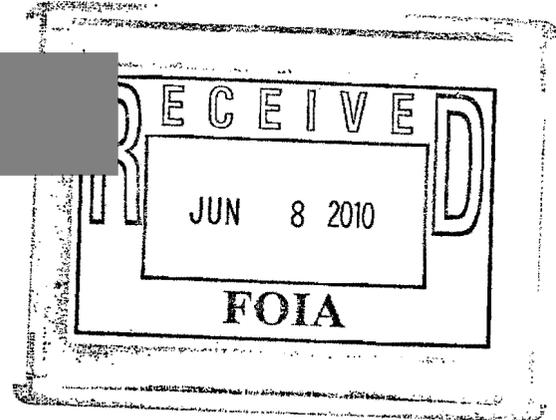


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Re: FOIA request - Plant Quarantine Manuals

Dear Ms. Woods:

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This is a Freedom of Information request for training and other manuals for Plant Quarantine Inspectors such as "Caps Keys for Lepidopterous Insects" (if revised after 1956) and other documents on the identification of plant diseases and insects of quarantine interest.

I was an ARS Plant Quarantine Inspector from July 11, 1960 until 1968. From 1963 to 1968 I understudied the Atlantic Regional Plant Pathologist, Sterling Tuthill and was authorized to identify a number of significant plant diseases.

Currently I am retired and a volunteer participating in "The New York Metropolitan Flora Project" for the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. The above listed documents will help me identify insects and plant diseases I find during this survey.

(I transferred to FDA in 1968 and to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission in 1973. On March 5, 2008 the Wall Street Journal ran a front page article about my work since retirement.)

Sincerely,



Martin Bennett

