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U.S. Country Overview

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Challenges

- Numerous pest finds and introductions
- Increasing complexity of global trade
- Congressional demands for smaller government
- Reduced or uncertain budgets
- Increasing numbers of retirements
- Public demands for less regulation
- Pressure to open more markets both here (for international products) and abroad (for U.S. products)



Emphasis on Trade

International Phytosanitary Standards (IPS)

John Greifer

- Promotes technically sound approaches to harmonize plant health measures with international standards

Phytosanitary Issues Management (PIM)

Alan Dowdy

- Primary point of contact for trading partners
- Manages safe trade of ag commodities
- PIM director is a member of the HAG

Export Services

Christian Dellis

- Provides phytosanitary certification
- Manages the Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance and Tracking (PCIT) database

Harmonization Advisory Group (HAG)

Cross-functional working group to strategically manage international plant health standards.

Analysis and Information Management

- APHIS PPQ has organized a staff and program that is intended to better coordinate all analytics. This coordination will:
 - Analyze data collected from both APHIS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection sources to hone AQI regulatory and operational decision making
 - More accurately assess pest threats, focus inspection activities, and target higher risks



Strategic Safeguarding Initiatives

- Development of alternative treatments
- Regulatory streamlining (i.e., plants for planting, domestic programs)
- Risk-based sampling at plant inspection stations
- Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection (AQI) program
- New technologies to improve pest identification and detection
- Improvements to the permitting process
- Industry group summits



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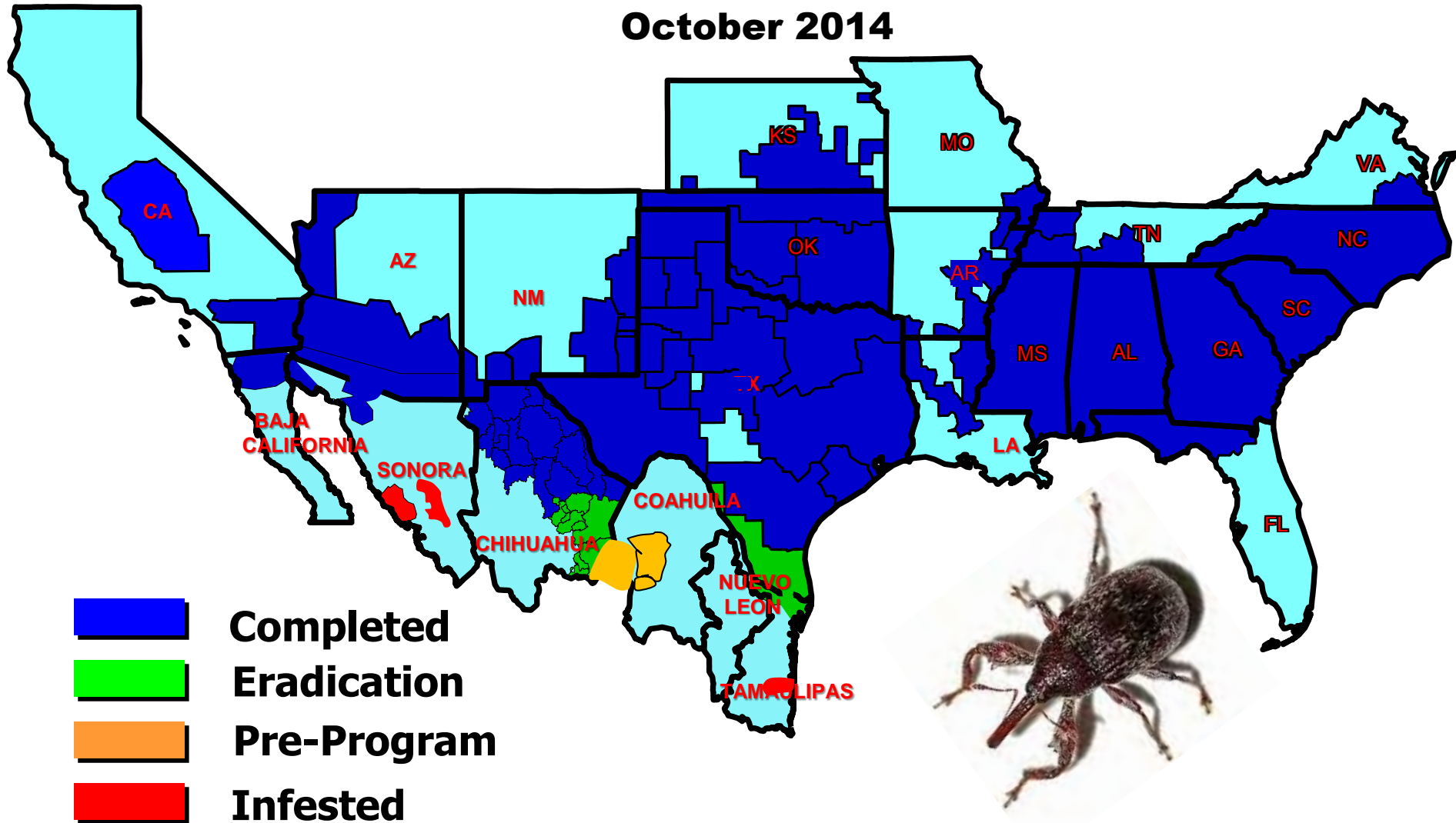
Domestic Program Updates



Boll Weevil Eradication

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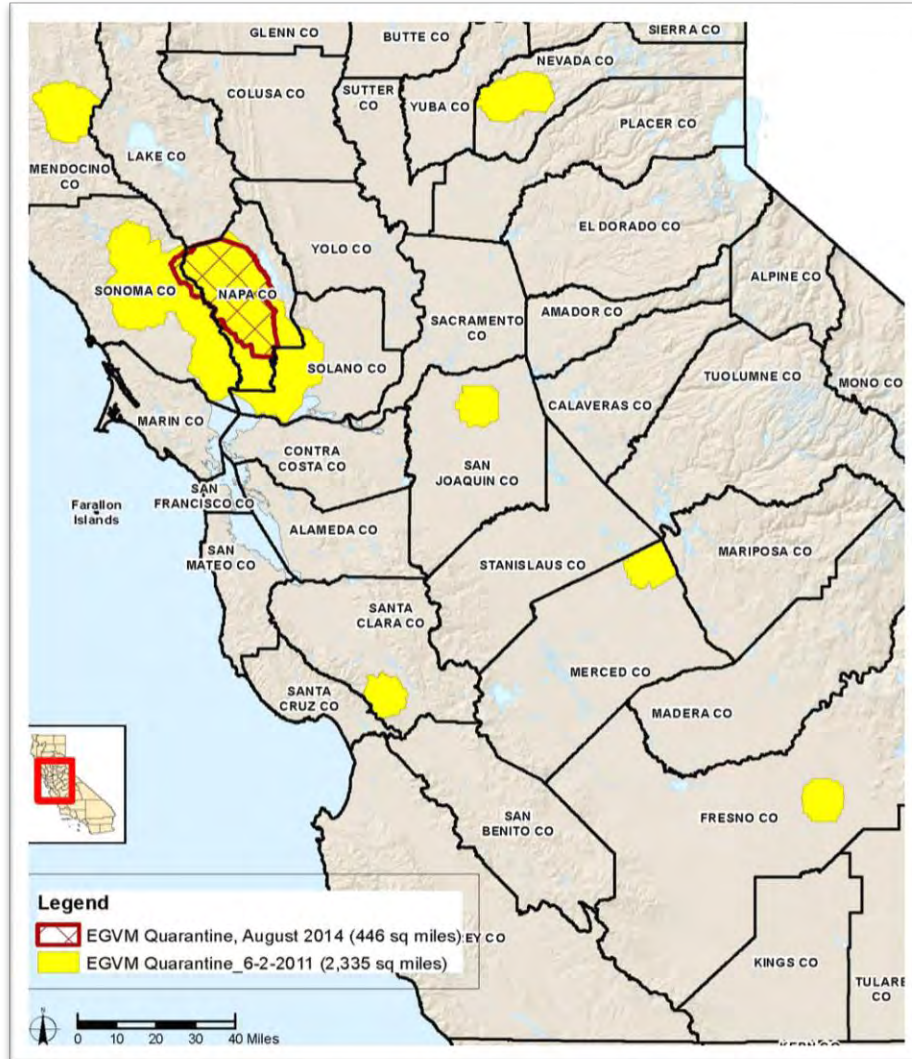
Pink Bollworm Eradication



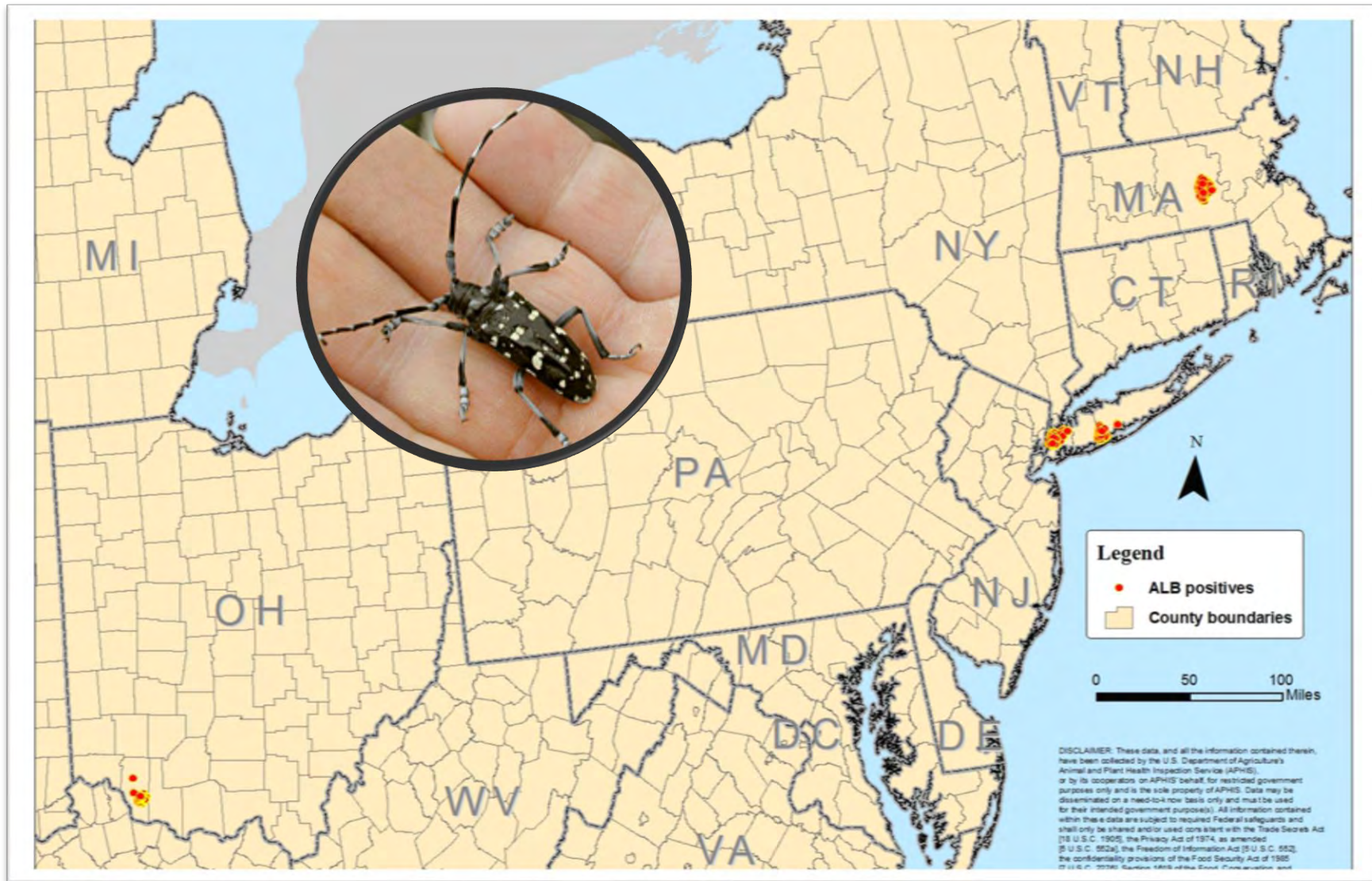
Stages

Containment/Suppression

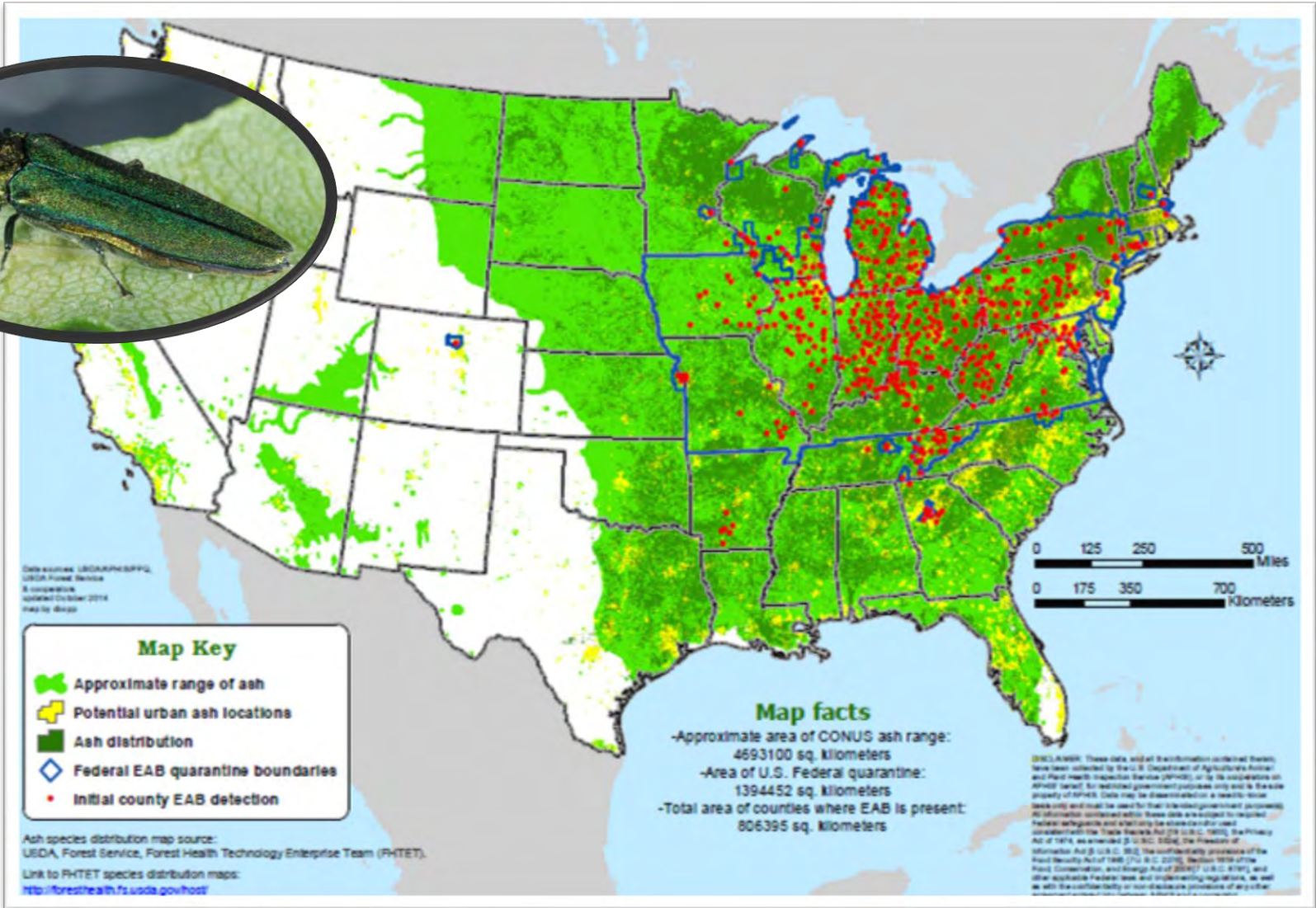
European grapevine moth



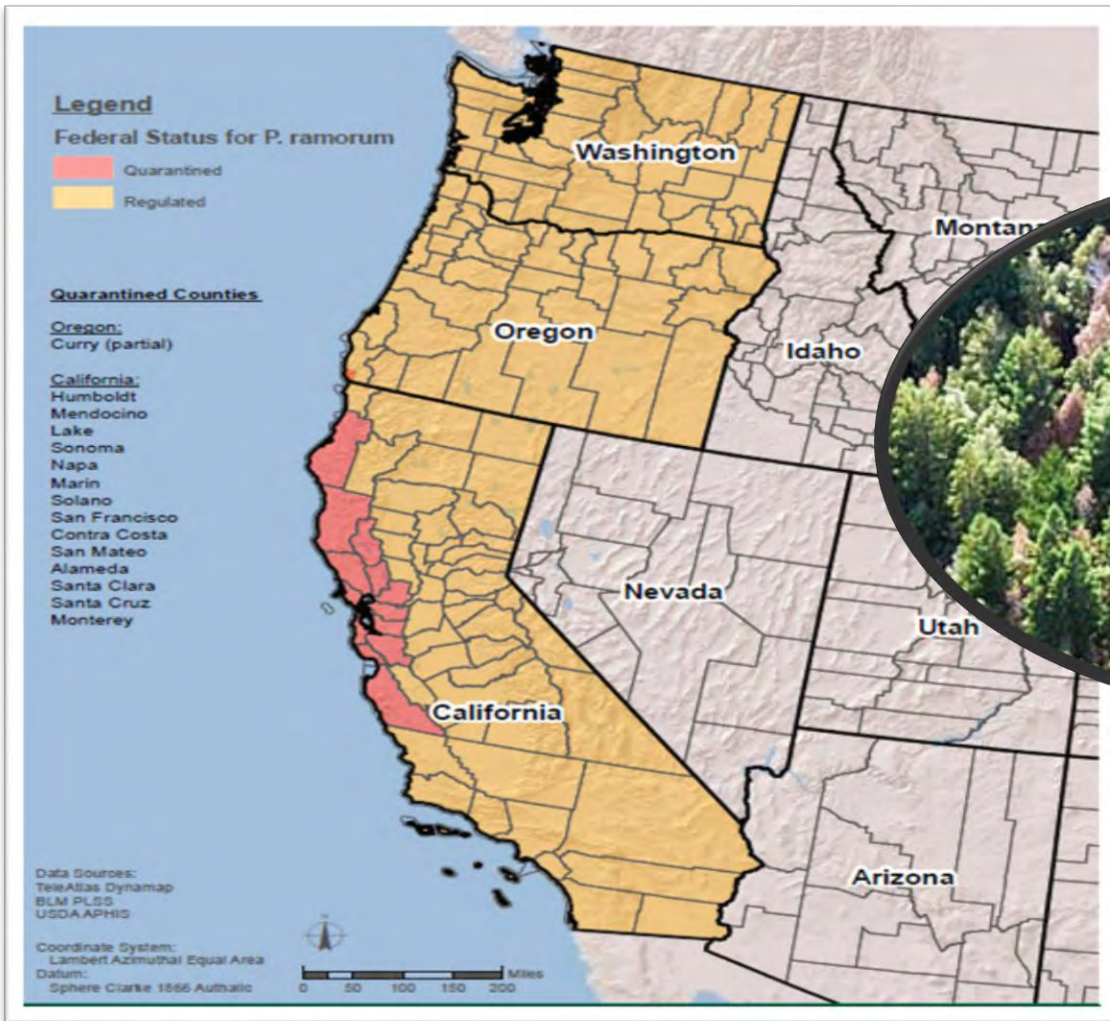
Asian longhorned beetle



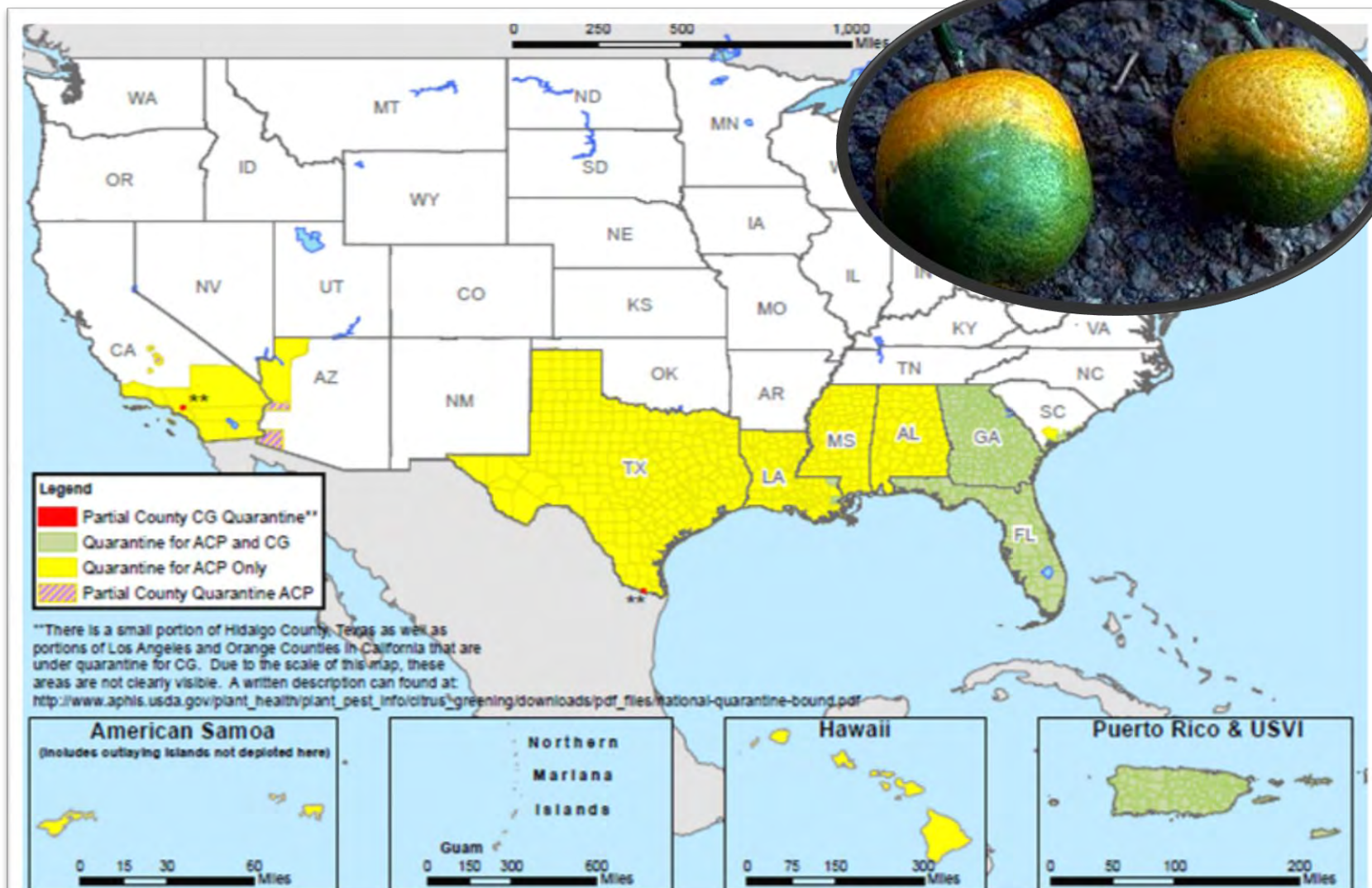
Emerald Ash Borer



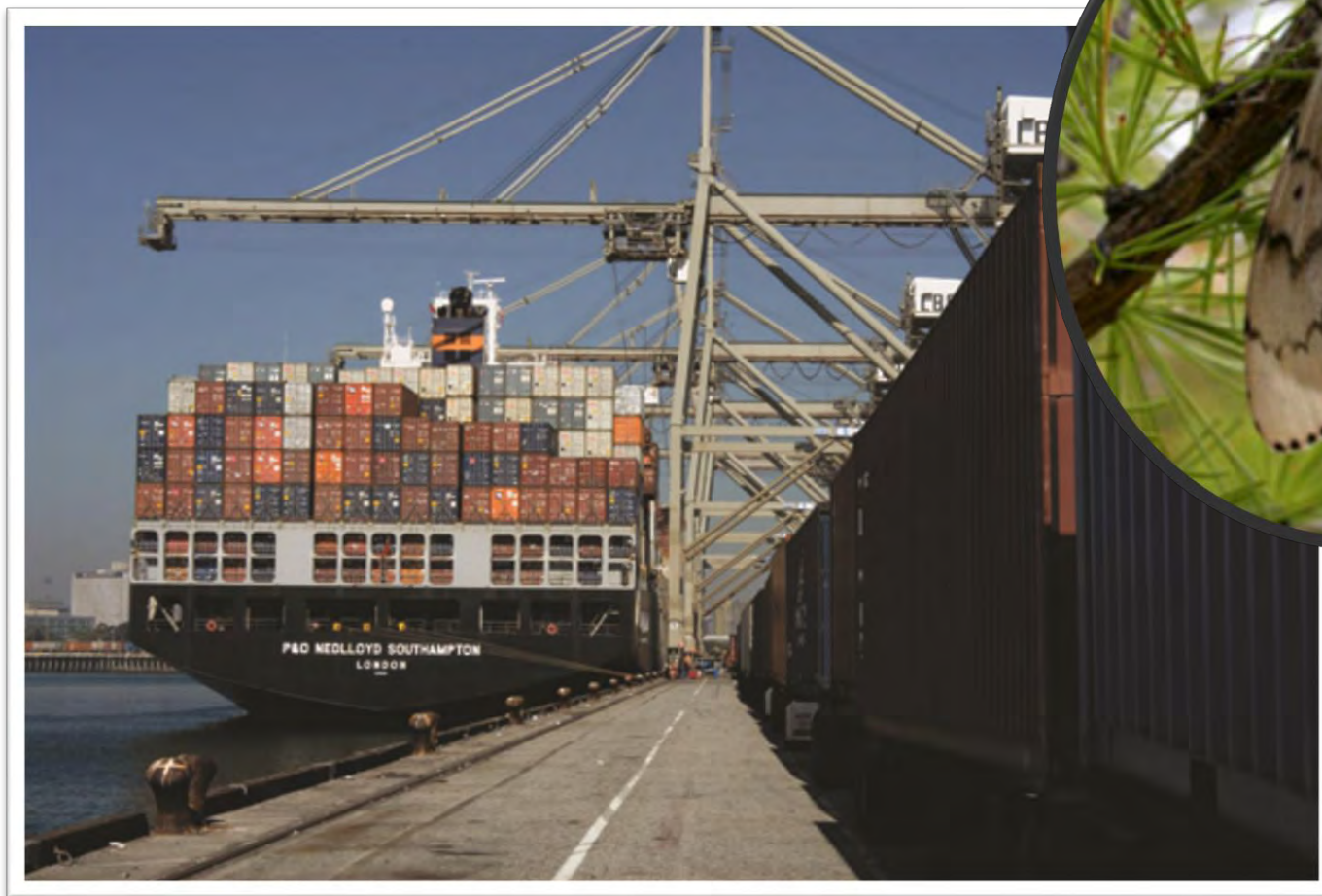
Phytophthora ramorum



Huanglongbing (Citrus Greening)



Asian gypsy moth





International Initiatives

- High-level Regulatory Cooperation Council (HLRCC) with Mexico
- Negotiations on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) agreement
- Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) talks
- Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) with Canada
- Beyond the Border (BtB) with Canada
- E-Phyto Strategy
- Collaboration with Asian Countries – ISPM 15



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