

IPM Final Report

Retailer's IPM Program

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Two sets of eight learning modules were prepared to be used by retail garden and pesticide sales personnel at the Lowes and Home Depot stores in Summerville. Management at both of these stores was contacted during the summer before the grant was applied for to determine interest. Partial module sets were also supplied to Ace Hardware and ServiceStar Hardware in St. George. The learning modules were presented to the stores in November/December of 2001.

After many visits and much encouragement on my part I was received little cooperation at the two large stores. Only one person at Lowes viewed the materials. She did give favorable comments. The management at Home Depot kept saying he wanted to use the material for a regional training session. He will not return calls and seldom has time to visit when I go to the store. I have expressed my dismay at them wasting the time and resources of the university. I have faxed for a report and still have not received one. I am sorry. I do not know why these people told me they were interested in this project if indeed they were not.

For those in need of such materials, the eight video program has pretests and post-tests that have been approved by DPR for recertification credit.