



United States Department of Agriculture

# Farm Bill Forest Pests

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# **SEC. 10110. REPORT ON THE ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES OF FOREST PESTS THROUGH RESTRICTIONS ON THE IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN PLANTS FOR PLANTING.**

Not later than March 1, 2021, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit the report to Congress



# Evaluating the Importation Pathways of Forest Pests

- To evaluate the effectiveness in intercepting pests in international shipping and on plants for planting
- To describe the geographic sources of intercepted pests and the commodities or plant species most often associated with infested shipments;



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- quantifying the detection of forest pests in the national surveillance networks, including the Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey and the Early Detection and Rapid Response network of the Forest Service;
- describing new outbreaks of forest pests in the United States and the spread of existing infestations;



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- describing how the numbers of such interceptions, detections, and outbreaks described in a preceding paragraph have changed since January 1, 2018;
- containing proposed additional actions to further reduce the rate of arrival for forest pests across the borders of the United States;



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- identifying current challenges with intercepting, detecting, and addressing outbreaks of tree and wood pests, as well as challenges in achieving compliance with the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.) and recommendations with respect to such challenges; and



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- Coordination and collaboration occurring between the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the Forest Service with respect to—
  - (A) identifying and prioritizing critical detection, surveillance, and eradication needs for tree and wood pests; and
  - (B) identifying the actions each agency takes within their respective missions to address identified priorities.





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# Thank you







PPQ funded 434 projects across the United States through Section 10007 of the 2014 Farm Bill, giving cooperators the funds they need to put their innovative safeguarding ideas into action. These projects make it possible for us to quickly detect and rapidly respond to invasive pests. They also help making sure that disease-free, certified planting materials are available to U.S. specialty crop producers. This is the woerk of the NCPN which my disvision works with closely.