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SUBJECT: APHIS Adds Pale Cyst Nematode, Globodera pallida, Regulated Areas in Idaho

## TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective May 17, 2013, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) added 285 acres to the pale cyst nematode (PCN) regulated area in Bingham County, Idaho. APHIS took this action based on the confirmations of PCN cysts in two potato production fields in Bingham County on May 9. This action brings the number of PCN-infested fields to 21 and the infested area to 2,300 acres. The total area in Idaho under regulation is 13,053 acres.

In accordance with the PCN regulations, APHIS has applied safeguarding measures on the interstate movement of PCN-regulated articles from these areas. APHIS will follow-up with a notice of this change to the regulated area in the *Federal Register*. The specific PCN-regulated areas can be found on the following website:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant health/plant pest info/potato/pcn-maps.shtml

The cysts were collected by APHIS during routine delimiting surveys of suspect fields. All infested fields are located within a 5-mile radius that spans a portion of northern Bingham County and southern Bonneville County. After APHIS completes the trace investigation for this most recent find, any additional acres that need to be regulated due to their primary association with the newly infested acres will be listed on the PCN program website at: <a href="http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\_health/plant\_pest\_info/potato/pcn.shtml">http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\_health/plant\_pest\_info/potato/pcn.shtml</a>

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