

Impacts of Expiring Farm Bill Programs

USDA, APHIS Perspective

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2008 Farm Bill Section 10201: *Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention*

- Specifies funds are to be made available incrementally, starting with \$12 million in FY 09, \$45 million in FY 10, and \$50 million in FY 11 and thereafter
- Continuing Resolution provides access to this funding in FY 2013 until March 27, 2013
- Funding distributed via cooperative agreement with states which are at highest risk

Key Strategies:

- Enhance plant pest/disease analysis and survey
- Target domestic inspection activities at vulnerable points
- Enhance and strengthen pest identification and technology
- Safeguard nursery production
- Conduct outreach and education
- Enhance mitigation capabilities

FY 2012 - \$15 million to California to fund or supplement 24 projects

- European Grape Vine Moth
- California Detector Dog Program
- Exotic Fruit Fly Survey
- Enhanced Diagnostic Capacity for Fruit Flies
- Enhanced Exotic Pest Surveys
- Best Management Practices in Nurseries
- Stone Fruit Commodity Survey
- Citrus Commodity Survey

APHIS, PPQ Challenges:

- Sequestration – possibly an 8 percent cut if enacted (\$87 million for PPQ)
- Increased complexity from international trade and travel
- Numerous new pest finds and introductions
- Public/congressional demand for smaller government
- Anticipated budget reductions (6.5% in 2012)
- Staffing shortages (work force has been reduced by 10 percent since 2010)

Opportunities for change:

- Implemented a new budget structure in FY 2012
 - Consolidated 26 line items to 7 funded programs
 - Allows more flexibility to move funds between what were line items
 - More commodity based rather than by pest or disease
- Eliminated or changed programs
- Offered early retirement incentives with limits on filling positions
- Restructured to eliminate duplication

Two Critical Goals:

- Must become a more strategic and flexible organization
- Must focus on the highest risks with the greatest impact

Conclusions:

- Good news for the 10201 funding from the Farm Bill – carries over to FY 2013
 - Submission of projects will be accelerated because of March deadline
- Ability to fund some programs beyond Farm Bill funding will be diminished
- Staffing will be challenging

Thank You for the Opportunity!

Any Questions/Comments?

