

Network News

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Funding Note: The CCC fund request for *Phytophthora ramorum* was funded. This will mean some supplemental funds for those NPDN diagnostic labs in states that had positive confirmations last year. For more information, email Carrie Harmon at clharmon@ufl.edu.

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USDA Soybean Rust Website:

One-stop shopping for tracking, forecasting, and more at <http://www.usda.gov/soybeanrust/>

Use the information on this page to keep track of new finds and to help gauge the risk to your area.



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Online Offerings

New More updates at the [Asian soybean rust page](#), including news about **Georgia**. Georgia reported soybean rust on volunteer soybeans in Seminole County, in the southwestern-most part of the state, just north of Tallahassee, FL.

New **Soybean Rust Fungicide Manual** available for download or purchase at <http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/SoyRust/index.htm>. The SPDN will make one of these (printed version) available for each diagnostic lab in the region at no charge.

New **The April edition of the Southern Region IPM Center "Southern Exposure"** is now available for viewing on the web at: <http://www.sripmc.org/newsalerts/newsletter/April05.pdf>

New **The April issue of the North Central IPM Center "Connection"** is available for viewing at <http://ncipm.org/Connection0405.pdf>. **In this issue:**

- USDA Web Site: One Stop Shopping for Soybean Rust Information
- Navigating the USDA Public Soybean Rust Mapping Web Site

PDIS Demonstration and Workshop

New The notes from this workshop are available to all at <http://www.sepdn.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=22>.

Pest and Pathogen News

NEW ***Bemisia tabaci* (Gennadius) (biotype 'Q'): A potential new biotype for Florida's vegetable and ornamental crops. (Hemiptera: Aleyrodidae):**

In March 2005, Drs. Judy Brown, Tim Dennehy (University of Arizona) and Dr. Frank Byrne (University of California) independently identified the 'Q' strain of *Bemisia tabaci* on poinsettia plants some months ago that originated from a nursery in California. This is the first time this particular strain has been found in the United States. The Q-biotype is thought to have originated from the Mediterranean region and has been associated with whitefly control problems. This strain is known to have resistance to pyriproxyfen (Horowitz *et al.* 2003), buprofezin and reduced susceptibility to the neonicotinoid insecticides imidacloprid, acetamiprid and thimethoxam. More information can be found at <http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/enpp/ento/b.tabaci.html>.

Training and Education News

Contributed by Amanda Hodges

Online Updates

In order to assist training session organizers and participants, several changes have been made to the NPDN training & education website. All future and past First Detector training sessions that have occurred since the development of online training session and participant registration are currently available at: <http://cbc.at.ufl.edu/>. Participant information should be entered in at this website, next to the appropriate session. Training session organizers are responsible for ensuring that their participant information is entered correctly. The training and participant registration form are still relatively new systems, so please let us know if you are having any problems. For questions or concerns, please contact Amanda Hodges achodges@ifas.ufl.edu.

You may now directly **e-mail session organizers** with questions from the training session website at: <http://cbc.at.ufl.edu/> Look for the "e-mail the organizer" column.

Are you a session organizer that would like to **receive an e-mail list** of the participants in your session? Click here: [y](#).

Are you a session organizer that would like to **update/delete participants** from your session? Click here: <http://cbc.at.ufl.edu/> Both of these pages require that you enter your session information into the webpage, and both can be linked to from the NPDN training & education page. Note: this page should only be used for session organizers. An e-mail will automatically be sent to the session organizer with the participant list, upon submission of this request.

Upcoming First Detector Trainings

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Note: First Detector planning to attend these trainings should register in advance for this sessions on the NPDN educational modules page at: <http://cbe.at.ufl.edu/>. For questions about content of individual sessions, please contact your session organizer.

National Events

SPDN Events

First Detector training in conjunction with **Florida** State Agricultural Response Team (SART) program will be conducted in Belle Glade, FL on April 21, and in Tallahassee, FL, on May 19. In addition to registering for the session on the NPDN training & education website, you should visit the SART website at: <http://www.flstart.org/>. More information specific to other events at the SART training is available at: <http://www.flstart.org/calendar/sarttraining.htm>. The overall SART meeting has a registration at this site, and registration is free.