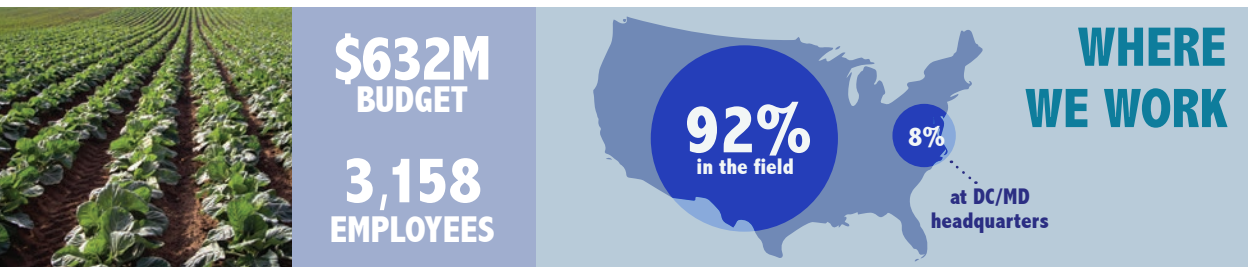




Plant Health

Plant Protection and Quarantine supports farmers and the environment by preventing destructive pests and diseases from entering the United States, limiting the spread of pests and diseases that are already here, working to eradicate economically and environmentally significant pests of concern, and facilitating the safe trade of plants and other agricultural products.



2019 Highlights



Inspected and cleared **2.5 billion** pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables and **1.15 billion** plants from **25** countries before they were shipped to the United States



Completed **305** risk analyses associated with imports, exports, invasive pest threats, and program requirements to support safe trade and protect American agriculture



Cleared **20,917** imported shipments containing nearly **1.7 billion** plant units (cuttings, rooted plants, tissue culture, etc.) and nearly **422 tons** of seeds and prevented entry of **1,119** quarantine-significant pests at U.S. plant inspection stations



Conducted **217** surveys with partners in **50** States and **3** territories, detecting **13** new or re-introduced species—all of which were found before they caused significant damage



Intercepted **79,388** pests found during U.S. Customs and Border Protection inspections of **30,227** ships and more than **1.2 million** cargo, mail, and express carrier shipments and took quick action to prevent those of concern from entering the United States



Eliminated plum pox virus from the United States, protecting **1.3 million** acres of commercial stone fruit orchards, whose crops are worth **\$6.8 billion** with a **\$5 billion** export value



Issued more than **23,000** import permits for plants and plant products and responded to over **19,400** inquiries about imports and plant health permits



Allocated **\$66 million** in funds from the Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program to cooperators across the country for **407** projects that help safeguard U.S. plant health



Issued **678,543** Federal phytosanitary (plant health) certificates directly or through authorized State and county cooperators to aid the export of U.S. plants and plant products to **209** international destinations



Negotiated with foreign governments to release hundreds of U.S.-origin shipments of plants and plant products that were held at ports abroad due to paperwork issues or plant health concerns and issued **21,037** re-export phytosanitary certificates to keep U.S. shipments moving



Provided critical support—such as inspecting and certifying shipments, conducting technical negotiations, and providing online trade tools—for the export of U.S. plants and plant products valued at **\$86 billion**



Worked with **182** International Plant Protection Convention members to adopt **8** new international standards that facilitate safe agricultural trade

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