

IPM Modules

Introduction: The following modules are designed to reinforce and practice IPM in several settings. There are several ways to use the modules.

1. They can be practiced *following* the home and school IPM discovery lessons. The students will be familiar with the components of an IPM program, and through the use of the modules they will be allowed to explore and practice IPM in different settings.
2. The modules can be used as an *alternative* to the home and school IPM lessons. You may choose to follow the home and school IPM discovery lessons as a guide to teach the process of IPM in one or more of the settings provided.
3. The modules can be used *in addition to* the home and school discovery IPM lessons; thus as the students learn IPM in the school and home, they can also learn and practice IPM in one or more of the module environments.

It is suggested that a field trip to a facility that manages ornamental plants, a commercial greenhouse, golf course or other turf management facility or to a sustainable, organic or commercial farm that practices a sound IPM program accompany the modules. In addition to a field trip, the modules should be reinforced with an interview with a knowledgeable IPM manager associated with the subject of the module.

For grades 2-5, it is recommended that these modules are introduced to students only as field trips and interviews with managers.