

Plant Protection and Quarantine

Safeguarding Agriculture, Facilitating Safe Trade

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A Greater Focus on Fair, Predictable, Science-Based Trade



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Strategic Initiatives, 2018 and Beyond

STRENGTHENING PEST EXCLUSION







OPTIMIZING PEST MANAGEMENT







MAKING AG TRADE SAFER







USDA

Global e-Phyto System

Advance global adoption and implementation of electronic phytosanitary certification (ePhyto), helping to facilitate fast, efficient, fraud-resistant international certificate exchange and streamline trade.





USDA

Seed Health Regulatory Program

Develop a more effective and efficient program for managing phytosanitary risk associated with international seed movements.



Sea Container Cleanliness

Continue working with international partners and the maritime industry to develop and implement voluntary guidelines for effectively cleaning and disinfecting sea containers, helping to reduce the risk of hitchhiking pests.



Cotton Pests



Declared eradication of pink bollworm on October 19

Continue working with Mexico through NAPPO to achieve eradication of boll weevil

Fruit Flies



Working to contain and suppress European cherry fruit fly in New York

Eradicated 3 Medfly outbreaks and 1 Mexfly outbreak in California, and 3 Mexfly outbreaks in Texas

Opened a new sterile fruit fly facility in Florida

Citrus Health



Huanglongbing (HLB) remains a top priority

Investing in research to develop new technologies that could help the U.S. citrus industry fight back against HLB

Forest Pests



Making progress towards eradicating Asian longhorned beetle

Moving towards biocontrol as primary tool for controlling emerald ash borer

Working to improve global implementation of ISPM 15

Preventing introduction of Asian gypsy moth through offshore vessel inspections

Spotted Lanternfly



Deploying area-wide management strategy in Pennsylvania to contain and suppress this pest

Responding to small infestations in Virginia, New Jersey, and Delaware

Surveying nearby states

Systems Approach for Soybeans











Thank You

