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2008 RESOLUTION NO. 2

COOPERATIVE FEDERAL –STATE PLANT PEST CONTROL PROGRAM FUNDING

The funding for cooperative federal – state plant pest control programs and activities is highly dependent upon the federal budget appropriation. The ability of states to implement an approved safeguarding strategy is frequently dependent upon federal funds made available to the states through cooperative agreements. Without the benefit of such funding, program efforts are reduced and/or eliminated placing eradication and control goals and objectives in jeopardy.

The FY2008 appropriations for golden nematode, plum pox virus and Asian longhorned beetle eradication, and gypsy moth control have been reduced. In addition the appropriations for miscellaneous pests and the contingency fund (EPP) have been significantly cut eliminating the flexibility of APHIS-PPQ to assist the states in addressing emerging plant pest issues and unforeseen events.

Furthermore APHIS-PPQ has been denied access to Commodity Credit Corporation funds for emergency programs extending beyond a period of 2-3 years following its inception under the assumption that such funds can be obtained through the budget process. This is an erroneous assumption and a dangerous precedent.

Since 2001, the National Plant Board has sought increased appropriations for APHIS -PPQ in Pest Detection and in Emerging Plant Pests. The NPB is on record requesting the amounts of \$100 and \$175 million for Pest Detection and Emerging Plant Pests respectively.

Resolved: That the Eastern Plant Board at its 83rd annual meeting in Charleston, WV on April 3rd, 2008 requests the following amounts be appropriated to APHIS-PPQ in FY09:

- Golden Nematode \$4,000,000
- Plum pox virus \$5,000,000
- Imported Fire Ant \$2,200,000
- Gypsy moth \$10,000,000
- Contingency fund \$4,200,000
- Pest Detection \$100,000,000
- Emerging plant pest \$175,000,000
 - Miscellaneous pests \$4,000,000
 - Asian longhorned beetle \$48,000,000
 - Emerald ash borer \$35,000,000

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