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RESOLUTION NO. 2

SOYBEAN RUST PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

The National Plant Board commends USDA-APHIS-PPQ for foresight and advanced planning related to the detection of soybean rust in the United States. The agency efforts were instrumental in avoiding a crisis by developing and implementing a planned management system to deal with this important plant pathogen.

Soybean rust, *Phakopsora pachyrhizi*, was first confirmed in the United States in Louisiana in November 2004. In response to this detection, USDA facilitated the development of a federal, state, university, and industry coordinated framework for surveillance, reporting, prediction, and management of soybean rust for the 2005 growing season.

The management of soybean rust in the United States is quickly shifting from a regulatory to an extension effort with the de-listing of soybean rust as a select agent. The National Plant Board urges USDA-APHIS-PPQ and CSREES to continue the transition of the soybean rust program from regulatory to extension and research centered activities. Adequate regulatory protections will be maintained through the 526-permit system for shipping or moving the pathogen for research or educational purposes.

Be it resolved, that the National Plant Board, at its annual meeting held in Biloxi, Mississippi on August 10th, 2005, requests that USDA move the soybean rust program from APHIS-PPQ to CSREES and its focus be shifted away from regulatory activities to extension and research centered activities by the 2006 growing season.

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