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### National Potato Cyst Nematode Technical Work Group

For almost seventy years the golden nematode eradication program has contained the spread of the golden nematode (GN) to a limited acreage within New York State. The success of the program can be attributed to the collaboration of USDA-APHIS PPQ, USDA-ARS, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Cornell University (potato breeding, selections, and seed multiplication). The GN Technical Work Group, representing the above collaborators, has acquired a vast knowledge and expertise in addressing the GN infestation. This knowledge can be of great assistance to the groups being convened to address the recent discovery of the potato cyst nematode (PCN) in Idaho. Furthermore, the discovery of a large infestation of GN in St. Arable, Quebec, in 2006 has heightened the awareness and importance of cyst nematodes in North America. Ironically, the GN program in New York State has suffered from the lack of funding to support survey, regulatory oversight, and the development of resistant potato varieties. Despite efforts to increase the GN program funding, the FY 2007 appropriation is \$800,000, while the PCN program is working with a CCC carryover of \$1.621 million with \$4.5 million proposed in 2008.

**Resolved**, by the Eastern Plant Board at its 82nd annual meeting in Jackson, NH, on April 5, 2007, that the USDA-APHIS-PPQ combine the GN and PCN eradication programs under one line item appropriation and utilize the existing expertise by forming a National Potato Cyst Technical Work Group to oversee and advise a national survey and control program for cyst nematodes.

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