

Bt resistance Statement

IPM Council suggests that the Maine Board of Pesticide Control considers re-establishing its Plant-Incorporated Protectants Technical Review Committee. The first case of resistance to Bt plants has been reported for the European corn borer, *Ostrinia nubilalis*, in Canada. Bt corn is widely adopted by conventional farmers in Maine, while organic farmers commonly rely on foliar sprays of this material. Therefore, potential failure of Bt against a very important pest has important implications for Maine agriculture. Re-establishing the Technical Review Committee will allow developing proactive approaches to dealing with this problem.