The Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center: Research for Results

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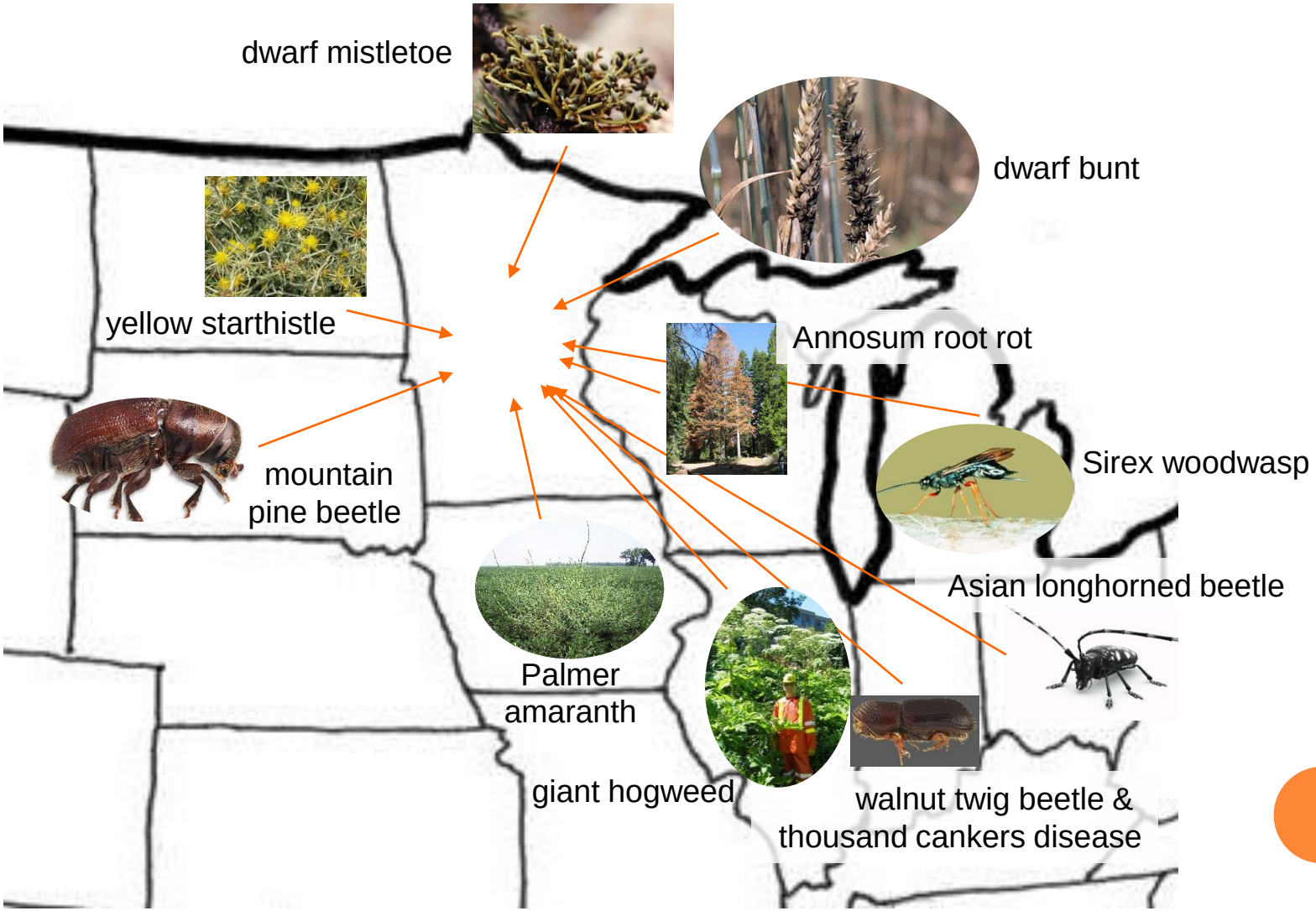
Overview

- Terrestrial invasive species as an issue (brief)
- History of MITPPC
- Initial prioritization and project selection
- Expanded prioritization and project selection

Terrestrial invasive species, a growing costly problem for Minnesota



Legislation to create MITPPC passed in 2014

"The purpose of [MITPPC] is to research and develop effective measures to prevent and minimize the threats posed by terrestrial invasive plants, pathogens, and pests, including agricultural weeds and pests, in order to protect the state's native prairies, forests, wetlands, and agricultural resources."

[ML 2014, Ch. 312, Sec 44]

Key points

1. University of Minnesota
2. Research!
3. Outcome based
4. All lands (including wetlands)
5. All terrestrial invasive species

Allocations to MITPPC from ENRTF

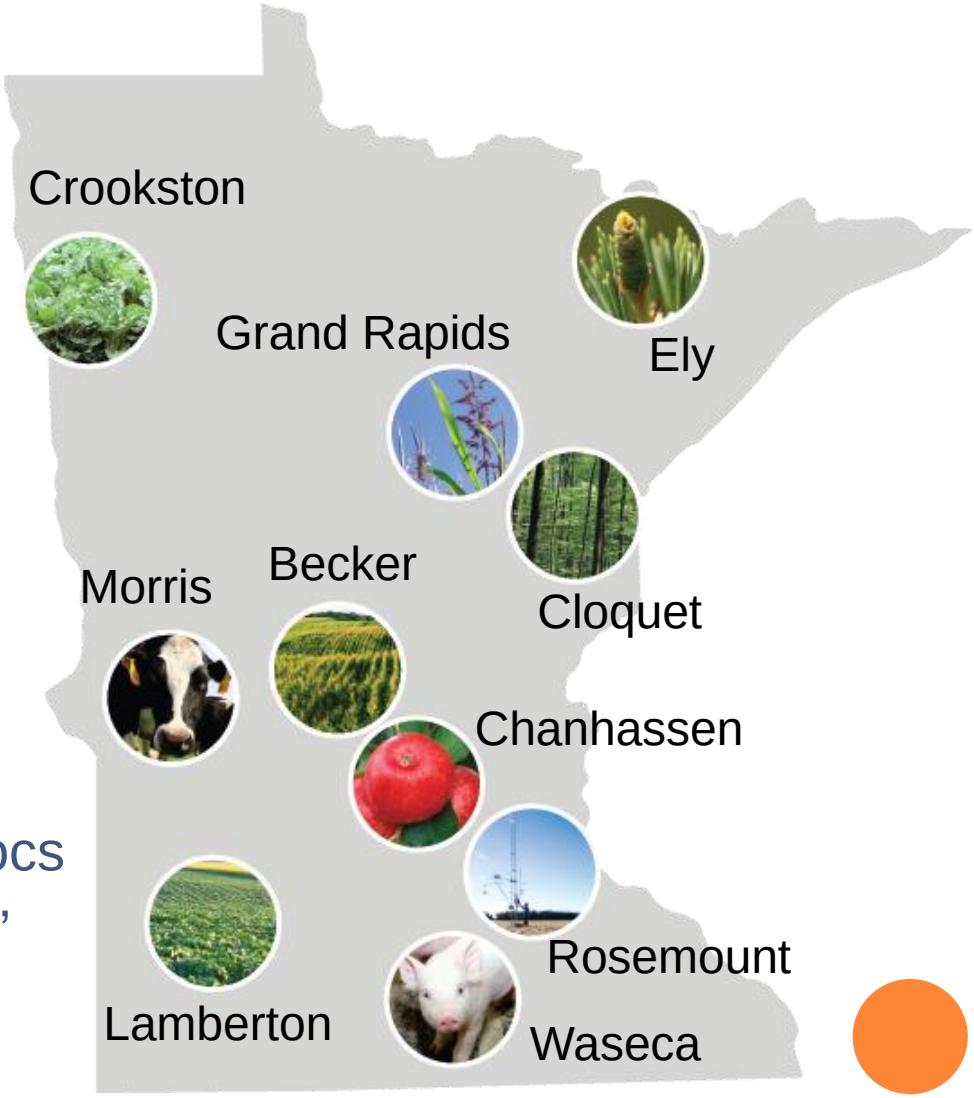
- FY2014 - $1.46 million
- FY2015 - $5.00 million
- FY2016 - $3.75 million

- Funding scheduled to end in 2022
- Center Operations funded through a separate allocation from the General Fund in FY2014

- Damage from invasive species is expected to cost more than $24 billion over the same time period (two story house = our Center vs 3.5 times the tallest building in the world = damage from terrestrial invasives).

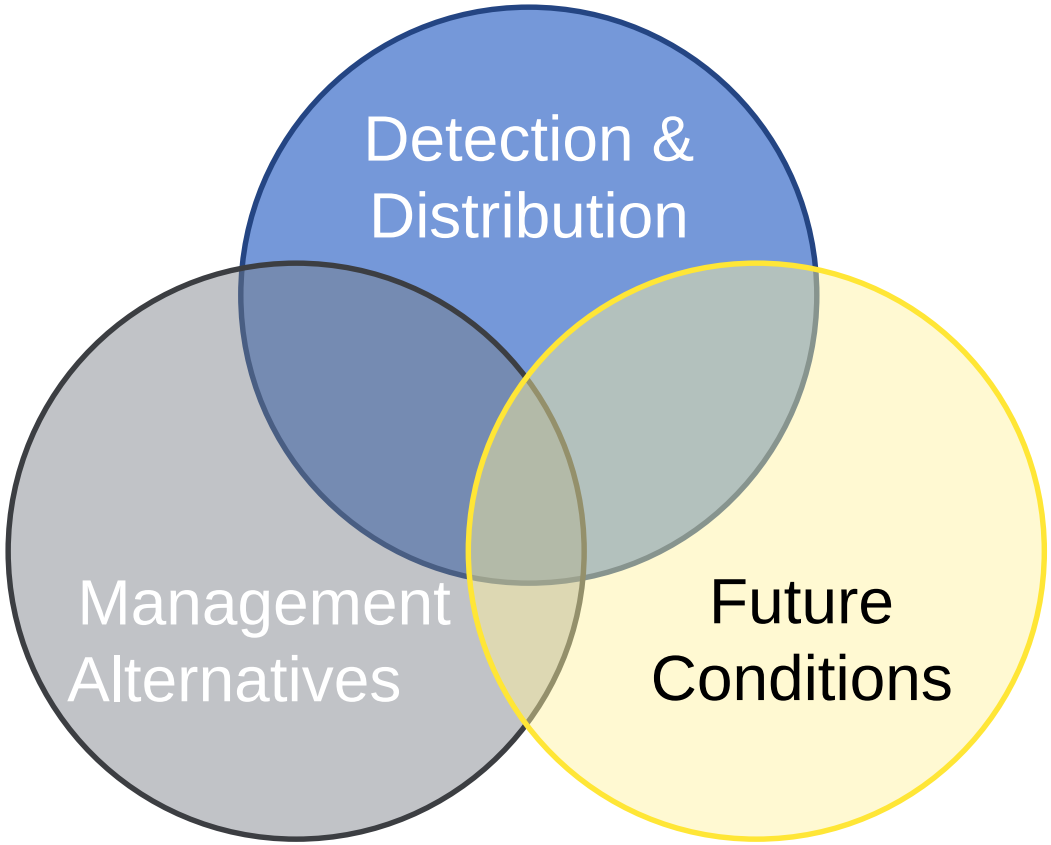
More than just extra funding: MITPPC adds value

- Prioritization
- Coordination
  - New teams
  - New talent
- Integration
  - University-wide
  - Stakeholders
- Preparation
  - Grad. students & postdocs
  - Moving beyond “one-off” projects
- Communication



University Research and Outreach Centers

Priority topics for MITPPC: 2015



Initial research projects

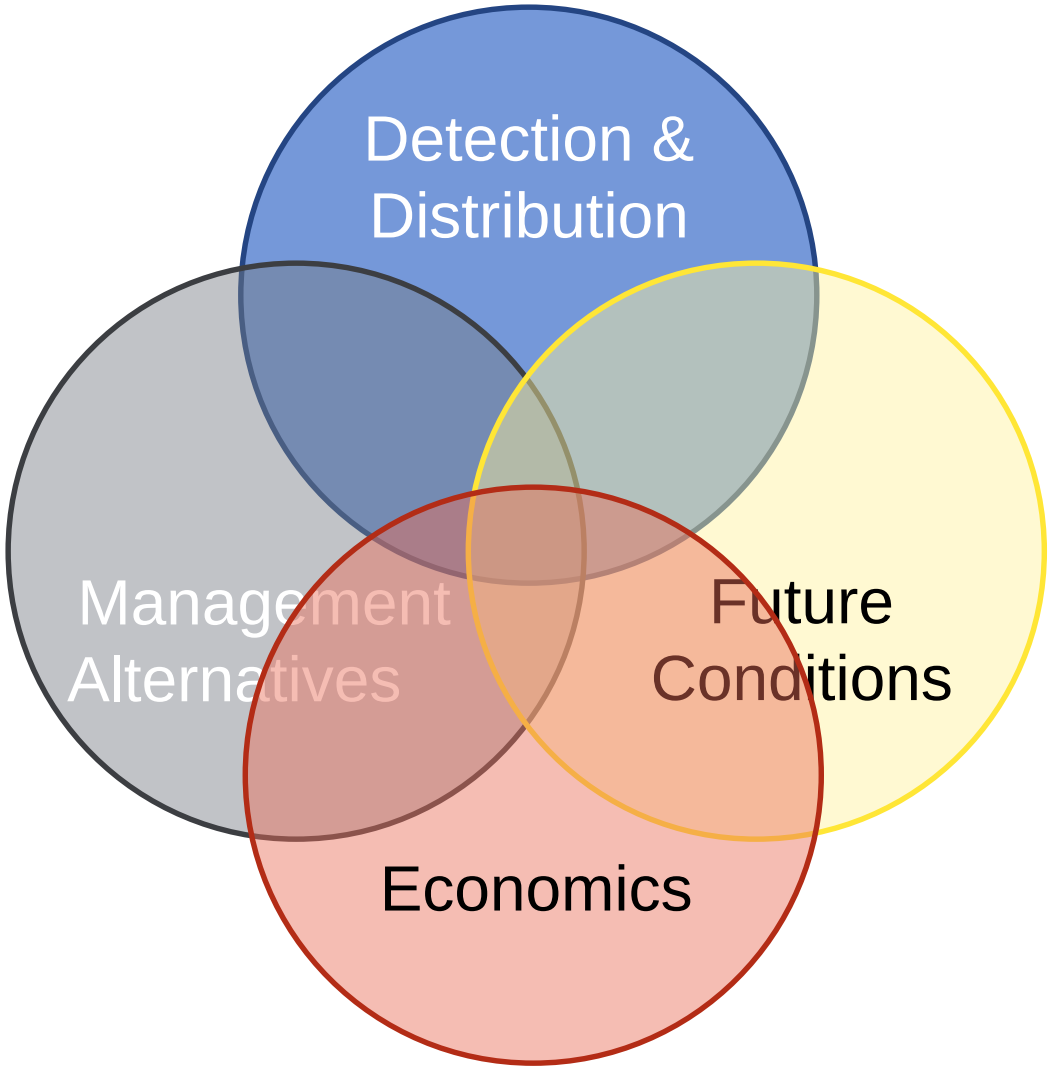
Oak wilt:
New diagnostic technologies

Buckthorn:
New, sustainable management

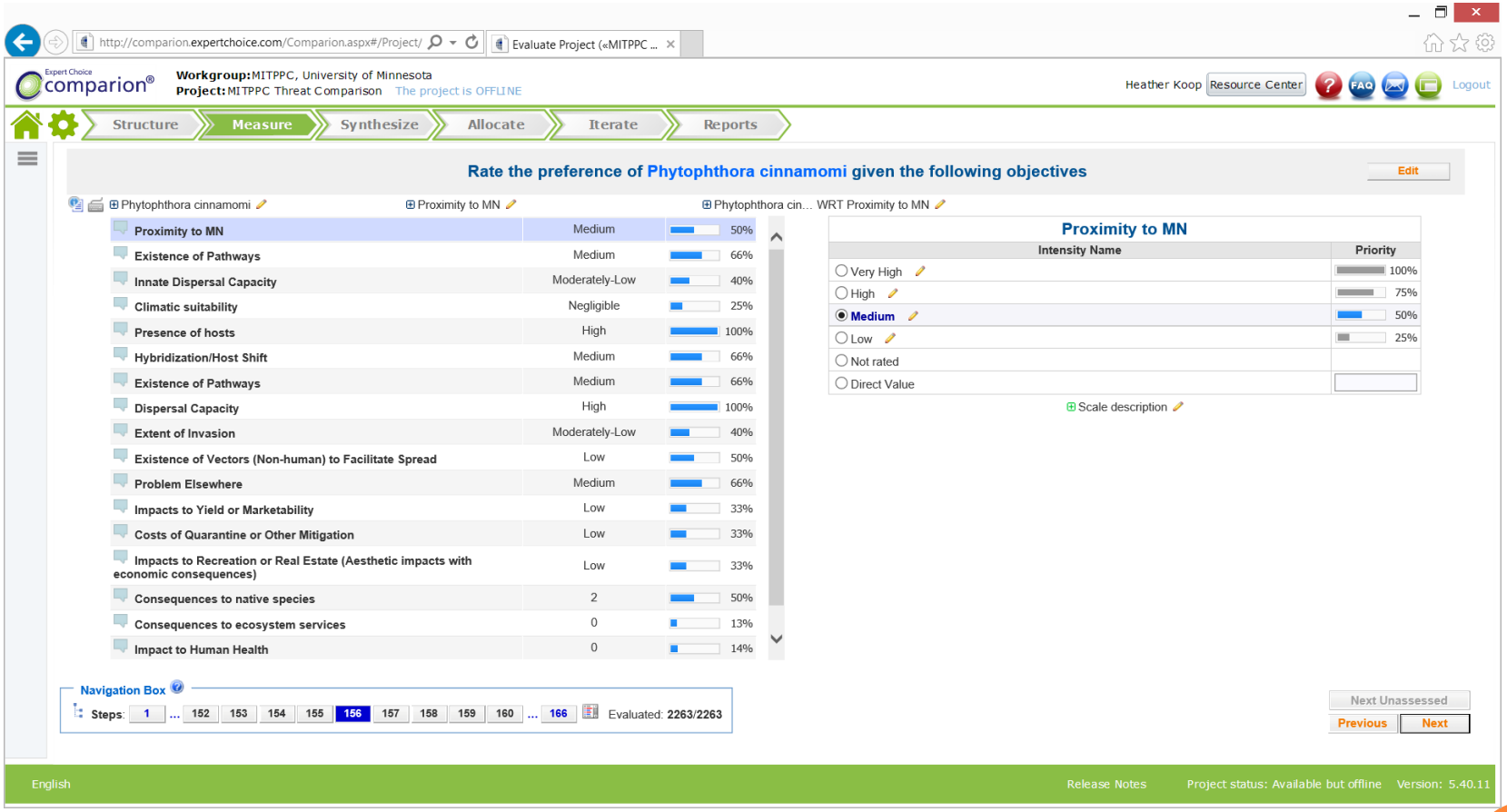
Brown marmorated stink bug: Detection, distribution and forecasts

Nine noxious weeds: Current and future distribution

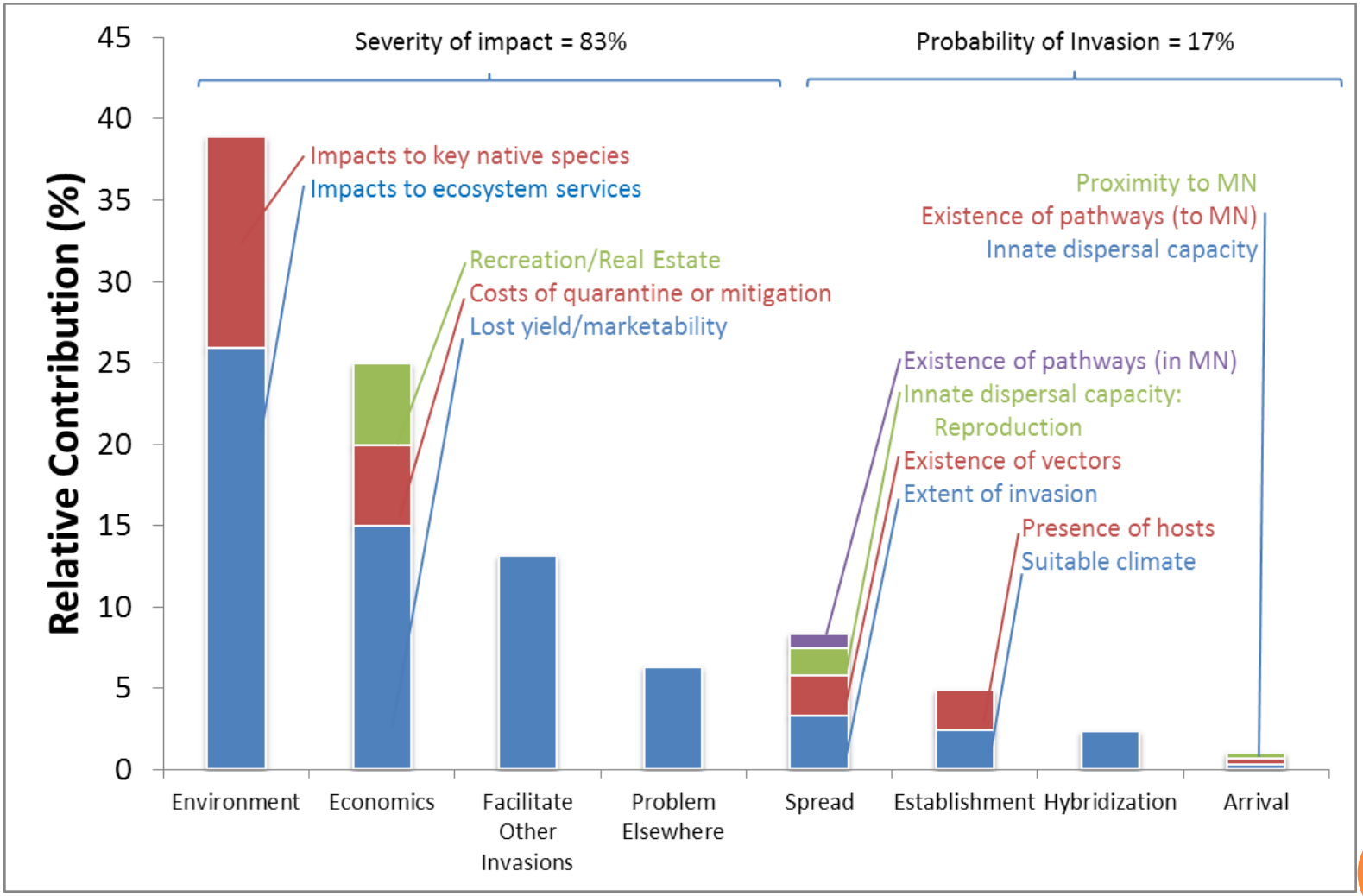
Priority topics for MITPPC: 2016



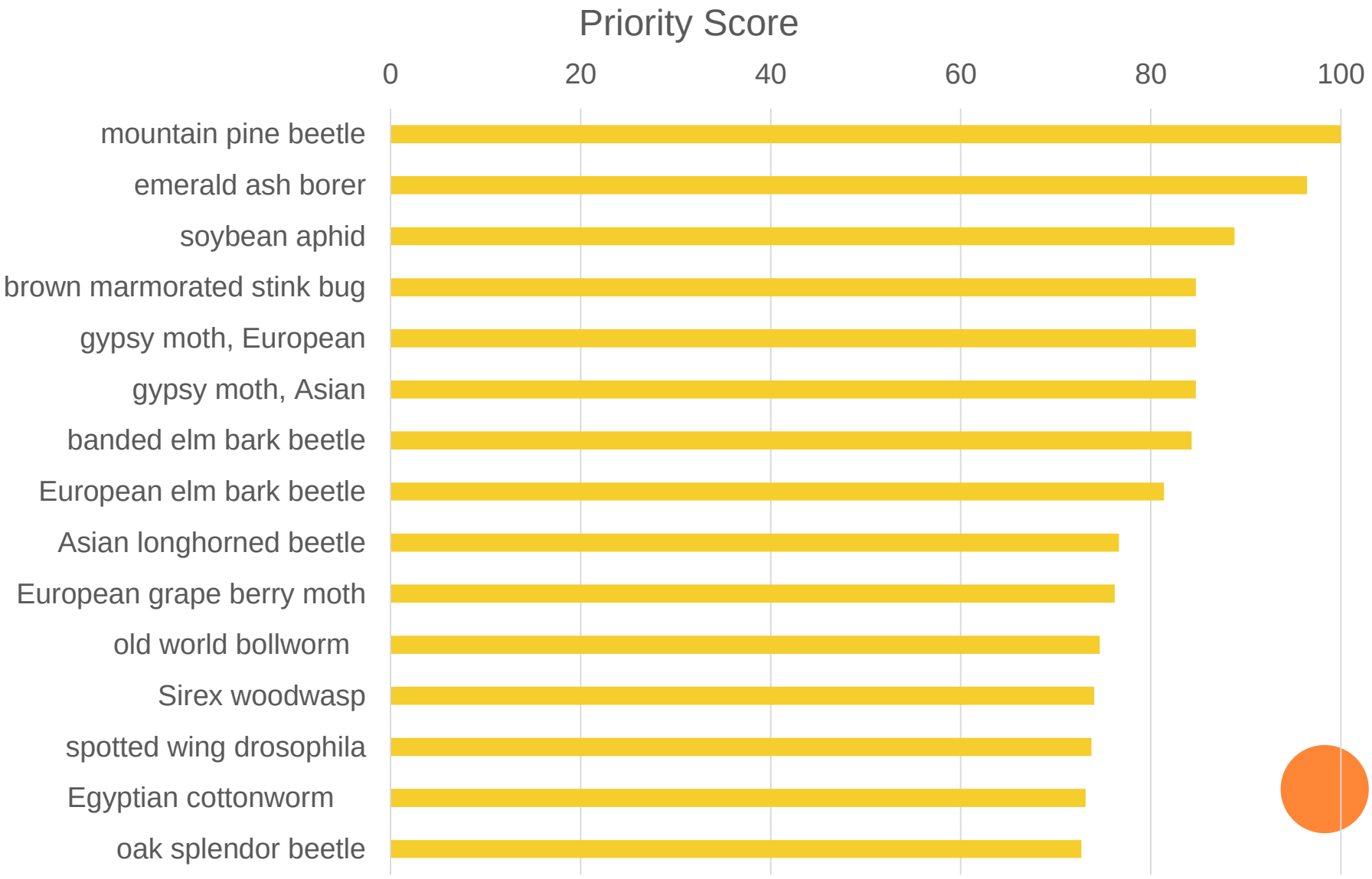
124 Species were analyzed in ExpertChoice



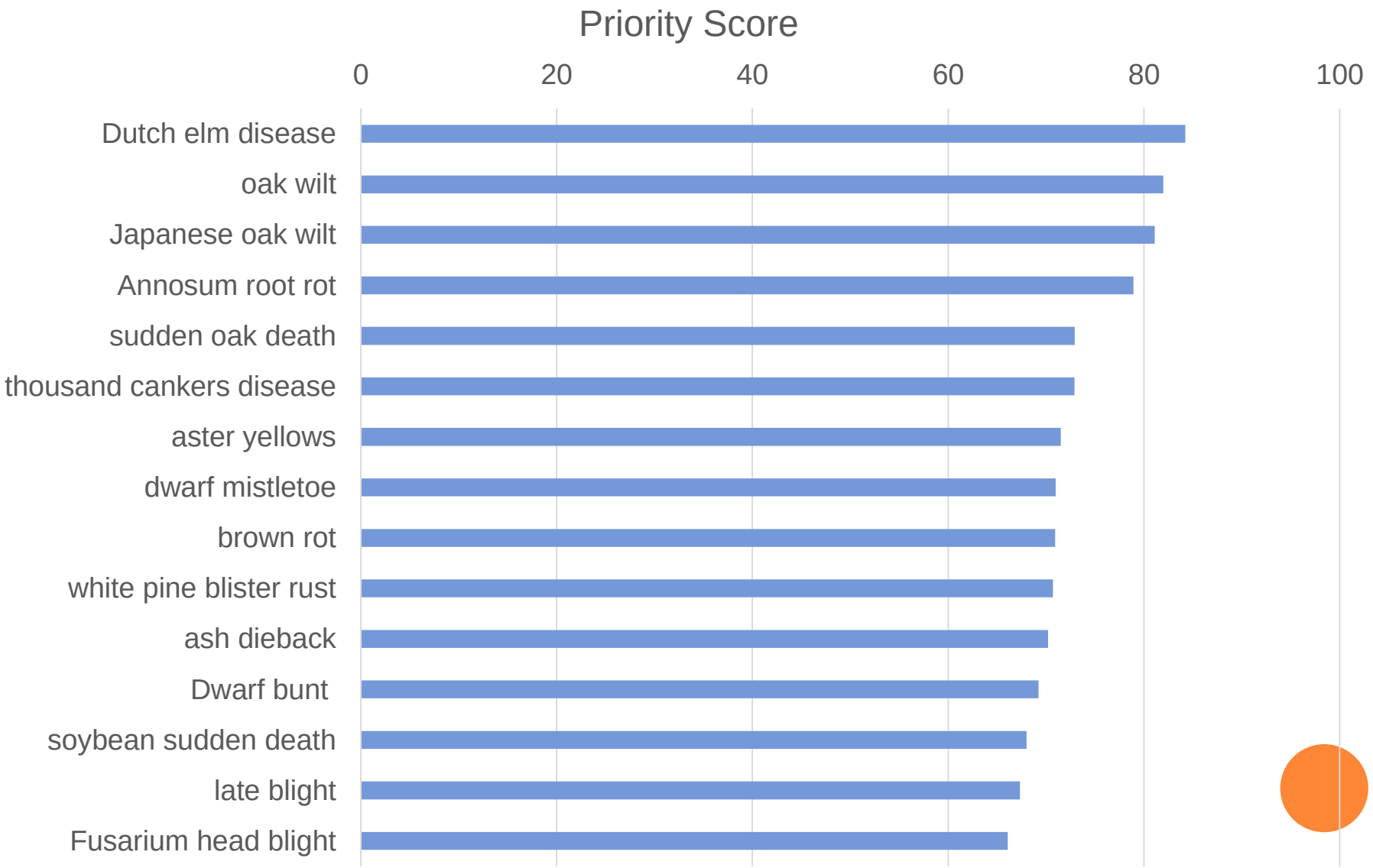
Final importance assigned to each criterion



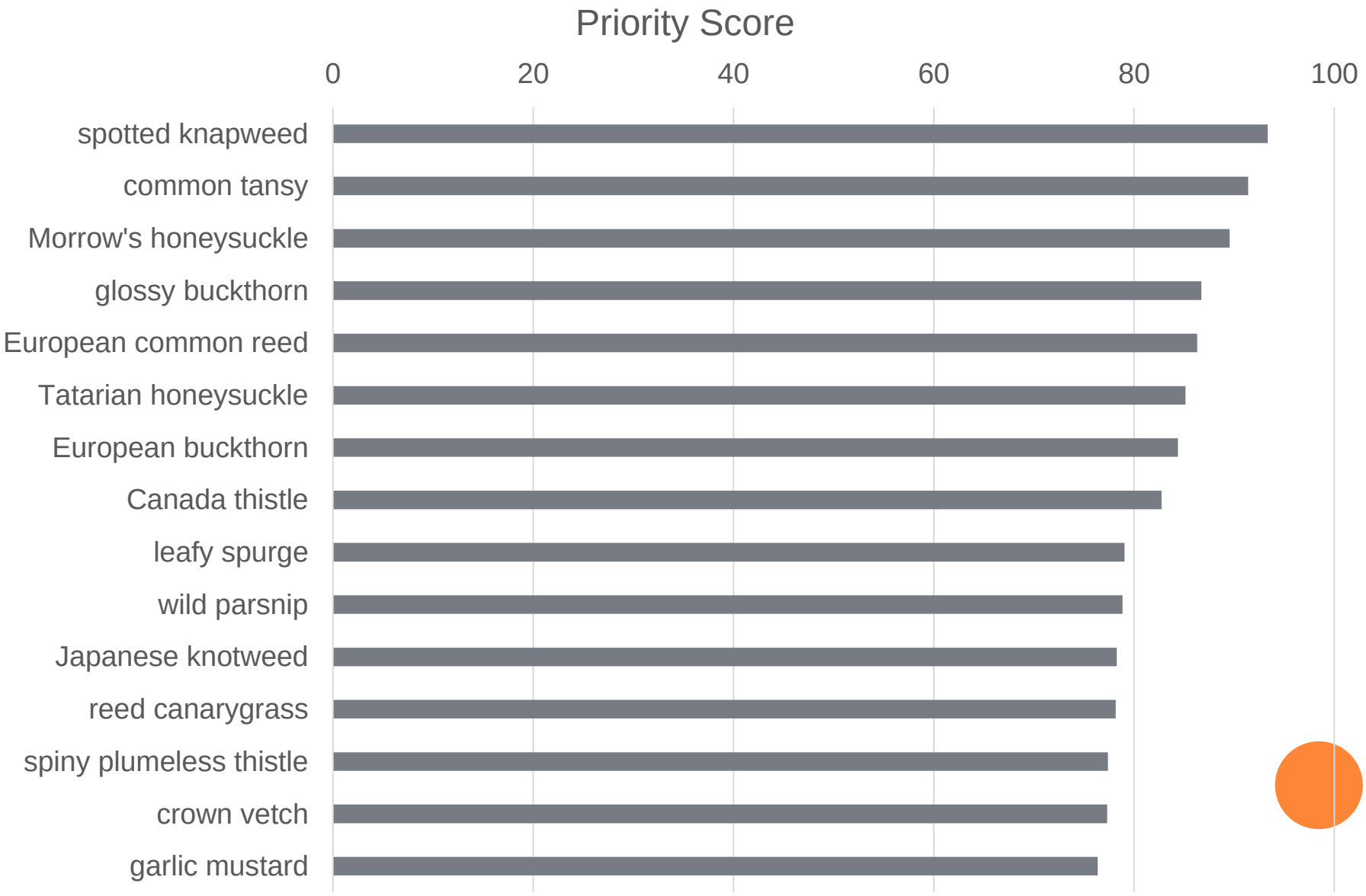
Top 15 insects



Top 15 Diseases



Top 15 Plants



New projects for FY17

- 11 new projects funded with M.L.2015 ENRTF
- $4.5 million in total project funding
- New forestry-related projects
  - Dispersal of larval gypsy moth
  - Emerald ash borer & “herd immunity”
  - Landscape detection of oak wilt
  - Buckthorn & bush honeysuckle
  - Mountain pine beetle
  - Garlic mustard biocontrol

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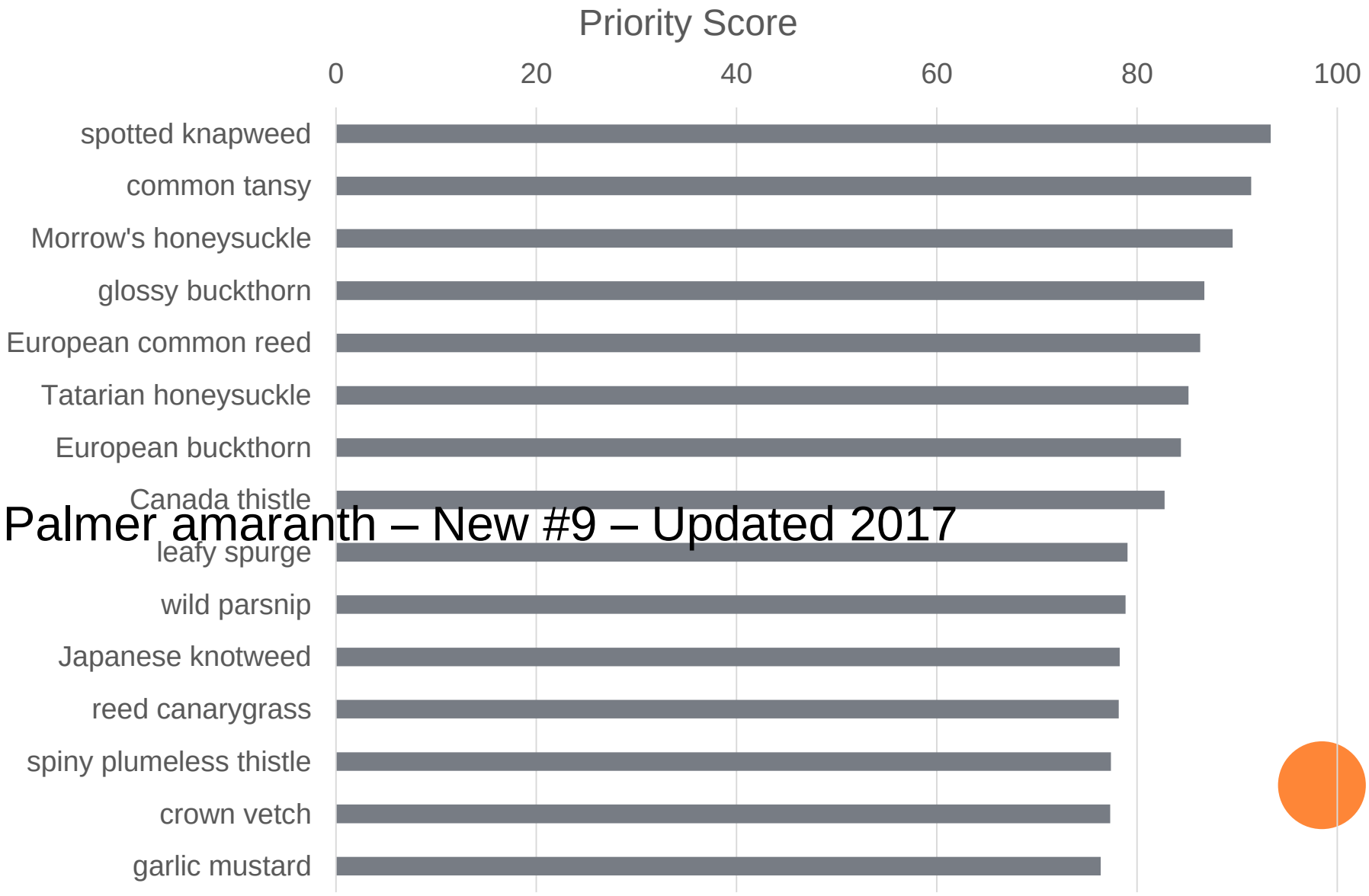

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