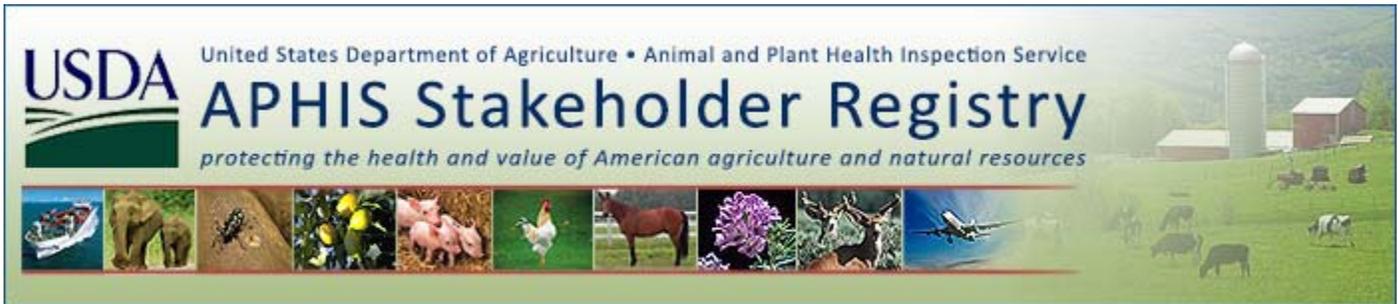


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With cooperative agreements established and [FY13 Spending Plan](#) project activities under way, the Farm Bill Management Team (FBMT) would like to update you on our efforts to prepare for the development of the FY14 Spending Plan.

Recently, our Team conducted a Business Process Improvement review of the FY13 Spending Plan process. Based on the outcomes of that review, we are enhancing the Metastorm Farm Bill Suggestion System to improve the user experience. We are also updating the suggestion form to make it easier for submitters to determine the goal area with which their suggestion is most closely aligned. Finally, to provide stakeholders with increased clarity and more specific guidance on how suggestions will be prioritized for funding in FY14, we have posted the Farm Bill Section 10201 Program FY14 Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to the [PPQ Farm Bill Web page](#).

To put APHIS in position to distribute FY14 funds as soon as they are available (or shortly thereafter), we will solicit and evaluate suggestions in the first quarter of the new fiscal year, rather than wait to begin this process after funds are available. We are currently planning to hold the Open Period for FY14 Suggestions beginning in October 2013. More details, including the schedule of stakeholder

webinars to explain the FY14 process, will be sent to you in the coming weeks through the APHIS Stakeholder Registry. To stay informed on these notifications, please subscribe to the Farm Bill Section 10201 topic in the [APHIS Stakeholder Registry](#).

Since 2009, projects funded under Section 10201 have played a significant role in protecting American agriculture and the environment from the threat of invasive species. The goals of Section 10201 cannot be accomplished by a single organization. Instead, multiple entities with shared interests must coordinate their efforts. We look forward to working with you in FY14 as we continue to fortify our Nation's pest detection, response, and mitigation infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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