



**Program Announcement  
Plant Protection and Quarantine  
January 2012**

**USDA Seeks Suggestions to Implement Section 10201 of the 2008 Farm Bill**

From January 30 through February 24, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will be gathering input and accepting suggestions to implement Section 10201 ("Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention") of the 2008 Farm Bill. This input will be used to inform the development of an FY 2012 Spending Plan. As in previous years, the FY 2012 Spending Plan will be organized around six goal areas:

1. Enhance plant pest/disease analysis and survey;
2. Target domestic inspection activities at vulnerable points in the safeguarding continuum;
3. Enhance and strengthen pest identification and technology;
4. Safeguard nursery production;
5. Conduct outreach and education to increase public understanding, acceptance, and support of plant pest and disease eradication and control efforts; and,
6. Enhance mitigation capabilities.

Please note that the FY 2012 suggestion submittal and review process has changed from previous years. Detailed submission instructions and an explanation of the

evaluation process are available on APHIS' 10201 Web page at

[<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/section10201/>].

## **Background**

Section 10201 of the 2008 Farm Bill directs the Secretary of Agriculture to make available Commodity Credit Corporation funds for early plant pest detection and surveillance, threat identification and mitigation of plant pests and diseases, and technical assistance in the development and implementation of audit-based certification systems and nursery plant pest risk management systems. The 5-year Farm Bill specifies that these funds be made available incrementally, starting with \$12 million in FY 2009, \$45 million in FY 2010, and \$50 million in FY 2011 and thereafter.

Since the program began in 2009, APHIS has funded more than 670 projects in 50 states and two territories. These projects have strengthened our ability to protect American agriculture and natural resources by allowing us to enhance plant pest/disease analysis and survey activities, target domestic inspection activities at vulnerable points in the safeguarding continuum, augment and strengthen pest identification and technology, safeguard nursery production, increase public awareness and understanding of pest threats through education and outreach, and expand mitigation capabilities.

## **How to Submit a Suggestion**

Visit [<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/section10201/>] for complete submission instructions. The Web page also contains an explanation of the evaluation process and criteria.

## **Key Dates**

January 30, 2012: The FY 2012 suggestion submittal period opens.

February 24, 2012: The FY 2012 suggestion period closes.

February 27, 2012: The evaluation process begins.

Late April 2012 (tentative): Final FY 2012 Spending Plan released.

**Questions?**

If you have any questions about the FY 2012 suggestions submittal and review process, please e-mail them to [PPQ.Section.Farmbill-10201@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:PPQ.Section.Farmbill-10201@aphis.usda.gov).