First Line of Defense Against Invasive Species

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Securing America’s Borders

Securing and expediting the movement of goods

Securing and expediting the movement of people

Field Operations
Office of Field Operations (OFO)

- Uniformed Components
- Agriculture Programs and Trade Liaison (APTL)
- APTL Branches
Agriculture Programs & Trade Liaison

Federal Agencies

APTL

Trade Agriculture

State Agencies

Production Agriculture
CBP Collaborates with other Government Agencies

- PPQ AQI VMO
- VS/AVIC
- FSIS
- State VS
- CDC
- FWS
CBP Agriculture Specialist

Field Operations
CBP Ag Specialists

• Nearly 2,400 agriculture specialists are deployed at over 165 Ports of Entry
• Academy Regimes
• Significance of Plant Pests & Foreign Animal Diseases
• Risk Assessment
How Risk Approaches?

Air
- Passenger/Baggage
- Conveyance
- Cargo

Maritime
- Conveyance
- Cargo
- Crew
- Passenger

Land/Border
- Passenger/Baggage
- Commercial Bus
- Commercial Truck
- Railcar

International Mail
- USPS
- UPS
- FedEx
How Risk Approaches
CBP’s Screening Process

• Manifest Reviews / Entry Documents
• EAN Database – Emergency Action Notification
• AEA’s – Agriculture Enforcement Alerts
• APTL Memo’s and Muster Topics
• PRC’s – Pest Risk Committee meetings/ Communication with other agencies / Holds
• Computer Systems
  • ATS – Targeting Framework
  • ACE – Automated Commercial Environment
Targeted Passenger Yields Concealed Birds
Numerous Hatching Eggs Intercepted at MIA
AEA: Smuggling Live Birds

- Known smuggler selected for inspection
- 3 Cuban Grassquit concealed in pants
Monkey Head and Fur Found

- Washington-Dulles Int’l airport
- Prohibited meat
- Items seized
- CDC contacted
Exotic Newcastle Disease Vaccinations Intercepted

• Nogales, AZ
• Poultry Vaccines declared
• No VS permit
• Items seized and destroyed
Rabies Vaccine Intercepted at Land Border

- San Ysidro, CA
- Vials of rabies vaccines declared
- No VS permit
- Items seized and destroyed
Smuggled Roosters heading to Mexico
CBP APTL Outreach Initiatives

• Agriculture Enforcement Alerts (AEA’s)
• Participation in committees and boards
• CBP demonstrations in schools, trade shows, and agriculture fairs
• Recruiting Events
• POE Signage
CBP Agriculture Operations

QUESTIONS?