



### **Federal Regulatory, State Inspection, Nursery Survey and Other Finds**

The National Agricultural Pest Information System (NAPIS) currently reports that Virginia is the only state that has reported surveying results through the Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) program.

There have been a total of 13 positive nursery finds in the Western Region and 3 in the Eastern Region.

### **Forest Detection Survey**

The United States Forest Service (USFS) reported 132 streams baited in 27 states with 248 samples collected. There have been 2 positives found during the water baiting survey.

### **Best Management Practices Workshop**

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, the Best Management Practices (BMPs) Steering Committee held its first conference call following the workshop that was held last month. Both the Steering Committee and Funding Sub-Committee are under development and designated committee members should be announced by the next meeting. There was much discussion on the validity of the BMPs and funding requirements. Each state participating will submit to the pending Chair their expected budget to set up the pilot program, along with stating any possible shortfalls that may be anticipated. The draft BMPs document has been set out to Steering Committee members with noted comments and additions from the workshop participants. The Steering Committee agreed to have the original authors of the document make all necessary corrections based on those comments. A final draft BMPs document will be ready for review by the Steering Committee prior to the next meeting. The next scheduled meeting is set for July 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Diagnostic Labs**

The program continues its transition from the National Plant Germplasm and Biotechnology Laboratory (NPGBL) to the National Identification Service (NIS) diagnostic lab. Both facilities are located in Beltsville, Maryland. Samples will continue as part of the transition and diagnostics will be conducted by each group.

### **Acting Positions**

The program would like to thank Diane Schuble for filling in as Acting Eastern Regional Program Manager for *P. ramorum* for 30 days. Diane is the Supervisory PPQ Officer for the Asian Longhorned Beetle Program in NY. Albert Roche is scheduled for the next TDY rotation. Albert is the State Operations Support Officer in Puerto Rico.

Special thanks to Walter Gutierrez, Acting National Program Staff Scientist, for supplying his knowledge to the program for the last 120 days. He has been a key advisor at the Center for Plant Health Science and Technology (CPHST) for all our scientific needs. The next 120 day TDY is being filled by Lisa Ferguson, a Plant Pathologist and Risk Analyst with the Plant Epidemiology and Risk Analysis Laboratory.