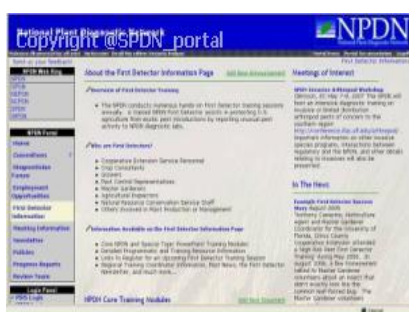
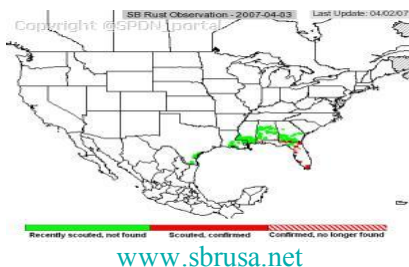


# Network News

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## Online Offerings

**Activate your APHIS ePermits Account at APS!** Individuals using the ePermits system must first obtain a USDA eAuthentication level 2 account. USDA APHIS PPQ Permits Services staff will have a booth in the APS exhibition hall July 29-31. Bring a government issued ID. You may begin the process online prior to the meeting to expedite the process by visiting [www.eauth.egov.usda.gov](http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov) (Click on "Create an Account" and "Level 2 Access"). You will need to visit the booth or a USDA Service Center to verify your identity and complete the authentication.

**New Website for First Detector Registration** The new and improved training and education website (version 3.0) will be released on **Monday, July 2, 2007** <http://cbc.at.ufl.edu/>. You will be able to register for upcoming sessions in your state and view details regarding your enrolled coursework. An online version of the NPDN training program is currently under review and will be available on this site during summer/fall 2007. Read the Training update for this month and catch a glimpse of the new format [here](#).

The **UF/IFAS Department of Entomology and Nematology recently issued its latest Image Gallery CD-ROM. Beneficial Arthropods: Predators (SW 189)** contains 133 different images of 37 beneficial arthropod species or groups. The HTML format allows the CD to be used with any PC or Mac. As with the other Image Gallery CDs, the images are delivered in three different sizes and resolutions: print quality (TIF), display for large audiences (JPG) and Web-optimized (JPG). All images are copyrighted by UF/IFAS but are authorized for free use by educational organizations and the media. There are additional restrictions on commercial or for-profit use. The images on the CD are perfect for training in all areas and for use on Web site and brochures by educational and governmental organizations. Text delivered with the images covers identification, distribution, prey, etc. The cost is \$15, with reseller and quantity discounts available. See details on groups covered and commercial (for-profit) restrictions on the UF/IFAS Buggy Software Web site at <http://pests.ifas.ufl.edu/software/>.

**NPDN National Meeting Proceedings now available!** The *Proceedings of the 2007 Meeting of the National Plant Diagnostic Network* (NPDN) is now available. Published by the Plant Management Network, [www.plantmanagementnetwork.org](http://www.plantmanagementnetwork.org), the proceedings includes PowerPoint presentations, posters, event photographs, and session notes from a meeting held January 28-31, 2007. *Miles Wimer, Director, Plant Management Network*

**Need images of pests, pathogens, or plants for training or identification purposes?** A new resource, [www.ipmimages.org](http://www.ipmimages.org) has become available as a product of a collaboration between the Bugwood Network, SPDN, and the Southern Region IPM Center. Read more [here](#) and find out how to search and use a database of thousands of images.

## Pest and Pathogen News

**Soybean rust reports:** Active sites have been detected in **Florida, Louisiana, and Texas, in sentinel plots and commercial fields**. Read more at <http://www.sbrusa.net>.

The **Poliaspis cycad scale**, *Poliaspis cycadis*, previously reported in California and the District of Columbia, was detected on a cycad (*Dioon* sp.) in Miami-Dade County Florida on May 2, 2007. The *Poliaspis cycad* scale is an armored scale that resembles false oleander scale and Cycad Aulacaspis scale in the field. More pest details are available in the Florida Department of Agriculture-Division of Plant Industry pest alert at [http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/enp/ento/poliaspis\\_cycadis.html](http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/enp/ento/poliaspis_cycadis.html)

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**From the NAPPO Phytosanitary alert system ([www.pestalert.org](http://www.pestalert.org)):**

- [Nettle Caterpillar \(\*Darna pallivitta\*\) detected in Oahu, Hawaii nursery - 06/20/2007](#)
- [Poliaspis cycadis \(Poliaspis cycad scale\) detected for the first time in Florida - 06/11/2007](#)
- [Update on Quarantine Areas for Light Brown Apple Moth \(LBAM\), \*Epiphyas postvittana\* - United States - 05/04/2007](#)
- [Anastrepha ludens \(Mexican Fruit Fly\) - Quarantined Area in Webb County, Texas - United States - 04/25/2007](#)
- [Gladiolus Rust, \*Uromyces transversalis\* \(Thum.\), detected again in Florida - 04/16/2007](#)

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## Training Opportunities/Meetings

Make plans to attend the **NPDN Town Hall at the National APS meeting** in San Diego, **Sunday July 29 1-3 PM**. Bring your questions and suggestions.

**Feedback from First Detectors Requested** Have you conducted First Detector Training? Encourage your First Detectors to respond to the online, post-training survey <http://orb2.at.ufl.edu/CBC/NPDNEvaluation.html>. This link is also available on the First Detector Information page.

**First Detector and First Detector Educator Brochures Available!** First Detector and How to Conduct a First Detector Training Session Brochures are now available. Contact your Regional Training and Education Coordinator for copies or download from the First Detector Information page <http://www.npdn.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabindex=3&tabid=48>.

**Making the Most out of LucID Identification Tools:** Read more about this workshop, to be held in **Gainesville, FL, Tuesday, June 26, 2007**. [Information](#) and [registration](#).

Join us for the **Third Annual Soybean Rust Short Course, July 11-12, 2007** in Quincy, FL! **Registration is free** (the course is sponsored by the North Central Soybean Research Program), but you must [pre-register online](#). Find course information [here](#). Space is still available! **This course is registered for 5.5 Pest Management CEUs.**

### **Plan Now for the 2007 National Soybean Rust Symposium**

Now on its third consecutive year, APS is pleased to announce that the 2007 National Soybean Rust Symposium will be held **December 12-14, 2007, in Louisville, Kentucky**. Participants will again experience high-quality programming and the unique opportunity to compare soybean rust experiences and perspectives with a broad audience. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this premier event! More details available at <http://www.apsnet.org/online/SBR/>.