWS ROUNDUP

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## IPM in Schools - February 2017

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A monthly roundup of the latest news in Integrated Pest Management in schools, project highlights and stories from the IPM community. Courtesy of the [North Central Region School IPM Working Group](#) and the non-profit [IPM Institute of North America](#), working to harness marketplace power to improve health, environment and economics.

**Stop School Pests** training for schools is a free, professional development training package for K-12 school staff. It includes individual modules for school administrators, facility managers, landscape and grounds staff, custodians, maintenance staff, school nurses, food service staff and teachers in public schools.

**Take the training [online](#) and to earn a certificate for taking the training simply [contact us!](#)**

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*Texas A&M School IPM*

### **Rodenticides: How Do They Fit in Your IPM Program?**

School IPM specialist Janet Hurley from Texas A&M Agrilife Extension examines rodenticides and their active ingredients, target rodent species and how rodenticides can be properly incorporated into an IPM program.

[Learn more here](#)

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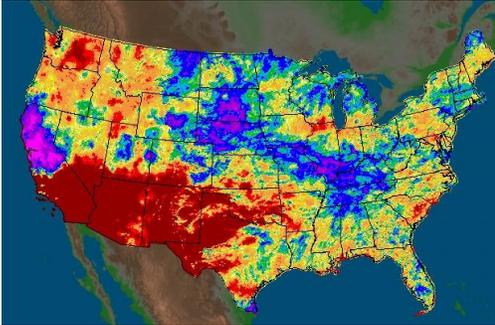
### **The USA's Top Ten Cities for Pests**

Cities create a welcoming urban environment for



pests such as mice, cockroaches and bedbugs as well as fleas, scorpions and mosquitoes. New York City ranks second of the top ten towns for pest infestations. Here, 15% of households have mice problems, 16% struggle with cockroaches and other frequent visitors include mosquitoes and bedbugs.

[Read the full article here](#)



*Pest Control Technology*

## Predicting the Big Pest Issue of 2017

Many factors determine the movements of pest populations: temperature, moisture, food resources, habitat and many more. Research has shown climate change has pushed many pests farther north and extended the season for some.

What will be the big pest issue of 2017?

[Read the full article here](#)



*IPM STAR*

## Two Schools Earn IPM STAR Certification for Low-Risk In-House Pest Management Programs

Two school districts have recently earned IPM STAR certification for their low-risk integrated pest management programs. Maricopa Unified School District #20 (MUSD) of Maricopa, AZ has achieved STAR certification for the first time, and Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) has been recertified after a previous certification from 2004-2007.

[Read about MUSD here](#) and [MPS here](#).

## Upcoming Events

Here are some upcoming events related to integrated pest management, healthy schools and environmental health.

**March 14, 2017** **Feed the Kids, Not the Pests: Effective IPM for Cafeterias and Kitchens** EPA Webinar

**April 11, 2017** **Contending with Invasive Plants on School Grounds** EPA Webinar

**May 9, 2017** **Managing Bed Bugs in Schools, Child Care Centers and Boarding Schools** EPA Webinar

**March 19-22, 2018** **9th International IPM Symposium** Baltimore, MD

