



United States Department of Agriculture

Plant Protection and Quarantine

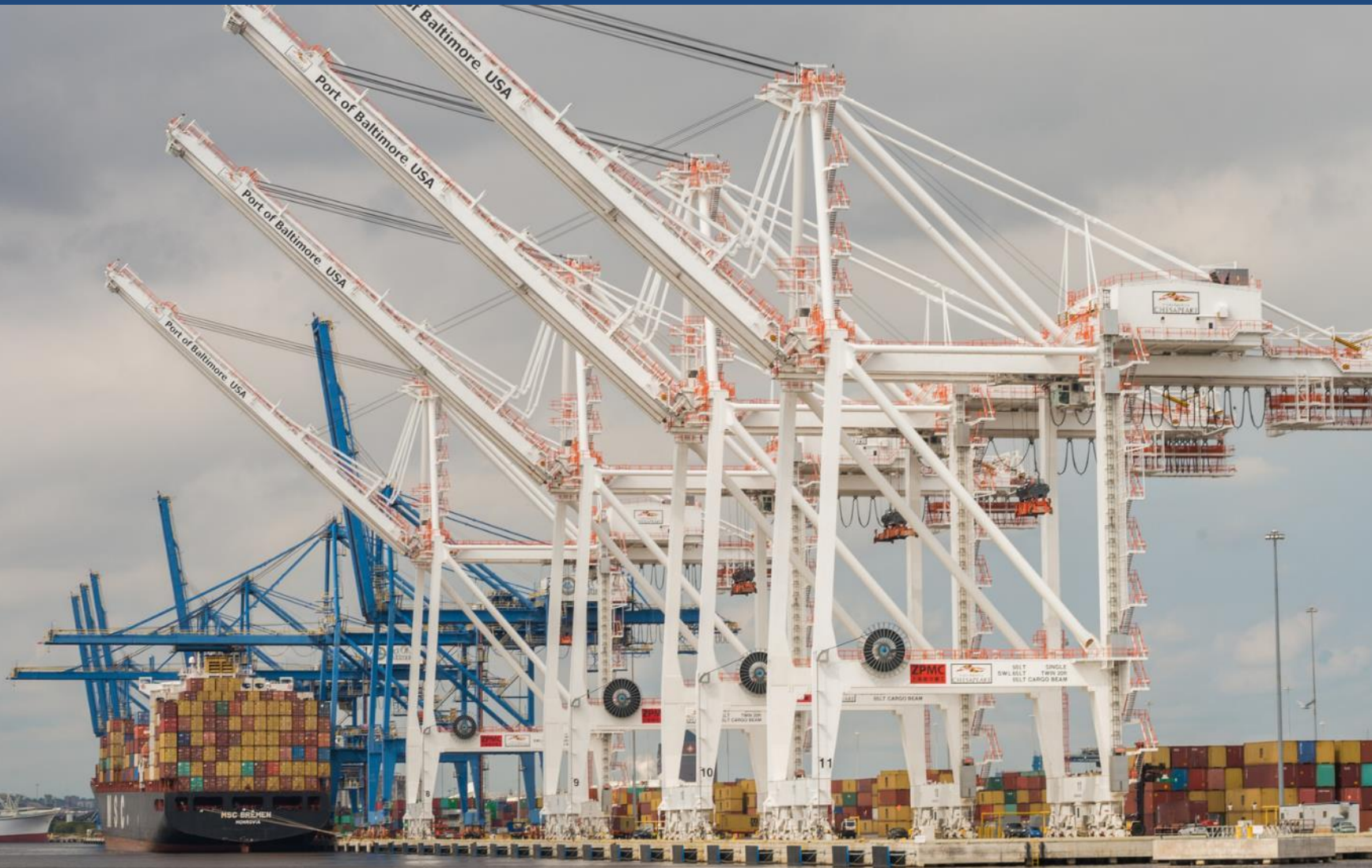
Safeguarding Agriculture, Facilitating Safe Trade

Osama El-Lissy
Deputy Administrator





Increased pest pressure



Increased focus on exports

Strategic Focus

Mission:

We **safeguard U.S. agriculture** and natural resources against the entry, establishment, and spread of economically and environmentally significant pests, and we **facilitate safe international trade** of agricultural products.

Goals:

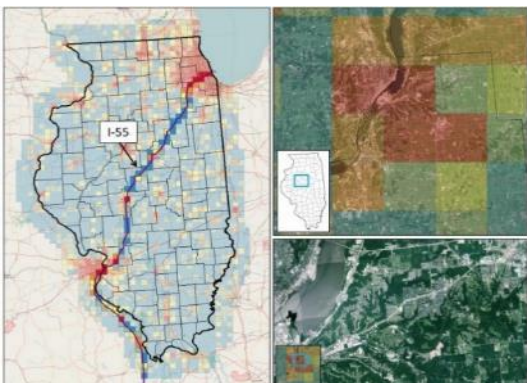
Integrate and streamline our safeguarding system

Optimize our pest management and eradication programs

Increase the safety of agricultural exports and imports



Working Smarter



Data-driven decision making



Cutting-edge science, tools, and technologies



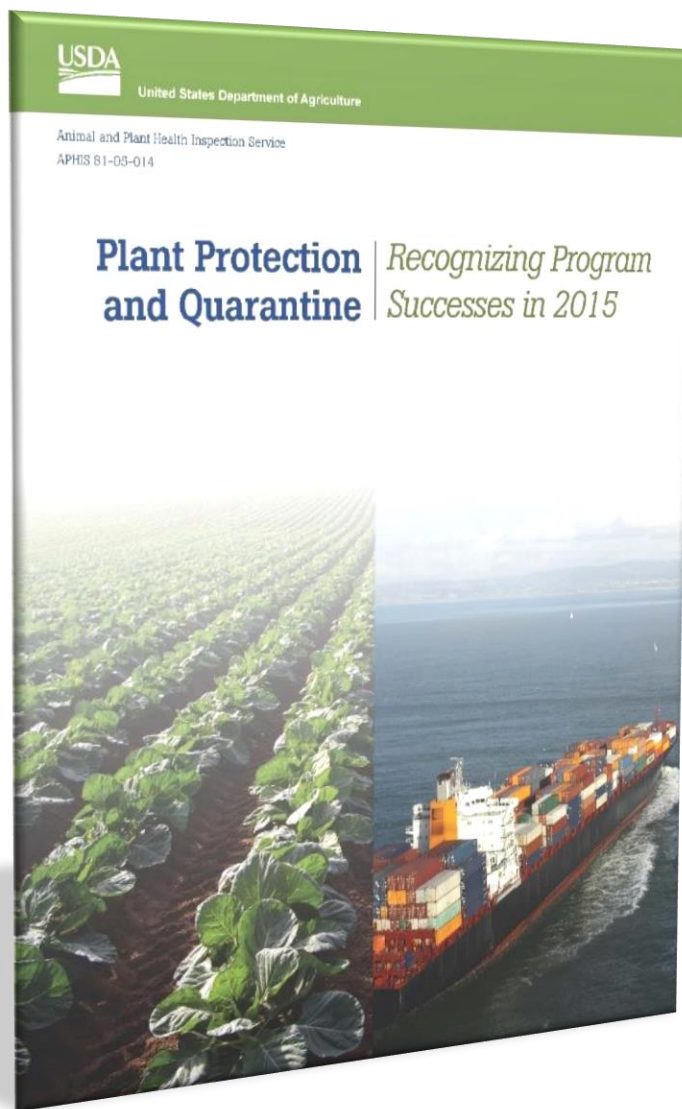
Risk-based approaches and risk-appropriate responses



Regulatory alternatives, flexibility and streamlining



Domestic and international collaboration



Progress Made

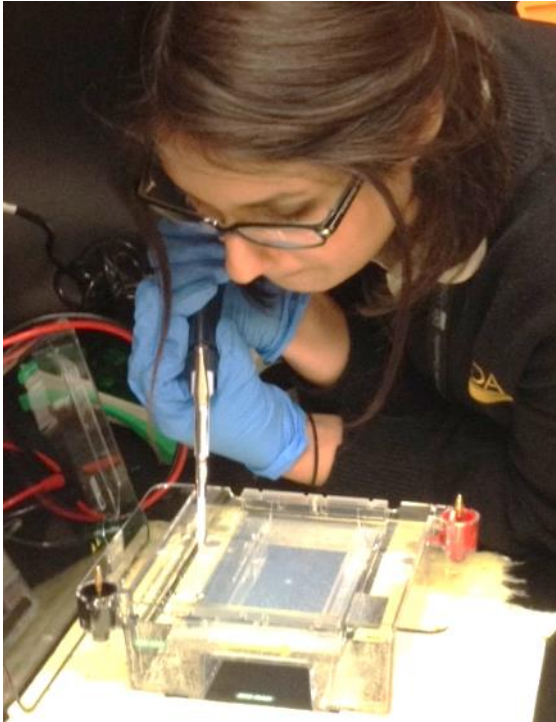
- Eradicated 12 fruit fly outbreaks
- Zero pink bollworm detections in 4 years
- Kept 99.5 percent of 16 million cotton acres free from boll weevil
- Eradicated European grapevine moth



United States Department of Agriculture

Key Initiatives 2016-2017

Innovation Initiatives



Molecular Diagnostics



Canine Detectors



Unmanned Aircraft

Seed Health Framework



Ongoing dialog about safety of global seed trade and seed health protection

Working to create a seed health regulatory framework to support safe seed trade

Offshore Cuttings Certification Program



Certification program for offshore facilities that produce ornamental plant cuttings for export to the United States

Provide additional safeguards against the entry of pests and pathogens on imported plant cuttings

Further Reducing Forest Pest Threats



Reducing pest threats associated with wood packaging material

Preventing introduction of Asian gypsy moth

New direction for emerald ash borer program

International and Regional Harmonization



IPPC and NAPPO

Plant Health
Quadrilaterals

Building relationships
with other RPPOs

Sustaining and Expanding Export Markets



Maintaining and expanding U.S. access to key foreign markets is a top priority

Looking Ahead



Electronic Phytosanitary Certification



Strategic Standards Setting



United States Department of Agriculture

