

APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine: Keeping Native American Crops and Plants Healthy and Strong



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The Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is committed to protecting the health of crops, fields, and forests from coast to coast. APHIS-PPQ works closely with Native American communities to preserve and promote the value of these resources through cooperative agreements, technical and emergency training, outreach activities, and consultations that ensure APHIS initiatives respect Native American cultural heritage and values.

Here's some of what APHIS-PPQ can do for you:

- ▲ **Provide** early detection of potentially damaging foreign weeds, plant diseases, mollusks, and insects
- ▲ **Suppress** outbreaks of rangeland grasshoppers and Mormon crickets
- ▲ **Combat** invasive pests that attack forests, including gypsy moths and exotic wood borers such as the emerald ash borer and Asian longhorned beetle
- ▲ **Cooperatively use** biological control organisms to control rangeland weeds
- ▲ **Train** tribal members to respond rapidly to plant disease and pest outbreaks by developing emergency response plans and participating in full-scale Incident Command System exercises

- ▲ **Facilitate exporting** plants and plant products by issuing internationally recognized phytosanitary certificates for your products

For More Information

Please visit the APHIS Web site at www.aphis.usda.gov for more information about our plant health programs. To learn more about how APHIS-PPQ can assist your community, please contact PPQ National Tribal Liaison Carl Etsitty at (970) 494-7573 or carl.etsitty@aphis.usda.gov.

APHIS works closely with Native American communities to help protect their agricultural resources.

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