## Pale Cyst Nematode Program Deregulation Protocol for Agricultural Land No Longer in Host Crop Production

Summary: A deregulation option exists for potato cyst nematode (PCN) regulated fields where agriculture does still occur but where all host crop production has ceased for a minimum of 30 years. This could include infested or associated status fields. During the 30-year time period the fields may have been used for various purposes, including but not limited to hobby farms, fallow fields, forage crops, grain fields, nurseries, pastures, riding academies, etc. To become deregulated, fields must complete the following two-step process: Step 1: Records must be made available to APHIS to demonstrate that the land has been out host crop production for the last 30 years. Step 2: APHIS surveys the field at a rate Were any No. The field can of 8,000 cc soil per acre be released from PCN cysts (equivalent to approximately 20 found? regulatory control. pounds of soil per acre), over the entire area of the field. Yes. The cysts must be subjected to a viability test. Were any No. The field can viable be released from larvae or regulatory control. eggs found? Yes. The field remains regulated. Return to Step 2.