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Plant Protection and Quarantine

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APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) safeguards our Nation's crops and forests against the entry, establishment, and spread of economically and environmentally significant pests. In doing so, we help U.S. agriculture thrive—across the country and around the world.

Learn more about our organization, Plant Protection Today, and the authorities under which we work.

Priorities

Facilitating Safe Trade

We help U.S. agriculture thrive in the global marketplace and work with countries



Imports: Establishing Effective Regulations and Policies

We determine which plants and plant products can be imported and which pose a high risk and should be excluded. Our regulations and policies protect the environment and U.S. agriculture.

Learn About Imports



Exports: Assisting American Farmers and Exporters

We provide plant health inspection and certification for plants and plant products being shipped to foreign countries. Required by importing countries, these health certificates ensure that products are pest- and disease-free.

Learn About Exports



Safeguarding U.S. Agriculture From Invasive Pests

We protect agriculture and natural resources from the risks associated with the



Trending Topics

Yellow-Legged Hornet

The yellow-legged hornet was recently detected in the United States for the first time. Find out more about this destructive pest and how you can help prevent its spread.

National Clean Plant Network Funding

The National Clean Plant Network protects healthy U.S. agriculture by providing "clean" plant propagative material free of targeted pathogens and pests. Learn about the program and current funding opportunities.

Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Funding

The Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program funds projects to strengthen, prevent, detect, and mitigate invasive plant pests and diseases.

Import Permits

Want to bring plants or plant products into the United States? Learn about APHIS regulations so you can import your products safely and legally.

Detector Dogs

The National Detector Dog Training Center trains specially selected dogs and their handlers to safeguard America’s agricultural and natural resources from harmful pests. Learn more about detector dogs.

Science and Technology

PPQ scientists monitor data from around the world and throughout the country to uncover pathways and develop strategies to both exclude pests before they arrive at our shores and to stop or limit their movement if they enter the country.

Latest Updates

11/10/26
APHIS Seeks Comment on Updated Pest Risk Assessment for the Importation of Fresh Fig Fruit From Mexico
11/09/26
Reminder: Updated Import Requirements for Chrysanthemums and Related Species Effective November 9, 2026
10/29/26
Publication of the 2025 Annual Report of the Federal Select Agent Program
10/20/26
Update on Golden Nematode Detection in New Brunswick, Canada
10/20/26
APHIS Issues Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Erythrina Gall Wasp Biological Control
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