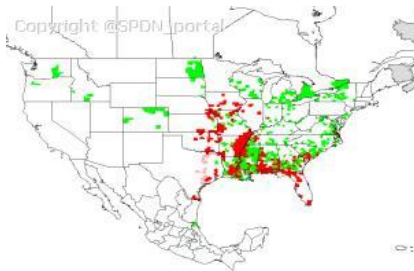


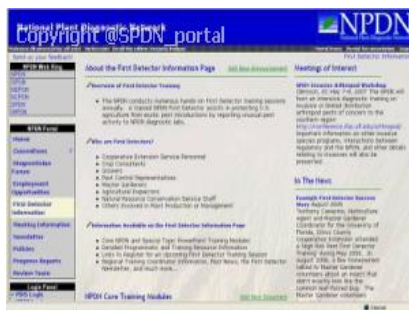
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## Pest and Pathogen News

**Fig Whitefly detected in Florida.** Read more [here](#).

**An outbreak of downy mildew on basil** 10/30/07. Read [more...](#)

**Redbay/Laurel Wilt Pest Alert.** Read [more...](#)

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

- [Ceratitis capitata \(Mediterranean fruit fly\) - Quarantined Area in Santa Clara County, California - 10/29/2007](#)
- [Interception of Emerald Ash Borer \(Agrilus planipennis\) in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and West Virginia - 10/29/2007](#)
- [Chrysanthemum White Rust in Connecticut, 9/28/07](#)
- [New cyst nematode discovered on corn in Tennessee, United States - 08/08/2007](#)
- [Detections of Panicle Rice Mite, Steneotarsonemus spinki, in Lajas, Puerto Rico and Acadia Parish, LA - 08/08/2007 and 09/04/2007](#)

**A new detection of Rice Panicle Mite in AR** The rice panicle mite was detected in Arkansas for the first time during August and September, from research greenhouses and field plots located at the Rice Research and Extension Center in Arkansas County (near Stuttgart, Arkansas). This followed detections of the mite in Texas and Louisiana earlier. Since this is a quarantined pest for the U.S., these detections were made in cooperation with APHIS and the Arkansas State Plant Board. So far, 228 rice samples have been processed with 22 positive. No positive samples have been found from commercial rice fields. APHIS and the State Plant Board have instituted regulatory action on all positive sites at our research facility. You can find more about this pest and these detections on the APHIS website and the [NAPPO website](#). -Rick Cartwright, University of Arkansas, Cooperative Extension Service

## Online Offerings

**Have or need images of pests, pathogens, or plants for training or identification purposes?** A new resource, [www.ipmimages.org](http://www.ipmimages.org) is available as a product of a collaboration between the Bugwood Network, SPDN, and the Southern Region IPM Center.

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

## Training Opportunities/Meetings

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The **SPDN Regional Meeting** took place in Blacksburg, VA, October 17-18. Photos and notes will be available at [www.sepdn.org](http://www.sepdn.org) soon.

**NPDN Strategic Planning Meeting** Photos and documents will be available soon from the NPDN Operations Committee Strategic Planning meeting in Washington, DC, October 9-12.

**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/>.