

# MOST WANTED



## Asian Longhorned Beetle



The ALB has destroyed millions of acres in the Northeast and could become one of the most destructive and costly pests to enter the United States.

[www.BeetleBusters.info](http://www.BeetleBusters.info)



## Citrus Pests and Diseases

The U.S. citrus industry in Florida and California produces 96 percent of America's citrus and has a more than \$9 billion annual impact on the Nation's economy. Citrus-related pests and diseases have devastated millions of crop acres.



[www.SaveOurCitrus.org](http://www.SaveOurCitrus.org)



Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance (SITC) detects and prevents the unlawful entry and distribution of prohibited products that may be harmful to America's agriculture and forests.

**Report suspected smuggling:  
HOTLINE (800) 877-3835**

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Don't pack a pest.** When traveling or mailing fresh goods, make sure you don't have any unintended stowaways. Never bring or mail fresh fruits, vegetables, or plants into the United States without proper clearance from agriculture inspectors.
- **Don't transport firewood.** Burn it in the county where you buy it.
- **Be aware of quarantined areas.** Don't transfer fruits, vegetables, or plants in or out of areas that are under quarantine.
- **Check your packages.** Invasive pests can come packaged in things we order from other States or countries. Check packaging and goods to ensure unwanted pests don't sneak in.
- **Report a pest.** If you see an unusual pest in your backyard or anywhere else, report it to your local agriculture agency.



**One uninvited guest can devastate an industry.**



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# Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance (SITC)



Since 2001, the SITC program, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, has played a major role in intercepting smuggled agricultural products before they reach U.S. markets.

Using a variety of survey, analytical, and intelligence tools, SITC works closely with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection at U.S. ports of entry to investigate, identify, and confiscate prohibited products before they enter the country. These efforts are critical to safeguard our country's agriculture industry from invasive pests and diseases. But we can't do it without your help!

**Don't pack it unless you can declare it.  
Help stop agricultural smuggling.**

[www.aphis.usda.gov/international\\_safeguarding/sitc/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/international_safeguarding/sitc/)

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## Threats to U.S. Agriculture

### Asian Longhorned Beetle

Host(s): Hardwood trees



### Emerald Ash Borer

Host(s): Ash trees



### Mediterranean Fruit Fly

Host(s): Citrus plants



### Light Brown Apple Moth

Host(s): Broad range of plants and agricultural crops



### Asian Citrus Psyllid

Host(s): Citrus plants



Smuggling prohibited products can have harmful effects on America's agriculture and forests.



## Why Should I Get Involved?

Safeguarding America's agriculture industry is critical to domestic food production and has many positive effects on our country's citizens and economy. America's agriculture industry:

- Employs hundreds of thousands of people each year
- Contributes billions of dollars to our economy annually
- Produces 96 percent of U.S. citrus in Florida and California alone
- Provides consumers with a wide variety of foods, a key to good nutrition
- Helps protect and preserve natural resources

**Agricultural pests and diseases impact us all—  
and only we can prevent their spread.**

[www.aphis.usda.gov/hungrypests/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/hungrypests/)



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