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SUBJECT: Selection of Dr. Alan Dowdy, Director of Invertebrate and Biocontrol Programs

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Alan Dowdy as the Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) Director of Invertebrate and Biocontrol Programs, effective September 30, 2007. This is a new position in PPQ's Emergency and Domestic Programs Staff, in Riverdale, Maryland.

Dr. Alan Dowdy is a native of Wyoming and received his graduate degrees in Entomology from Oklahoma State University. His research focused on integrated pest management of alfalfa with specific interest on the alfalfa weevil. Dr. Dowdy worked briefly as an Analytical Entomologist with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in Brooklyn, New York, before joining USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) at the Grain Marketing and Production Research Center in Manhattan, Kansas. There he studied the monitoring and movement of stored product pests through marketing channels, as well as alternatives to methyl bromide fumigation. He was nationally recognized for his accomplishments in the application of high temperature in food processing facilities for insect management with the 1999 Arthur S. Fleming Award for Applied Science.

In 2000, Dr. Dowdy joined APHIS and worked at PPQ's Center for Plant Health Science and Technology. He first served as the National Science Program Leader for Agricultural Quarantine Inspection and Port Technology, then served as the Center's Associate Director. More recently, Dr. Dowdy was the Deputy Director of ARS's Office of International Research Programs, where he was responsible for daily operations and had primary oversight of the Agency's overseas biological control laboratories.

Dr. Dowdy has also served as an adjunct faculty member at the Entomology Departments of Kansas State University and North Carolina State University.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Dowdy to his new position. He can be reached at (301) 734-3769 and his email address is Alan.K.Dowdy@aphis.usda.gov.

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