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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



## [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**

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[APHIS Amends Light Brown Apple Moth \(\*Epiphyas postvittana\*\) Import Requirements for Fruits and Vegetables from New Zealand](#)

7/24/25

[APHIS Expands Box Tree Moth \(\*Cydalima perspectalis\*\) Quarantines in Michigan and Ohio](#)

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[REMINDER: Don't Carry Prohibited Plant and Animal Products Back to the Mainland](#)

7/22/25

[APHIS Authorizes the Importation of \*Phalaenopsis\* Spp. Orchid Plants for Planting in Approved Growing Media From Germany and the Netherlands into the United States](#)

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[APHIS Expands the Citrus Greening \(\*Huanglongbing\*\) Quarantined Area in California](#)  
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