

FOR INFORMATION
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SUBJECT: *Globodera pallida* (Pale Cyst Nematode - PCN) - Addition of Regulated Area in Idaho

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

On March 18, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) confirmed an additional detection of PCN in Bonneville County, Idaho in a potato production field encompassing 164 acres. This brings the infested area to ten fields which are located in two counties in Idaho totaling 1,264 acres. The morphological and molecular analyses conducted by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and APHIS of suspect cyst samples from this field confirmed the presence of PCN. After completing all traces, we determined that 6,544 additional acres required regulation due to their primary association with the 164 infested acres.

The cysts in the 164 acre field were collected as part of ongoing cooperative monitoring efforts by APHIS and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. This field is approximately 1.5 miles from the nearest infested field also located in Bonneville County, Idaho. In accordance with the PCN regulations (7 CFR 301.86), this additional infested field was regulated March 21, and the additional 6,544 associated acres on May 9. This brings the total regulated area – infested and associated fields - to 7,808 acres. Accordingly, restrictions on the interstate movement of Pale Cyst Nematode regulated articles from these areas are now required. APHIS will publish a Federal Notice of the change to the quarantine boundaries.

The specific regulated areas for *Globodera pallida* can be found on the following website:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/potato/pcn-maps.shtml

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