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PRIORITIZING DISTRIBUTION OF CAPS FUNDING

WHEREAS The CAPS program supports critical survey work for commodity pests of national significance by the states.

WHEREAS The infrastructure of the CAPS program supports other pest detection activities in the states.

WHEREAS The State Survey Coordinator position and additional staff are often funded fully, or in part, by CAPS infrastructure funding.

WHEREAS The efforts of the State Survey Coordinator position support not only CAPS projects, but also Farm Bill and other pest detection projects.

WHEREAS State cooperators acknowledge the difficulties USDA APHIS PPQ faces in executing agreements when monies are delayed due to the federal budget process.

RESOLVED The EPB requests USDA APHIS PPQ consider:

- Implementing efficiencies wherever possible in order to distribute CAPS funding; and
- Consider prioritization of distributing CAPS funding to projects with real biology-driven timing issues so that survey work is not negatively impacted for those states and pests where survey needs are imminent.

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