

# Progress Report 2018-19 PAS Expert Group Phytosanitary Alert System (PAS)

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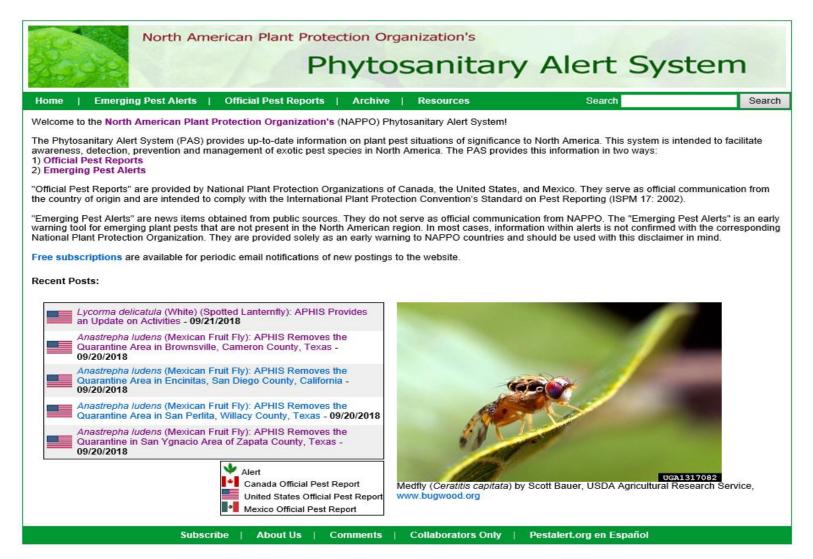
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## What is the NAPPO PAS?



(www.pestalerts.org)

# **Objectives and Deliverables**

## **Project**

Manage the NAPPO pest reporting system

## **Objective 1**

 Meet reporting obligations under the IPPC and to facilitate awareness, detection, prevention and management of non-indigenous plant pest species within North America

## **Deliverables**

- Official pest reports comply with IPPC Standard on Pest Reporting (ISPM 17).
- Emerging pest alerts news items of pests threats not present in NAPPO Region.

# **Progress during 2018-19**

# **PAS Expert Group:**

 Posted 34 official pest reports

Posted 5 emerging pest alerts



"Detection of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (*Adelges tsugae*) at the Harold Mitchell Nature Reserve in Wainfleet, Ontario"

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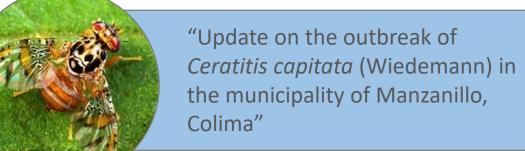


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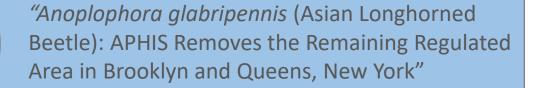


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# **Progress during 2018-19**

# **PAS Expert Group:**

- Notified subscribers of new Official Pest Reports and Alerts on the PAS through the monthly email notification.
- Posted pertinent pest reports on the International Phytosanitary Portal with links back to the full reports on the PAS.
- 3566 subscribers: 192 additional users for the year

# **Objectives and Deliverables**

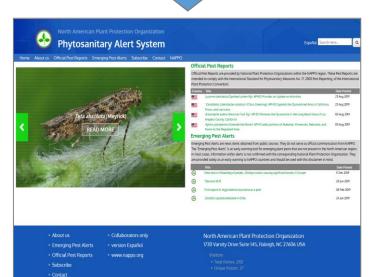
# **Objective 2**

 Update the NAPPO PAS platform

## **Deliverables**

- Re-designed site that is standardized with NAPPO site
- Upgraded software and code to prevent cyber attacks
- Linked system between PAS and IPPC portal





# **Progress during 2018-19**

- Completed the redesigning of the site to standardize it with NAPPO website.
- Completed the coding upgrades to prevent cyber attacks.
- Automating the connection between NAPPO PAS and IPPC portal is pending.



# **Progress during 2018-19**

- Overview of the system
  - www.pestalerts.org
  - <a href="http://test-aws.pestalerts.org/">http://test-aws.pestalerts.org/</a>

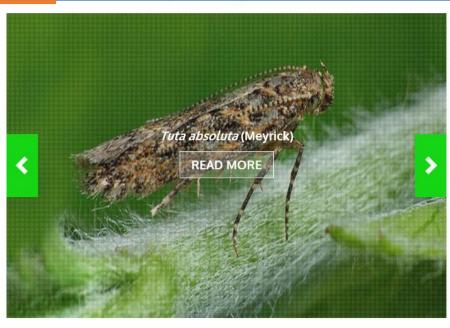


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Country	Title	Date Posted
	Lycorma delicatula (Spotted Lanternfly): APHIS Provides an Update on Activities	23 Aug 2019
	'Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus' (Citrus Greening): APHIS Expands the Quarantined Area in California,	23 Aug 2019
	Texas, and Louisiana.	
	Anastrepha ludens (Mexican Fruit Fly): APHIS Removes the Quarantine in the Long Beach Area of Los	05 Aug 2019
30 30	Angeles County, California	
F000	Agrilus planipennis (Emerald Ash Borer): APHIS adds portions of Alabama, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Maine	05 Aug 2019
	to the Regulated Area	and the state of t

#### **Emerging Pest Alerts**

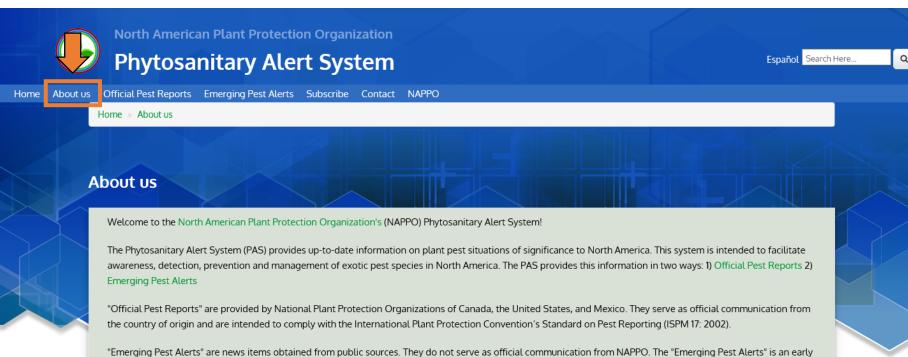
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0.5	Title	Date Posted
<b>②</b>	New strain of blackleg of potato, Dickeya solani, causing significant losses in Europe	11 Dec 2019
<b>③</b>	Title test IB 01	20 Jun 2019
<b>③</b>	First report of Argyrotaenia tucumana as a pest	08 Feb 2019
<b>③</b>	Ceratitis capitata detected in Chile	24 Jan 2019

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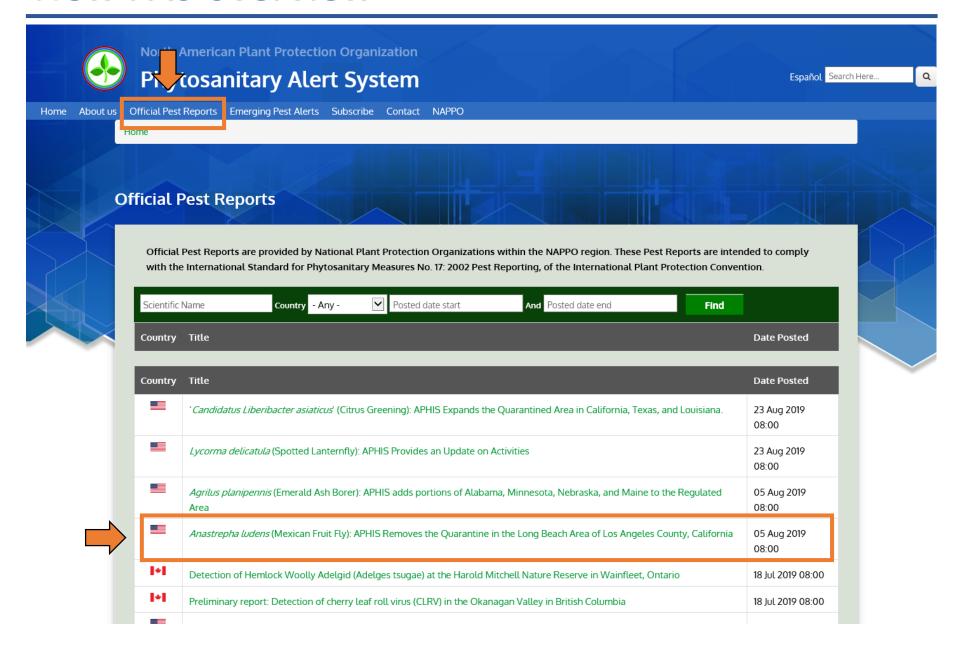
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#### Purpose and Overview:

The North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO), composed of the plant protection organizations of Canada, the United States, and Mexico was established in 1976 as a regional organization of the International Plant Protection Convention. NAPPO's mission is to protect the plant resources of North America against the introduction of plant pests while facilitating trade.

In the fight against the introduction of plant pests, it pays to know the enemy (i.e., insects, fungi, viruses, bacteria, weeds, etc.) that threaten to cross our borders, colonize, spread, and cause severe economic and/or environmental damage once they become established. In an effort to keep member countries informed of the ever-increasing threats posed by these pests, NAPPO developed the Phytosanitary Alert System or PAS.

First launched in April 2000, the PAS is a web-based notification system that provides a mechanism to share scientific intelligence about emerging plant pests that might pose a significant threat to North American agriculture, forests or natural habitats. The intent of the PAS is to facilitate awareness, detection, prevention and



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## Anastrepha ludens (Mexican Fruit Fly): APHIS Removes the Quarantine in the Long Beach Area of Los Angeles County, California

Country: United States

Posted Date: 05 Aug 2019 06:00

Title: Anastrepha ludens (Mexican Fruit Fly): APHIS Removes the Quarantine in the Long Beach Area of Los Angeles County, California

Contact: Richard Johnson, National Fruit Fly Policy Manager, at 301-851-2109.

#### Report:

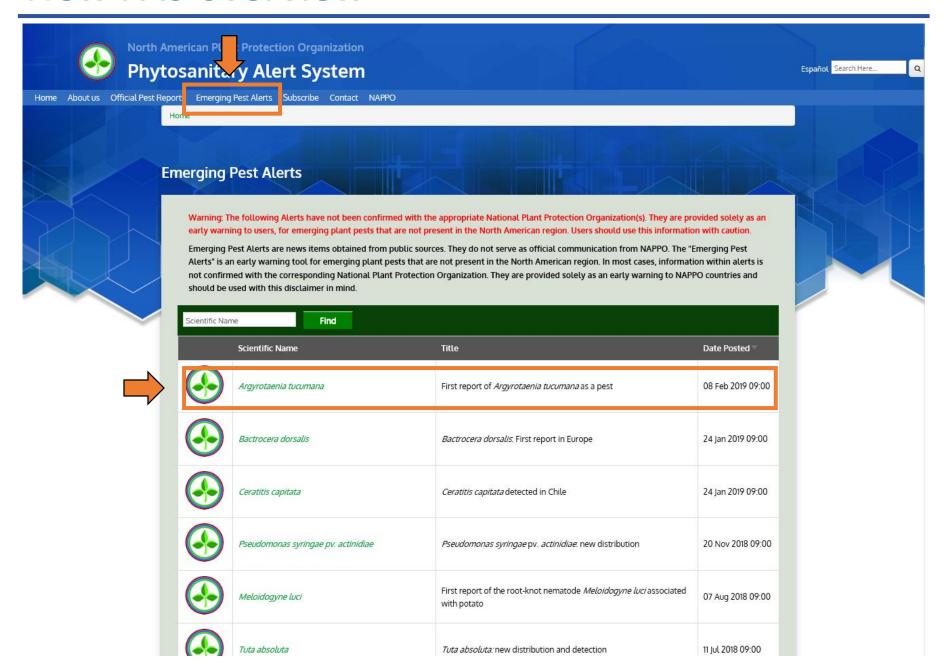
Effective July 25, 2019 the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) removed the Mexican fruit fly (*Anastrepha ludens*, Mexfly) quarantine in the Long Beach area of Los Angeles County, California.

On October 25, 2018 APHIS and CDFA established a Mexfly quarantine in a regulated area of Long Beach, California, restricting interstate movement of regulated articles from this area to prevent the spread of Mexfly to non-infested areas of the United States. This action was necessary after CDFA staff trapped and confirmed a mated female Mexfly on October 25 in the Long Beach area of California. A second mated female Mexfly was confirmed October 26 in close proximity to the first. Since that time, APHIS has worked cooperatively with the CDFA to eradicate the transient Mexfly population through various control actions per program protocols. APHIS removed the quarantine area after three Mexfly life-cycles elapsed with negative detections in this area.

The removal of this quarantine area is reflected on the following designated website, which contains a description of all the current Federal fruit fly quarantine areas:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-health/ff-quarantine

Under IPPC Standards, Anastrepha ludens is considered to be a pest that is transient, actionable, and under eradication in the United States.



#### **Emerging Pest Alerts**



#### Argyrotaenia tucumana (Trematerra & Brown)

Scientific Name: Argyrotaenia tucumana

Describer: Trematerra & Brown

Posted: 08 Feb 2019 09:00

Title: First report of Argyrotaenia tucumana as a pest

#### Summary:

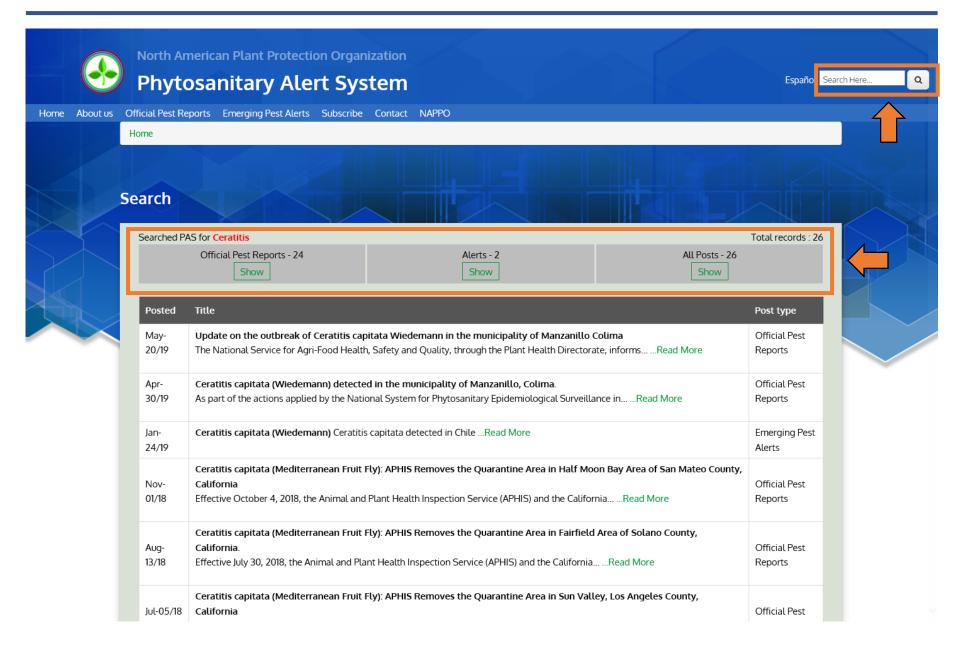
**Significance**: In a 2018 report, a larva of the moth *Argyrotaenia tucumana* (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae) was observed feeding on cultivated *Prunus persica* (peach) fruit in Argentina (Gonsebatt et al., 2018). This is the first report of peach as a host of *A. tucumana*. When *A. tucumana* was described in 2004 (Trematerra and Brown, 2004), the host association of this moth was previously unknown. *Argyrotaenia tucumana* has only been reported from Argentina (Trematerra and Brown, 2004) and is not known to occur in Canada, the United States, or Mexico.

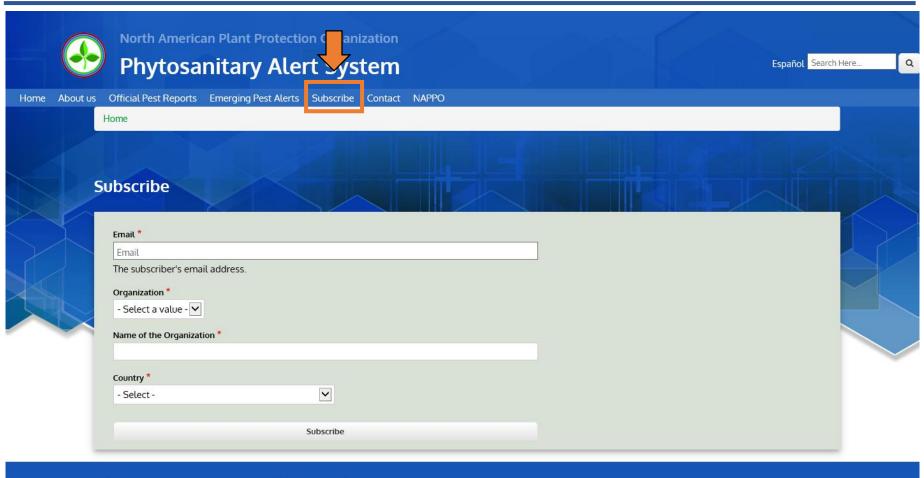
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Gonsebatt, G. F., A. E. Chalup, D. Ruberti, S. Seta, A. Leone, R. Coniglio, et al. 2018. Primer registro de *Argyrotaenia tucumana* (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae) en montes de duraznero, *Prunus persicae* (L.) Batsch, del sur de la provincia de Santa Fe. Revista de la Sociedad Entomológica Argentina 77(2):28-31. https://biotaxa.org/RSEA/article/view/39547.

Trematerra, P. and J. W. Brown. 2004. Argentine *Argyrotaenia* (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae): Synopsis and descriptions of two new species. Zootaxa 574: 1-12. http://dx.doi.org/10.11646/zootaxa.574.1.1

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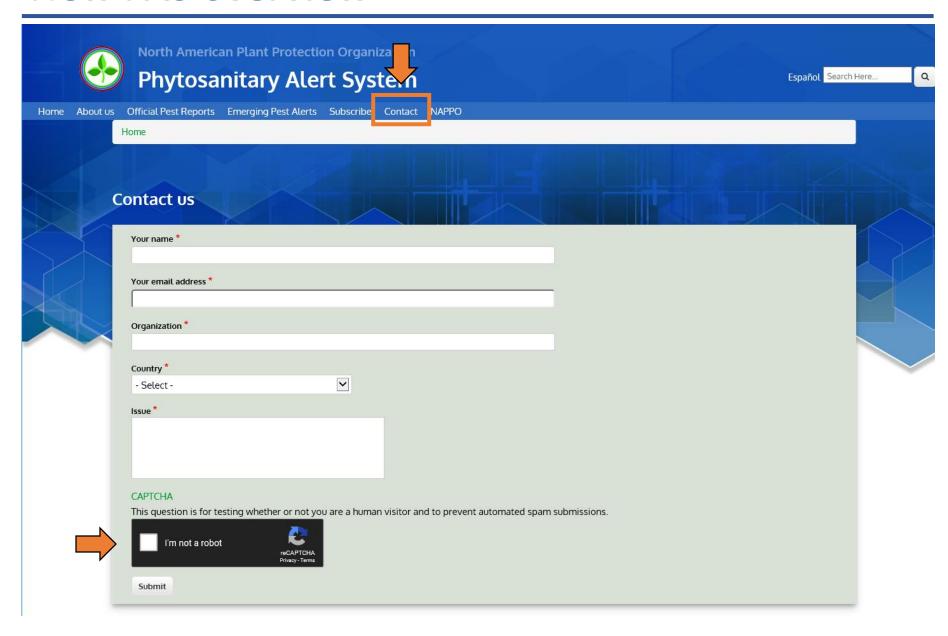


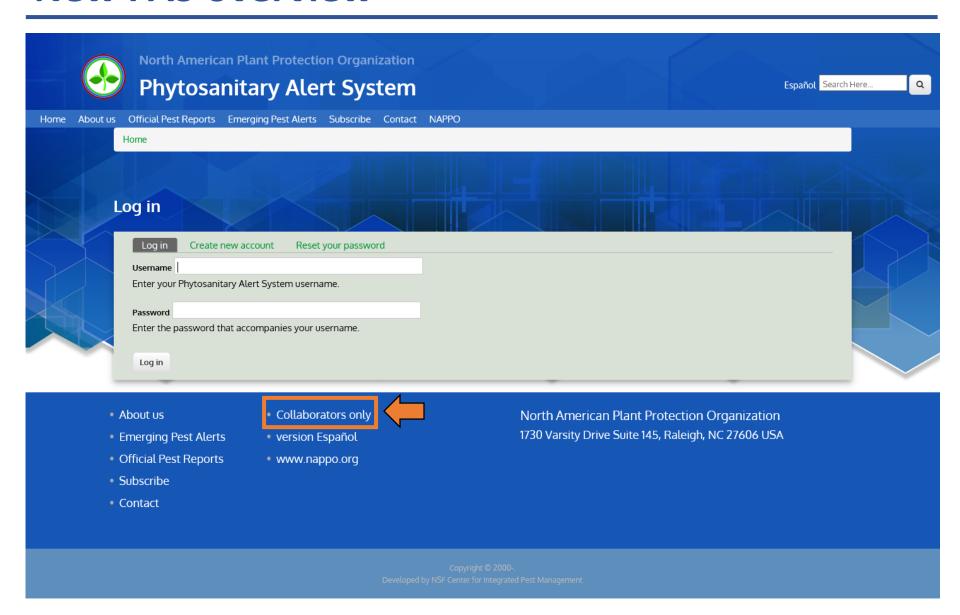
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22	en California, Texas y Luisiana.	
	Lycorma delicatula (mosca linterna con manchas): el APHIS brinda una actualización de sus actividades	23 Ago 2019
	Anastrepha ludens (mosca mexicana de la fruta): APHIS elimina la cuarentena en el área de Long Beach, condado Los Angeles, California.	05 Ago 2019
	Agrilus planipennis (barrenador esmeralda del fresno): APHIS agrega partes de Alabama, Minnesota, Nebraska y Maine al área reolamentada	05 Ago 2019

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# Conclusions, next steps for 2020

- Continue posting reports to meet reporting obligations under the IPPC
- Continue facilitating awareness of nonindigenous plant pest species.
- Update guidelines to operate and manage the new version of PAS.

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