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Subject: APHIS Removes Pale Cyst Nematode (*Globodera pallida*) Acreage From Regulation in Idaho

To: State, Tribal, and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

On November 16, 2023, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) released approximately 36 acres in Bingham County, Idaho, from regulation for pale cyst nematode (PCN). APHIS released the fields because the fields have completed a release protocol for PCN-associated fields that is comprised of a sequence of surveys with negative laboratory results for PCN, in accordance with 7 CFR §301.86, subpart 3(d)(2).

In addition, APHIS released approximately four PCN-infested acres in Bingham County, Idaho, from regulation for PCN because the landowner converted the acreage to non-agricultural use. This reduction of quarantine acreage is in accordance with 7 CFR §301.86, subpart 3(d)(4).

With these changes, the current PCN-regulated area in Idaho is 6,495 acres, of which 3,538 acres are infested fields and 2,957 acres are associated fields. The infested fields are in an 8.5-mile radius that spans a portion of northern Bingham County and southern Bonneville County.

APHIS will follow up with a notice of this change to the regulated area in the Federal Register. The PCN-regulated areas are listed on the following website: <u>APHIS Pale Cyst Nematode</u> webpage

For additional information about the PCN program, please contact the National Policy Manager, Lynn Evans-Goldner, at lynn.evans-goldner@usda.gov or (301) 851-2286.

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