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# Plant Protection and Quarantine

Safeguarding Agriculture, Facilitating Safe Trade

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# A Difficult Year





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# A Greater Focus on Science-Based Trade



# North American Free Trade Agreement and NAPPO





# NAPPO: Advancing Safe Trade



Pest Risk Analysis



Implementing ISPM 15



Offshore Vessel Inspection



Risk-Based Sampling

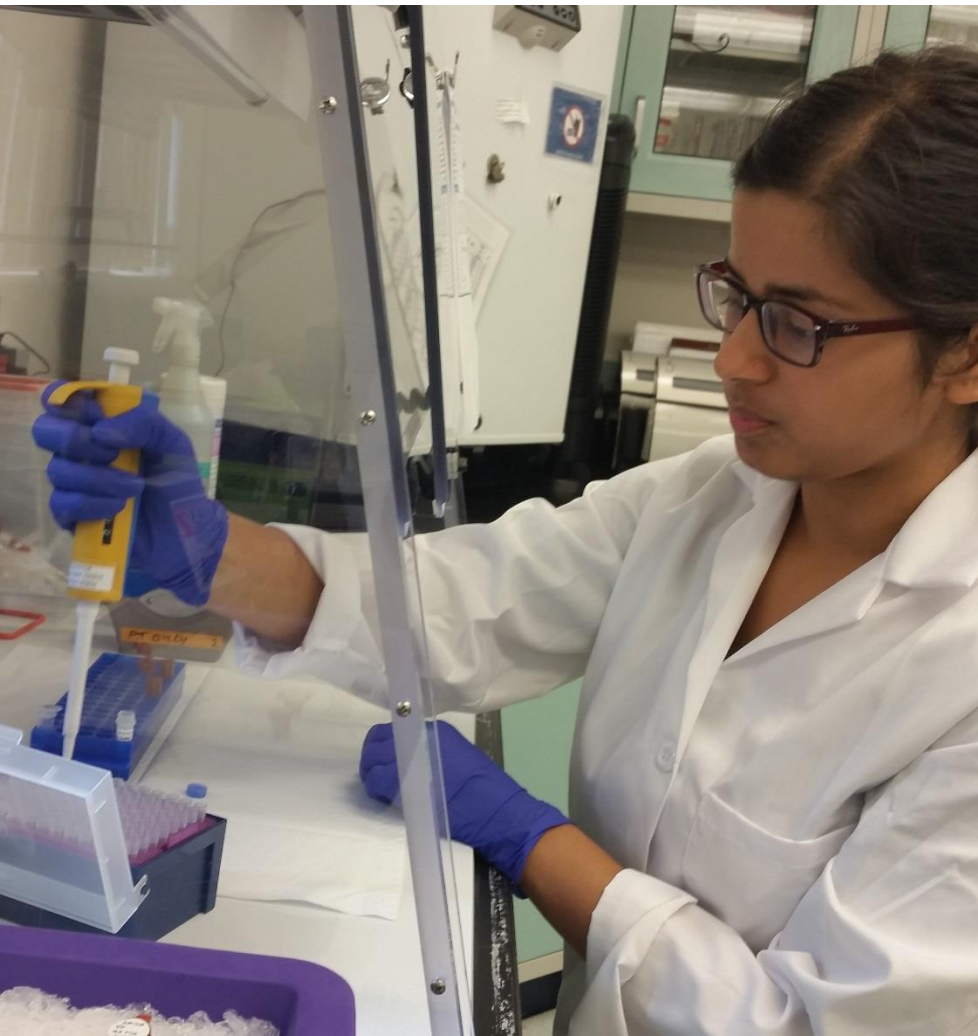
## Working Smarter

Data and analytics are giving us a clearer picture of the pest threats we're facing. They are also helping us maximize our operations by focusing resources on higher risks.





# Working Smarter



## Plant Protection Priorities, 2017-2018

- Eradicating pink bollworm and boll weevil
- Breaking the cycle of exotic fruit fly outbreaks
- Saving U.S. citrus
- Reducing tree pest threats
- Developing a regulatory framework for seed health
- Establishing an offshore nursery cuttings certification program
- Reducing pest risks associated with sea containers
- Building a global ePhyto system
- Addressing the risks associated with internet trade
- Exploring the use of alternative delivery systems



# Eradicating Cotton Pests



Expect to announce eradication of pink bollworm in near future

Working with Mexico through NAPPO to accelerate progress towards the eradication of boll weevil in the United States

# Combating Fruit Flies



Relatively quiet period for most of the United States

Building new sterile fly rearing and release centers in Florida, Texas, and California

Working with Canada to determine how best to address European cherry fruit fly

# Reducing Tree Pest Threats



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

# Saving U.S. Citrus



Combatting citrus greening is a top priority

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

Assessing impact of recent hurricanes on spread of citrus pests and diseases

# Developing a Seed Health Regulatory Framework



Working to create a seed health regulatory framework to support safe seed trade

Conducting pest risk assessments to evaluate scope of risks present in the seed pathway

Identifying points in seed production system where we might apply measures to increase seed safety

# Establishing an Offshore Cuttings Certification Program



Worked with industry to develop a certification program for offshore facilities that produce unrooted plant cuttings for export to the United States

Conducting a 6-month pilot starting in October to evaluate the effectiveness of the certification program

# Reducing Pest Risks Associated with Sea Containers



Developing a voluntary program to reduce risks of pests hitchhiking in or on sea containers

Collaborative effort among U.S. government agencies, Canada, and global shipping companies

# Building a Global ePhyto System



Continue to pursue long-term goal of building a global ePhyto system

System will make certificate exchange fast, efficient, and fraud-resistant



## Addressing Risks Associated with Internet Trade



Internet sales of restricted and prohibited plants, plant and animal products, and live plant pests is a critical high-risk pathway

Top enforcement priority for PPQ in 2017 and beyond

# Exploring the Use of Alternative Delivery Services



Considering opportunities to use third parties to perform various phytosanitary services, including treatments, inspections, and export certification



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# Thank you!

