The Pest Management Transition Project (PMTP) was, in part, a response to the EPA decision to phase-out the use of azinphos-methyl (AZM) in apple and pear. While research information was available on alternatives to AZM and other organophosphate insecticides, the capacity to deliver this information to the fruit industry was lacking. The PMTP was funded by the State Legislature for two years ($550,000 for 07-09 biennium) to accomplish three objectives:

1. To enhance understanding of new IPM technologies through educational programs and communication of research-based knowledge.
2. To increase adoption of new IPM technologies through sharing information on successes and failures and communicating with all stakeholders on project progress.
3. To document changes in practices, attitudes, and perceptions of growers, farm workers, and stakeholders.

**Implementation Units (IUs)** – The primary educational efforts of the PMTP have been carried out through Implementation Units (IUs). Fourteen IUs, distributed geographically across the principal apple production regions of Washington State, have been established. The IUs involve 192 participants representing over 42,600 Washington apple acres. Based on responses from an informal survey, 87% of IU participants were using some form of pheromone mating disruption for codling moth control and 73% were using azinphos-methyl (AZM) in their apple pest management programs.

**IU Meetings** – Forty-two IU meetings were held in the spring and early summer of 2008.

**Newsletters** – Seven PMTP newsletters were distributed between March 15 and July 15 addressing topics that were important to integrated pest management at that particular time of the season.

**Field Days** – Three Field Days were conducted by the PMTP in June 2008. Field Days addressed four topics pertaining to implementing new IPM technologies: Codling moth and leafroller control strategies, secondary pest issues, implementing the Decision Aid System (DAS), and Horticultural practices and sprayer technologies to improve pest management. The field days were planned in cooperation with the WSU Tree Fruit Extension Team, were open to the public, and were attended by approximately 120 people.
PMTP IU Handbook
The Implementation Unit Handbook was given to all IU participants and is available online at: http://pmtp.wsu.edu/handbook.html. The handbook is a collection of information and strategies pertaining to pest management practices that will help Washington apple growers achieve acceptable crop protection while phasing out the use of azinphos-methyl. The handbook was used as a teaching tool at the IU meetings to discuss best practices on using new insecticides in apple IPM programs. Over 400 IU handbooks have been distributed.

PMTP Web Site
The PMTP web site (http://pmtp.wsu.edu) is the most up to date source for information pertaining to the Pest Management Transition Project and current pest management issues. More information about the PMTP, Implementation Units, IU handbook updates, newsletters, upcoming events, and progress reports can be found on the PMTP website.

The PMTP web site contains populated links for: General Information; Administration; Education and Communication; Implementation; EQIP Program; Assessment and Documentation; Events Calendar; and Public Input (also available in Spanish).