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CONTINUANCE OF STATE MONITORING OF IMPORTED FIRE QUARANTINE BOUNDARY IN ALL STATES

The members of the Southern Plant Board with areas of the Imported Fire Ant Quarantine Boundary review and revise the quarantine each year based on spread of the pest. Surveys are conducted yearly within five miles of the IFA quarantine line to monitor the spread of this pest. The Southern Plant Board appreciates the efforts USDA APHIS PPQ provides to states in support of this monitoring and making adjustments to the quarantine boundary.

WHEREAS Monitoring of Imported Fire Ant continues to be a necessity in preventing the spread of this pest in the United States.

WHEREAS the Southern Plant Board recognizes the importance of all states monitoring and making adjustments to the Imported Fire Ant Quarantine line as required by the spread of the pest. Additionally, all members realize the impacts of not collecting timely survey data may lead to a state being fully quarantined by USDA APHIS PPQ.

RESOLVED by the membership of the Southern Plant Board at its 2018 annual meeting in Charleston, SC on May 9, 2018, respectfully request that APHIS continue to require all states within the Imported Fire Ant Quarantine Boundary area conduct survey yearly and provide adjustments to the quarantine line as necessary to prevent the spread of Imported Fire Ant.

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