Office of Field Operations
Agriculture Programs and Trade Liaison

National Plant Board
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# Boots on the Ground

## National Snapshot

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<th>At-Merger</th>
<th>Today</th>
<th>Inc/Dec</th>
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<td>Employees @ POE</td>
<td>1,562</td>
<td>2,421</td>
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<td>Vacancies</td>
<td>312</td>
<td>71</td>
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<td>Total Positions</td>
<td>1,874</td>
<td>2,492</td>
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Evolution of the Agriculture Operation

1. Staffing
2. Training
3. Communication
4. CBP Data Systems
5. Targeting
## A Year in the Life... FY 2018

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<td>Passenger Inspections</td>
<td>19,605,506</td>
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<td>Quarantine Material Interceptions</td>
<td>1,663,227</td>
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<td>Cargo Inspections</td>
<td>997,946</td>
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<td>Emergency Action Notifications</td>
<td>48,878</td>
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<td><strong>Pest Interceptions:</strong></td>
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<td>Submitted</td>
<td>126,772</td>
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<td>Reportable Pests</td>
<td>57,566</td>
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Joint Agency Pest Risk Committee

Joint Agency Risk Committee Support

Our respective leadership commits to providing enhanced support to and engagement with the committees, which include core membership from PPQ, CBP, and representatives from State Departments of Agriculture.
DON'T PACK A PEST

Outreach Initiative

**Academics**
- Research-based
- Collaborative
- Identify/Explain Risk
- Counter-intuitive

**Tool Kit**
- Video, website, social media
- Port of Entry signage
- Promotional items
- Informational items
National Ag Targeting Dashboard

- Agriculture–Centric
- Quality/Fidelity
- Trend Analysis
- Operational Efficiencies
- Continual Enhancement
Targeting Selectivity & Predictability

- All Modes/All Pathways
- Geo-zoning
- Special Operations
- UDR Efficiency
- Continual Enhancement
National Agriculture Cargo Targeting Unit

Targeted smuggling networks:
• Meals ready-to-eat (MRE) network
• Live insects trading network
• Chinese commercial food product smuggling network

Ongoing targeting initiatives:
• African Swine Fever
• Asian Gypsy Moth
Recent NACTU Passenger Operations

Targeted inbound passengers /baggage:

• With previous ECC EAN seizures
• With previous Mail 287 seizures
• Passengers previously given an ag warning
Current NACTU Cargo Operations

1. Express Consignment Hub Hotlist
2. International Mail Agriculture Targeting Assessment
3. African Swine Fever (ASF)
4. Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM)
Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM)
Increased AGM Targeting

NACTU identifies high risk vessels via geo-mapping
Industrial Hemp

- Industrial hemp is defined as strains of Cannabis sativa L. that contain less than 0.3% of Tetrahydrocannabinol
- 2014 Farm Bill: Allowed for authorized states to establish programs for cultivating industrial hemp for research purposes
- 2018 Farm Bill: Removes industrial hemp from the definition of “marijuana” in the Controlled Substances Act
  - Allows industrial hemp plants to be grown domestically as well as imported.
  - Decriminalizes the production and use of hemp and its derived products, such as seed oil, cannabidiol (CBD) oil, fibers, paper, etc.
  - Allows transfer of hemp-derived products across state lines
Minimum Security Criteria (MSC) Refinement and Restructure

- New Focus Areas & Criteria Categories
- Must vs Should Requirements
- Mitigation of Modern Threats

The process to update the MSC laid the groundwork for the modernization of criteria in order to combat today’s threats in supply chain security.
CTPAT- Agriculture Security

Agriculture is the largest business sector

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Contaminants found in all conveyances and all modes of transportation

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Contaminants harbor pests and diseases

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Pest and diseases threaten Agriculture industry and natural resources

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CTPAT program minimum criteria heightens compliance and improves safeguarding the supply chain and natural resources
Agro/Bio-Terrorism Countermeasures

Biological Threat Exclusion Coordinator (BTEC)

• Adjunct analyst/advisor
• Enhance/maintain outreach
• Targeting liaison
• Conduct training
• SME on biological threats
Insect Smuggling at Express Courier Facility
Looking Forward to the FUTURE