

FIGHT BACK AGAINST INVASIVE PESTS

There are many opportunities to grow a career at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Read on to learn more about this exciting work.



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Invasive species threaten to devour our parks, forests, crops, and neighborhood landscapes. These destructive pests are plants, insects, or disease-causing microorganisms that move into a new ecosystem. They can harm the environment and eliminate our favorite foods. They can also destroy the trees that provide wood for building homes, and flowers that make our gardens beautiful. Invasive pests cost our nation billions of dollars each year.

Thankfully, the team at USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service defends our animal and plant resources from invasive pests and diseases. USDA works with many partners to stop the spread of Hungry Pests.

PROTECTING OUR NATION'S RESOURCES

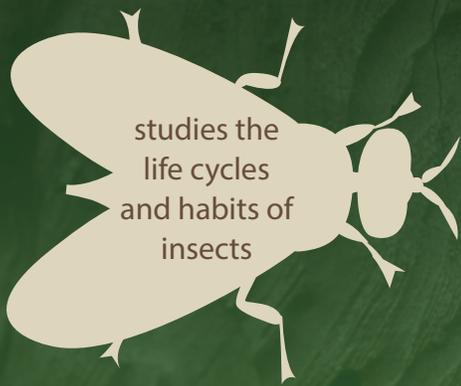
Fighting Hungry Pests is an enormous challenge. USDA takes the fight to Hungry Pests on three fronts: abroad-at the source, at the border-before they get in, and across the country-fighting back against the pests that have slipped in.

To take on this challenge, USDA assembles teams of people from different backgrounds and fields. Many of the federal government's plant scientists, microbiologists, veterinarians, and economists work for USDA. They are at the cutting edge of research and technology.

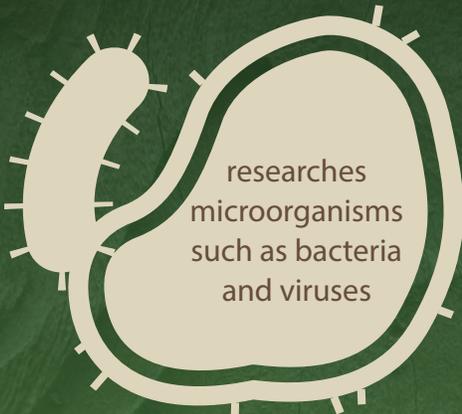


CAREERS IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

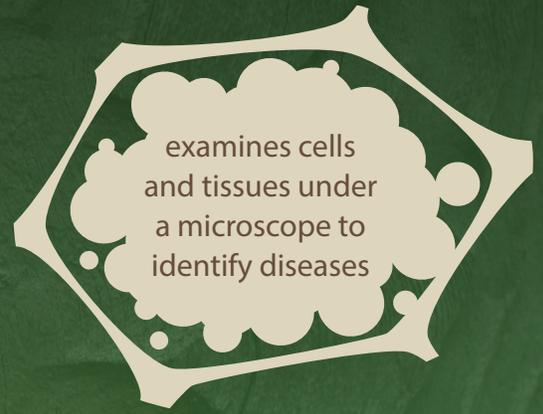
There are many job opportunities for anyone interested in joining the ongoing fight against Hungry Pests. In college, a major in entomology, veterinary science, biotechnology, food science, or agribusiness can prepare students for their first job in the field.



ENTOMOLOGIST



MICROBIOLOGIST



PLANT PATHOLOGIST



VETERINARIAN

What are your interests? If you find plants, animals, or technology exciting then these careers could be right for you!



AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST



BOTANIST



DATA ANALYST

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