

The logo features a stylized blue and red graphic on the left, resembling a map of the United States with stars. To its right, the text "Farm Bill Section 10201" is written in blue and red, with "Section 10201" in red. Below this, the word "Update" is written in a large, bold, blue font.

Farm Bill Section 10201 Update

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce that it will allocate \$50 million provided under Section 10201 of the 2008 Farm Bill for projects that prevent the introduction or spread of plant pests and diseases that threaten U.S. agriculture and the environment. The FY 2011 spending plan contains the list of projects and is posted on the APHIS Web site at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/section10201>

Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 funding will go to 48 States and 2 U.S. territories as well as universities, Federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, private companies and tribal organizations in support of over 270 projects. We are extremely gratified by the wide range and record number of project suggestions we received this year. The projects will advance the Farm Bill goals of early pest detection and the identification and mitigation of agricultural threats, providing strong protection to America's agricultural and environmental resources. Many of them will also help nursery and specialty crop growers to flourish even in these difficult economic times.

Suggestions were evaluated on their alignment with Section 10201 goals, the expected impact of the project, and the technical approach. In addition, reviewers considered how the suggestions would complement ongoing USDA programs and other Section 10201 projects. The selected projects were organized around six Section 10201 goal areas:

- o Enhancing plant pest/disease analysis and survey;
- o Targeting domestic inspection activities at vulnerable points in the safeguarding continuum;
- o Enhancing and strengthening pest identification and technology;
- o Safeguarding nursery production;
- o Enhancing mitigation capabilities; and,
- o Conducting outreach and education about these issues.

In the coming weeks, APHIS will be working with all the cooperators who will receive funds as they develop formal workplans, which will provide the details and information needed to initiate cooperative agreements. This process will also ensure the spending plan is adjusted to meet any circumstances that may have arisen since the suggestions were initially evaluated so that specific projects may be implemented in a manner that will have the greatest impact.

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