

Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee Meeting

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Plant Protection and Quarantine

Mission: APHIS-PPQ safeguards agriculture and natural resources from the entry, establishment, and spread of animal and plant pests and noxious weeds into the United States of America; and supports trade and exports of U.S. agricultural products.

Plant Health

Recent and Current pest issues:

Citrus Health

- Citrus greening (HLB)
- Mexican fruit flies



Recent and Current pest issues:

Aceria pongameae mite

- Host-specific to Pongamia trees
- Detected for first time in the US in December
- Action taken to eradicate pest



Recent and Current pest issues:

Phytophthora ramorum

- First find in soil and stream in Texas
- No detections in plant tissue
- Concern to nursery industry

Cooperative programs:

- Over \$5 million in cooperative agreements in 2012
- Still in process of putting 2013 agreements into place
- Funding through Farm Bill, CAPS, citrus health, and line item pests

Some funded projects include:

- Oak, Rice, Corn, Soybean, and Nursery surveys
- Citrus survey and diagnostics
- Emerald ash borer
- Gypsy moth
- Imported fire ant
- Honey bee pests and diseases
- Phytophthora ramorum
- First detector program
- Outreach

Ahead in 2013:

- Budget challenges
- Improve Tribal relationships in Texas
- Early detection and rapid response



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