

FOR INFORMATION
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SUBJECT: Potato Cyst Nematode (PCN) in Alberta, Canada

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is in the process of lifting the suspension of the movement of seed potatoes from the Province of Alberta, Canada. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has successfully met the conditions for delimiting the infestation of PCN in Alberta. On October 31, 2008, APHIS announced new restrictions on seed potato imports from Alberta due to PCN detections and the need to delimit the infestation.

Based on the information provided from CFIA, we will allow the resumption of seed potato importation from Alberta to the United States beginning January 28, 2009. All seed potatoes shipped to the United States must have originated from fields that were sampled, tested and shown to be free of PCN, in accordance with the mutually agreed upon "PCN Guidelines", and did not originate from any area regulated for PCN.

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