Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Plant Protection & Quarantine

Protecting Trees and Forests from Invasive Pests

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Topics to Cover Today

APHIS Mission and Key Programs

Spotlight on:
- Plant Protection & Quarantine
- Regulatory Authority

Plants for Planting:
- Import Process, A to Z
- Plant Inspection Stations

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

**Mission:** To protect the health and value of American agriculture *and* natural resources.
APHIS – Key Programs

Office of the Administrator

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APHIS Administrator

Veterinary Services

Plant Protection & Quarantine

Wildlife Services

International Services

Animal Care

Biotechnology Regulatory Services
Safeguarding Continuum

To protect American farms and forests from harmful plant pests and foreign animal diseases, USDA's Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) has created a system of safeguards that begins overseas in other countries, continues through U.S. ports of entry, and extends across the Nation. It's called the Safeguarding Continuum. All along the continuum, PPQ experts assess risks associated with pests that hitchhike on and in the agricultural products we import. They also take action in the right time and place to protect U.S. agriculture and natural resources while keeping international trade and travel moving.

Here's how it works:

**Around the World**

**Phytosanitary Issues Management**

We work with countries around the world to establish fair, science-based plant health requirements for imported and exported commodities.

**Risk and Pathway Analysis and Targeting**

We analyze data from around the world to figure out which pests could harm U.S. agriculture, how they might move, and how to stop them.

**At the Border**

**Import Requirements and Permitting**

We develop science-based regulations and issue import permits that detail requirements and conditions for safely importing a wide variety of agricultural products into the United States.

**International Passenger and Cargo Clearance**

**Across the Nation**

**Methods Development**

We use the latest science and technology to develop methods for detecting, identifying, and keeping harmful plant pests and diseases out of this country.

**Trade Compliance and Enforcement**

We analyze import data, conduct risk-based inspections, and work with other government agencies to keep pests and diseases out of the United States.
Plant Protection and Quarantine

Dr. Mark Davidson
Deputy Administrator

Samantha Simon
Associate Deputy Administrator

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Business and Employee Services
Matt Royer
Associate Deputy Administrator

Emergency and Domestic Programs
Vacant
Acting Associate Deputy Administrator

Field Operations
Carlos Martinez
Associate Deputy Administrator
Calvin Shuler
Executive Director

Intl. Phytosanitary Management and Standards Programs
Ibrahim Shaqir
Associate Deputy Administrator

Pest Exclusion and Import Programs
Matthew Rhoads
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Science and Technology
Wendy Jin
Associate Deputy Administrator

Effective August 19, 2022
Partners at Ports of Entry
Emergency and Domestic Programs

Vacant
Associate Deputy Administrator

Biocontrol and Forest, Wood and Rangeland Pests
Clarissa Maroon-Lango
Director

Pest Evaluation and Response
Christa Speekmann
Director

Pest Surveillance and Emergency Management
Jo-Ann Bentz-Blanco
Director

Specialty Crops and Cotton Pests
Shailaja Rabindran
Director
Field Operations

- Financial Information and Resource Management
  - Administrative Officer

- Field Operations
  - Associate Deputy Administrator
  - Executive Director

- Information and Analytic Services
  - Associate Executive Director

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The Plant Protection Act – June 2000

Provides that the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture may issue regulations to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or the dissemination of plant pests within the United States.

Authorizes APHIS to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce and the export or import of any plant, plant part, or article if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States.
Title 7  Agriculture
Subtitle B  Regulations of the Department of Agriculture
Chapter III  Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture
Part 300  Incorporation by Reference
Part 301  Domestic Quarantine Notices
Part 302  District of Columbia; Movement of Plants and Plant Products
Part 305  Phytosanitary Treatments
Part 318  State of Hawaii and Territories Quarantine Notices
Part 319  Foreign Quarantine Notices
Subpart A  Preemption
Subpart B  Requests To Amend The Regulations
Subpart C  Controlled Import Permits
Subpart D  Permits: Allocation, Issuance, Denial, and Revocation
Subpart E  Foreign Cotton and Covers
Subpart F  Sugarcane
Subpart G  Corn Diseases
Subpart H  Plants for Planting
Subpart I  Logs, Lumber, and Other Wood Articles
Subpart J  Indian Corn or Maize, Broomcorn, and Related Plants
Subpart K  Rice
Subpart L  Fruits and Vegetables
Subpart M  Wheat Diseases
Subpart N  Packing Materials
Subpart O  Coffee
Subpart P  Cut Flowers
Subpart Q  Khapra Beetle
Subpart R  Gypsy Moth Host Material from Canada
Part 322  Bees, Beekeeping Byproducts, and Beekeeping Equipment
Part 330  Federal Plant Pest Regulations; General; Plant Pests, Biological Control Organisms, and Associated Articles; Garbage
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Resources

PPQ Web site:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth

Pest and Disease Programs:

Safeguarding Continuum:
Thank you!

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