

2013 Deputy Administrator's Safeguarding Award:

Farm Bill Management Team

The Farm Bill Management Team enhanced PPQ's safeguarding by effectively communicating with and soliciting project suggestions from PPQ stakeholders. The team greatly refined, automated, and streamlined the innovative process that identifies, prioritizes, selects, implements, and continues Farm Bill initiatives. This refinement resulted in a renewed energy and influx of cutting-edge ideas to fix serious problems in preventing the introduction and spread of plant pests and diseases. In collaboration with states, tribes, and universities, the Farm Bill Management Team:

- implemented more than 375 innovative ideas to strengthen and expand the scope of APHIS' prevention and management activities,
- extended a clean plant network to cover nearly 25 labs or programs at 20 locations in 15 states, and
- promoted a greater understanding of these efforts through education and outreach.

In light of these significant results, I am pleased to present the Deputy Administrator's Safeguarding Award for 2013 to the 45 members of the Farm Bill Management Team.

Members of the team

1. Valerie DeFeo, Farm Bill Director and Farm Bill Management Team Group Leader, Plant Protection and Quarantine
2. Kristian Rondeau, PPQ Field Operations
3. Ken Bloem, PPQ Science and Technology
4. Heather Curlett, PPQ Office of the Deputy Administrator
5. Jeffrey Sanders, PPQ Policy Management
6. Daniel Borchert, PPQ Science and Technology
7. Lisa Kennaway, PPQ Science and Technology
8. John Bowers, PPQ Policy Management
9. Brian Kopper, PPQ Field Operations
10. Timothy McNary, PPQ Field Operations (retired)
11. Joseph Cavey, PPQ Policy Management
12. Joel Floyd, PPQ Policy Management
13. Prakash Hebbar, PPQ Policy Management
14. Russ Bulluck, PPQ Science and Technology
15. Lora Katz, PPQ Office of the Deputy Administrator
16. Paula Henstridge, PPQ Office of the Deputy Administrator
17. Andrea Simao, PPQ Policy Management
18. Scott Pfister, PPQ Policy Management
19. Lin Schmale, Society of American Florists

20. Craig Regelbrugge, AmericanHort
21. Geir Friisoe, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
22. Carl Schulze Jr., New Jersey Department of Agriculture (retired)
23. Erich Rudyj, PPQ Science and Technology
24. Philip Berger, PPQ Science and Technology
25. Thomas Bewick, USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture
26. Wayne Dixon, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
27. Tammy Kolt, PPQ Policy Management
28. Joseph Postman, USDA Agricultural Research Service
29. Robin Rosenbaum, Michigan Department of Agriculture
30. Tom Wessels, Washington Department of Agriculture
31. Gail Wisler, USDA Agricultural Research Service
32. Ken Eastwell, Washington State University
33. Debbie Woodbury, Washington State University
34. Deborah Golino, University of California at Davis
35. Sue Sim, University of California at Davis
36. Jason Perrault, Perrault Farms
37. Gayle Goschie, Goschie Farms
38. Georgios Vidalakis, University of California at Riverside
39. Sofia Kamenidou, University of California at Riverside
40. Bob Martin, USDA Agricultural Research Service
41. Ioannis Tzanetakis, University of Arkansas
42. Rose Gergerich, University of Arkansas
43. Keith Striegler, University of California at Davis
44. Olivia Pisano, University of California at Davis
45. Robert Woolley, Dave Wilson Nursery