

Global Trade

International Services' team of domestic policy staff, Foreign Service officers, and foreign nationals support APHIS' mission on the global stage. They work closely with other governments to control pests and diseases before they can enter the United States, build technical and regulatory skills to prevent the spread of pests and diseases, and facilitate safe agricultural trade. Daily, face-to-face dialogues with foreign regulatory counterparts help overcome increased challenges for U.S. exporters from global trade conflicts.



\$85M BUDGET

268 Employees



2019 Highlights



Coordinated with other APHIS programs to help open new markets for a wide range of U.S.-origin products, such as U.S. beef and meat products to Morocco (worth up to \$80 million per year); U.S. beef and bone meal to Peru (valued at \$10 million annually); cattle, goats, and sheep to Turkmenistan (valued at \$20 million per year); and blueberries to Vietnam (valued at \$1 million per year)



Supported APHIS negotiations to resolve delays with hundreds of U.S. shipments at foreign ports, including a shipment of rice to Japan worth \$11.5 million and a shipment of walnut plants to Chile worth more than \$1.5 million



Produced **1.1 billion** sterile Mediterranean fruit flies weekly at the El Pino sterile insect facility in Guatemala, supporting preventative release programs in California and Florida, along with population control efforts in Guatemala and Mexico



Produced **1 billion** sterile Mexican fruit flies at the San Miguel Petapa facility in Guatemala to support eradication programs in California and Texas and population suppression efforts in northern Mexico



Released aerially **15 million** sterile New World screwworm flies weekly to maintain a biological barrier in Panama and Colombia to protect screwworm-free areas in North and Central America



Eased future market access by building awareness of the U.S. regulatory process, hosting **350** foreign officials during **60** individual visits and working with Tuskegee University to train two groups of **43** veterinarians and government officials from **11** African countries in Sanitary/Phytosanitary (SPS) Risk Assessment



Coordinated speakers from APHIS' Plant Protection and Quarantine program to deliver the agency's 8th annual Plant Health Systems Analysis Course to officials representing **20** developing countries, emphasizing the best practices in plant health



Provided 4 trainings in animal health, with a focus on surveillance and emergency response for highly pathogenic avian influenza and African swine fever (ASF), to 140 government officials representing 45 countries



Supported two training courses in Vietnam for **60** veterinarians and government officials to help with ASF response efforts in that country and share best practices to prevent further disease spread in commercial and feral swine

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