



## WHAT IS IPM?

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is the coordinated use of pest and environmental information with available pest control methods to prevent unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment (EPA definition). IPM is a sustainable approach to pest management that uses knowledge of pest, crop and environmental conditions to select the best combination of the following

### IPM TACTICS:

#### **Cultural control**

modify farming practices to decrease pest problems

#### **Biological control**

use beneficial organisms to regulate pests

#### **Chemical control**

use chemical pesticides appropriately

#### **Physical control**

kill pests directly or by disrupting their environments

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