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COORDINATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL PEST RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESSES

The technical support and development of analytical tools by USDA APHIS PPQ (APHIS) for the evaluation of plant pest risks, including insects, diseases and noxious weeds, provides critical assistance to states in coordinating plant pest risk analyses and enables states to make informed management decisions regarding plant pests that threaten or have been detected in their state.

WHEREAS APHIS has developed pest risk analysis tools to estimate the risk of plant pests becoming invasive.

WHEREAS the pest risk assessments can help managers make decisions appropriate for their jurisdiction (national, state, or local).

WHEREAS coordination of invasive plant pest assessments between state and federal entities is of benefit to the regulated industries.

RESOLVED by the membership of the Southern Plant Board at its 2014 annual meeting in Raleigh, NC on April 30, 2014, that APHIS continue to provide technical assistance, expertise, analytical tools and associated training to National Plant Board states in an effort to coordinate the analysis of plant pest risks associated with invasive arthropods, diseases and noxious weeds in a manner that is consistent with APHIS and states' authorities and purposes.

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