

THE IR-4 PROJECT



Pest Management Solutions for Specialty Crops and Specialty Uses

60 Years of Impact

For 60 years, The IR-4 Project has been a trusted ally of the specialty crop community. By facilitating Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registration of sustainable pest management products and technologies, IR-4 helps growers access safe products to protect their crops. Healthy and abundant specialty crop harvests are vital to public wellbeing.

Food Crops + Environmental Horticulture

Specialty crops include both food and ornamental plants—essential components of a nutritious diet and a thriving landscape. Because these crops are under significant pressure from damaging insects, weeds, and diseases, the work of IR-4 is critical to preserving the biodiversity and variety that we enjoy.

Strategic Pest Management

Putting farmers' needs first, IR-4 assesses tools of all kinds for both conventional and organic growers— including reduced-risk chemical and bio-based pesticides, as well as emerging technologies. In addition to working with EPA to secure product and use registrations in the U.S., IR-4 helps harmonize international pesticide regulations, removing barriers to agricultural trade.

An Abundant Future

As envisioned by the land grant university system, IR-4 has championed farmers since its founding in 1963. IR-4 research has secured over **23,000 pest product registrations** for food crops through EPA, and countless others for ornamental crops. While the future of pest management is complex, IR-4 has the expertise to guide the specialty crop community forward with innovative, pragmatic and collaborative solutions.



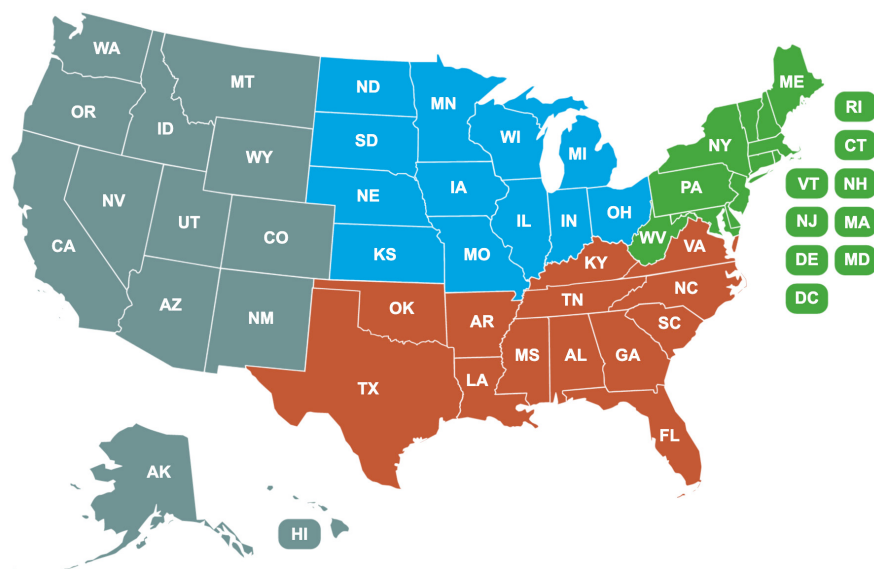
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Economic Impact of The IR-4 Project

According to a 2022 report conducted by Michigan State University's Center for Economic Analysis, **The IR-4 Project contributes an estimated \$8.97 billion to the annual gross domestic product. In addition, seven jobs today can be attributed to every \$1,000 of public investment in IR-4.**

National Scope of the IR-4 Project

From our headquarters (HQ) and regional offices, to partnering land grant universities and USDA Agricultural Research Service stations, IR-4's multifaceted team serves the specialty crop community nationwide. Collaborative relationships with USDA, EPA, growers, commodity groups, state liaisons, and industry leaders position IR-4 to guide the specialty crop community towards improved pest management solutions— as we have for 60 years.



IR-4 Headquarters:
North Carolina State University

Southern Region*:
University of Florida

Northeast Region:
University of Maryland
Eastern Shore

North Central Region:
Michigan State University

Western Region:**
University of California, Davis

***Southern Region also includes: Puerto Rico**

****Western Region also includes: American Samoa,
Federated States of Micronesia, Guam and Northern Marianas**

Visit IR4project.org to get in touch with HQ or regional offices, or to submit a project request.



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