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## **USDA Provides \$182 Thousand to Projects that Protect Iowa Food Supply and Natural Resources**

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WASHINGTON, February 6, 2024 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is allocating more than \$182,000 to Iowa as part of a nationwide effort to strengthen the country's infrastructure for pest detection, surveillance, and mitigation, as well as protect the U.S. nursery system. Through the authority of the Plant Protection Act Section 7721, USDA is providing more than \$70 million in funding this year. These funds will support 374 projects in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico.

"Iowa's 84,900 farms and ranches span 30.5 million acres. The state is a major producer of corn, oats, soybeans, and hay," said USDA Under Secretary Jenny Moffitt. "These projects will help protect Iowa's agricultural industry and its contributions to our national agricultural economy."

These funds will support projects covering a range of plant health protection activities including:

- \$162,386 to develop a seed health dashboard, which will monitor seed imports for damaging invasive pests; and
- \$20,000 to survey for the walnut twig beetle in the state.

Since 2009, USDA has supported more than 5,520 projects and provided nearly \$870 million in PPA 7721 funding. These projects help USDA, and its partners quickly detect and respond to invasive plant pests and diseases. They also help our country maintain the essential infrastructure in place that enables U.S. specialty crop producers to have access to healthy, certified disease-free plants.

View the fiscal year 2024 Plant Protection Act's Section 7721 spending plans online: [www.aphis.usda.gov/ppa-projects](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppa-projects).

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