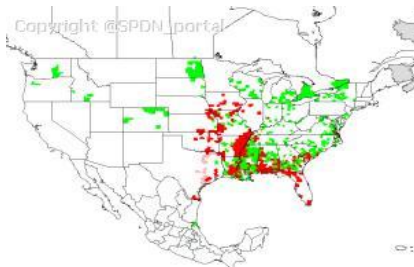
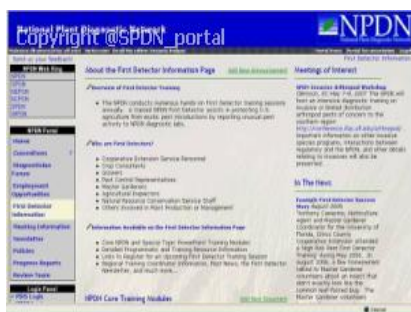


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- New research on cold tolerance of *Ralstonia solanacearum* strains. Read more [here](#).
- Cause of watermelon vine decline identified. Read [more](#)...
- New citrus greening quarantine and shipment rules defined. Read [more](#)...
- Redbay/Laurel Wilt Pest Alert. Read [more](#)...

From the NAPPO Phytosanitary alert system (www.pestalert.org):

- [Quarantine of Entire State of New Jersey for Pine Shoot Beetle \(*Tomicus piniperda*\) – United States - 11/28/2007](#)
- [Update on Plum Pox Virus in Canada - 11/26/2007](#)
- [Golden Nematode - Update on the Canadian Situation - 11/23/2007](#)
- [New detections of *Sirex noctilio* Fabricius in Pennsylvania and New York, and biocontrol efforts – United States 11/14/07](#)
- [*Ceratitis capitata* \(Mediterranean fruit fly\) - Quarantined Area in Los Angeles County, California – United States 11/14/07](#)
- [Interception of Emerald Ash Borer \(*Agrilus planipennis*\) in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and West Virginia](#)

Press Release

Introducing *Focus on Soybean*: PMN's Newest Online Resource and Webcast Site

ST. PAUL, Minn. (January 8, 2008)--The Plant Management Network (PMN) announces the launch of its next-generation resource for those involved in soybean production and management. *Focus on Soybean* is an online-only web portal for growers, crop consultants, and researchers seeking information on producing healthy, high-yielding soybean crops.

For more information read [here](#).

Online Offerings

Tip of the day: Develop an **email distribution list** using Microsoft Outlook and an email list in Excel. Find the step-by-step directions [here](#).

Check out the SPDN image collection at <http://ipmimages.org/spdn> If you would like to add to the collection (or just fund a way to organize your own collection and make it available online), you can do that here!

Current list of NPDN Special Topic Modules available on the [First Detector Information Page](#):

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1. Africanized Honeybees
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4. Ralstonia solanacearum R3B2
5. Redbay Ambrosia Beetle
6. Scolytids of the Eastern US
7. Small Hive Beetle
8. Swedge Midge

Website for First Detector Registration <http://cbc.at.ufl.edu/>.

Training Opportunities/Meetings

First FD Training in Utah WPDN member and First Detector Trainer, Dick Hoenisch, trained 30 First Detectors in Kaysville, Utah, on October 17, 2007. The participants consisted of Utah State Cooperative Extension and Utah State Department of Agriculture and Food Staff. It was hailing and snowing, with bouts of thunder and lightening, and hovering around 35F.

This was the first official FD training in Utah. Kent Evans (Utah State Pathologist and NPDN member) and Dick hope to develop a FDE program on his next visit.

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>.

Poster Submission Available Now for the 2007 National Soybean Rust Symposium Now on its third consecutive year, the National Soybean Rust Symposium will be held **December 12-14, 2007, in Louisville, Kentucky**. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this premier event! More details available at <http://www.apsnet.org/online/SBR/>.

Employment Opportunities

Position Name: State Plant Pathologist (Scientist II)

Institute: Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences

Position Number: 00714

Place: Richmond City, Virginia

To be considered for this position, you must complete a state application through the on-line employment system at <https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov/> no later than **5 p.m. on January 11 2008**. Resumes may accompany but **will not be accepted in lieu** of a Commonwealth of Virginia application.

For more information or assistance you may contact the Human Resource Office, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 102 Governor Street, Room 248, Richmond, VA 23219; Telephone: (804) 371-8066; Hearing Impaired 1-800-828-1120; e-mail address hr.vdacs@vdacs.virginia.gov