Subject:

APHIS Adds Pale Cyst Nematode (Globodera pallida) Infested Field in Idaho

To:

State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective December 21, 2016, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) added a 150-acre field to the pale cyst nematode (PCN) infested area in Bingham County, Idaho. APHIS took this action based on the confirmations of PCN cysts in soil samples from a potato production field in Bingham County received on December 21, 2016. This action brings the number of PCN-infested fields to 27 and the infested area to 3,047 acres. The total area in Idaho under regulation remains at 9,540 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*. You can find the specific PCN-regulated areas on the following website:

## http://www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/pcn

The cysts were found in soil samples during routine delimiting surveys. After APHIS completes the trace investigation for this most recent find, any additional acres that require regulation due to their primary association with the newly infested acres will be listed on the above PCN website.

For additional information, you may contact Potato Cyst Nematode National Policy Manager Jonathan Jones at 301-851-2128.

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