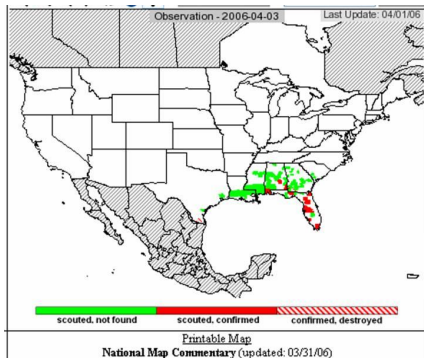


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Online Offerings

New The NPDN educational materials are moving! The NPDN Training and Education Committee has decided to move the training modules and registration to a new server. If you have registered to use these materials, you may receive notification of transition of your account. Please be assured that your username and password will still work - the transition to the new server should appear seamless for the users.

New Looking for a diagnostic lab? All five regions of the NPDN list lab contacts on their regional websites. Follow the links and bookmark these pages for future use: [SPDN](#), [NEPDN](#), [GPDN](#), [NCPDN](#), [WPDN](#).

New National Ag Library Survey Please help USDA's National Agricultural Library plan for services to meet your information needs. Take a moment with your Web browser to complete NAL's brief online survey (<http://osincsurvey.com/run/osl04nal>). Please complete the survey by Tuesday, May 2, 2006. NAL plans to share summary findings from this survey on the NAL Web site, www.nal.usda.gov. Thank you for helping NAL plan its services. For further information, please contact [Eleanor G. Frierson](mailto:Eleanor.G.Frierson@nal.usda.gov), Deputy Director, National Agricultural Library.

Training Opportunities

The **Florida Entomological Society (FES)** will be hosting their 89th Annual Meeting on July 23-26, 2006 at the Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa in Jupiter Beach, FL. More information concerning the FES annual meeting will be available soon at: <http://www.flaentsoc.org/>. In conjunction with the FES annual meeting, a **Household Invaders Pest Identification Workshop** will be held at a cost of \$60 (incl. workshop notebook and lunch). Some reference specimens will also be provided to participants. The training will consist of lectures and hands-on examination of spiders, scorpions, mites, ticks, bed bugs, stored product pests, plaster beetles, carpet and fungus beetles, blind snakes, and lizards. Workshop space is limited to 30 participants. Please contact Dr. Brian Cabrera bcabrera@ufl.edu or (954) 577-6363 for more information.

Xylella In-Service training May 24, 2006 For location, agenda, and more information, please read the [PDF](#).

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Virus Inclusion Workshop, Gainesville, Florida 5/8/06 - 5/10/06 **Workshop is now full but waiting list is open!** "Hands-on" lab work will include virus inclusion identification of potyviruses, tobamoviruses, potexviruses, cucumoviruses, comoviruses, tomato spotted wilt virus, and geminiviruses. Both the [letter](#) and [brochure](#) have more information.

SPDN Coleoptera Workshop training will be held in Blacksburg, VA from May 22-25, 2006 <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/coleoptera/>. Workshop topics to be covered include Cerambycidae, Scolytinae, and Chrysomelidae beetles. For more details, contact Amanda Hodges achodges@ifas.ufl.edu.

Second International Workshop for the Morphological and Molecular Identification of the Straminipiles: Phytophthora and Pythium May 21-26, 2006 in Raleigh NC. Please find more information [here](#).

Pest and Pathogen News

New *Gladiolus* rust (*Uromyces transversalis*) confirmed on domestic gladiolas Find more information on the outbreak and regulatory measures [here](#) (NAPPO Phytosanitary Alert System).

New Black Sigatoka (*Mycosphaerella fijiensis*) of banana confirmed in Puerto Rico Find more information in the [May 2006 APS, Plant Disease Notes](#).

New April soybean rust finds across the Southeast Dry weather across much of the south and drought in Florida has resulted in few new finds. More information can be found at <http://www.sepdn.org/DesktopModules/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=2384> and <http://www.sbrusa.net/>.