

Plant Protection and Quarantine By the Numbers, Fiscal Year 2025



Budget: \$869,004,712

Annual appropriations (40.5%)
Plant Protection Act Section 7721 (8.1%)
Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection user fees (26.7%)
Export certification fees (2.3%)
Reimbursable overtime fees (1.4%)
Trust funds (2.1%)
Commodity Credit Corporation emergency funds (18.9%)



Cooperator Funding

Provided nearly **\$211 million** to State departments of agriculture, universities, and other entities for pest surveys, research, and other critical work



Workforce

2,114 permanent employees, **248** term employees, **402** seasonal employees



Facilities

218 field offices, **7** laboratories, **16** plant inspection stations, **3** training facilities



Around the World

We fought pests offshore before they could reach the United States and helped U.S. agriculture thrive in the global marketplace.

Inspected and cleared **5.6 billion** pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables from **19** countries before they were shipped to the United States and oversaw a systems approach for the safe import of **1.9 billion** pounds of avocados in Mexico

Certified **190** treatment facilities, including **83** facilities in Mexico, **6** facilities in Central America, **6** facilities in the Caribbean, **88** facilities in South America, and **7** facilities in Asia

Worked with the U.S. Department of Defense to inspect **29,929** shipments of personal goods and **1.7 million** pieces of cargo from **18** countries before they returned stateside

Conducted technical negotiations to open, maintain, and expand export markets; and facilitated the release of held shipments—an added value of approximately **\$753 million**

Helped to expand the Global Electronic Phytosanitary (ePhyto) Solution, which makes the exchange of export certificates fast, efficient, and fraud-resistant; sent **341,000** ePhytos to **102** trading partners and received **478,000** ePhytos from **64** trading partners

Completed **250** risk analyses associated with imports, exports, invasive pest threats, and program requirements to support safe trade and protect American agriculture

Positioned more than **50** Agency and U.S. Government, State, academic, and industry experts on over 15 international and regional expert and focus groups to advance key standard-setting and global initiatives ensuring strong U.S. stakeholder involvement in standard setting activities

Processed **32.2 million** Lacey Act declarations, helping to combat illegal trade of protected plant species

Read more about the impact of PPQ's work: www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-health



At the Border

We kept potentially damaging plant pests out of the country.

Issued nearly **34,223** import permits and regulatory guidance letters for plants and plant products and responded to over **31,329** inquiries about imports and plant health permits

Cleared **26,813** shipments containing over **1.8 billion** plant units and **584,887** kilograms of woody seeds, intercepting **1,693** quarantine-significant pests at plant inspection stations

Continued to implement risk-based sampling at U.S. ports of entry to focus inspections

on higher risk shipments, automating inspections in the maritime pathway, adding **9** countries for plantains and **8** for bananas, covering **99** percent of these shipments from the Western Hemisphere

Improved the sampling protocol for molecular testing at inspection stations near major imports of entry for the Select Agent *Ralstonia solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2, a visually undetectable pathogen; used a testing tool **2,640** times on **3,903** geranium cuttings sourced

from **10** certified growing facilities with **0 detections**, validating PPQ's offshore programs' effectiveness

Identified approximately **50,886** pests found during U.S. Customs and Border Protection inspections of cargo, mail, and express carrier shipments and took quick action to prevent those of concern from entering the United States

Facilitated entry of regulated agricultural cargo through the monitoring of **13,775** fumigations, **42,521** cold

treatments, **6,862** irradiation certifications, and **163** heat treatments of niger seed Intercepted over **289,855** prohibited agricultural products and **3,008** quarantine pests during baggage inspections of approximately **16.7** million passengers bound for the U.S. mainland from Hawaii and Puerto Rico

Conducted **375,740** inspections of agricultural commodities before they left Hawaii and Puerto Rico for the U.S. mainland; conducted **7,284** treatments to mitigate pest risks



Across the Nation

We fought back against the spread of invasive plant pests that threatened our Nation's crops and forests.

Deregulated **1,003.56 acres** for golden nematode in New York; and **231.71 acres** for pale cyst nematode in Idaho, which included an infested field for the first time in the program's history.

Allocated **\$29 million** in USDA Commodity Credit Corporation emergency response funding to respond to new exotic fruit fly outbreaks, resulting in the eradication of **2** outbreaks in California and **8** in Texas

Conducted **208** plant pest surveys with cooperators in **50** States and **4** Territories and coordinated the response to approximately **50** pests detected in 2025 and prior years

Provided parasitoid wasps to **136** sites (**135** in the United States and **1** in Canada) to combat emerald ash borer. More than **9 million** parasitoids were released to date.

Allocated more than **\$70 million** to support **357** projects under the Plant Protection Act Section 7721 program as part of a nationwide effort to strengthen the country's infrastructure for pest detection, surveillance, and mitigation, as well as protect the U.S. nursery system

Provided over **\$62.7 million** in funding to support **339** projects in **49** states, Guam, and Puerto Rico, under the Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program

Provided **\$8 million** to support **18** National Clean Plant Network projects in **13** States and Puerto Rico that diagnose, clean, and distribute diseasefree stock of fruit trees, grapes, hops, berries, citrus, sweet potatoes, and roses to nurseries and growers

Issued more than **643,000** Federal phytosanitary (plant health) certificates directly or through authorized State and county cooperators to aid the export of U.S. plants and plant products to approximately **200** trading partners

Cleared through the PPQ quarantine facility **250** normally prohibited high-risk cultivars and germplasm from more than **20** different plant genera, making safe new plant varieties available to U.S. importers and producers

Seized **236,401** pounds of prohibited and/or restricted plants, plant products, meat, and meat products valued at approximately **\$1.8 million**, the result of **20,571** surveys and **6,258** seizures in non-port-of-entry locations; this helped protect U.S. crops and livestock from potentially devastating and costly plant pests and foreign animal disease