



EASTERN PLANT BOARD

Carol Holko, President
Plant Protection and Weed Mgmt.
Maryland Dept. of Agriculture
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21401
(410) 841-5920

Dana Rhodes, President Elect
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron St.
Harrisburg, PA 17110
(717) 772-5205

Piera Siegert, Secretary-Treasurer
Division of Plant Industry
New Hampshire Dept. of Agriculture,
Markets & Food
State Lab Building
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-2561

2015 Annual Meeting
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

PLUM POX VIRUS (PPV)

WHEREAS Plum Pox Virus is a disease of *Prunus* species which has the potential to devastate the stone fruit (peaches, plums, apricots, nectarines) industry of the United States. The United States Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the states of Pennsylvania, Michigan and New York has worked diligently and extensively to eradicate this disease from the United States. Eradication has been completed in both Pennsylvania and Michigan. Eradication has been accomplished in New York with required monitoring being conducted.

WHEREAS The most serious threat from this disease now resides in Ontario, Canada directly across the Niagara River from New York. Canada's policy to manage, rather than eradicate, the Plum Pox Virus creates a challenge for U.S. agriculture. Because Canada has not removed known infested trees, a reservoir of Plum Pox Virus inoculum now resides mere miles from a United States commercial stone fruit orchard. As the virus remains unchecked on the Canadian side, the disease level is increasing and aphid transmission has become a significant and ongoing threat of continual reintroductions of this disease.

RESOLVED The Eastern Plant Board at its 90th annual meeting in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, requests USDA APHIS PPQ work with Canada to eradicate Plum Pox Virus from all of North America.

Distribution:

Osama El-Lissy, Deputy Administrator, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
Rebecca Bech, Associate Deputy Administrator, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
Mike Watson, Associate Deputy Administrator, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
Paula Henstridge, Assistant Deputy Administrator, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
Diana Hoffman, USDA APHIS PPQ
Mafalda Weldon, USDA APHIS PPQ
Geir Friisoe, National Plant Board President
Julie Van Meter, Central Plant Board President
Carol Holko, Eastern Plant Board President
Mike Evans, Southern Plant Board President
Brad White, Western Plant Board President