

United States Country Comments
Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms
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Detection - Finding an organism in an area, consignment or regulated article.

Comment: This definition does not include finding a population or evidence of a population (e.g. frass, exit holes) which may lead to further action. To include these concepts the following is suggested: “Finding an organism or population of an organism, or evidence of such, in an area, consignment or regulated article.”

Growing period (of a plant species) – Time in the cycle of vegetation when plants actively grow in an area

Growing season – Period of periods of the year when plants actively grow in an area

Comment: Suggest a revision to tie the two together – “growing period (of a plant species): interval of active plant growth during a growing season.”

Incursion – An isolated population of a pest, new to an area, recently detected and expected to survive for the immediate future.

Outbreak – A recently detected pest population or a sudden significant increase of an established pest population in an area.

Comment: In the definition of “outbreak” there is no reference as to what is expected of the pest, so one might infer since both “incursion” and “outbreak” have a “recently detected” component that the pest population in an “outbreak” is not expected to survive for the immediate future. This appears not to be the case, so a suggested definition is: “Outbreak: an incursion or a sudden, significant increase of an established pest population in an area.”