

**Phytoplasma sample submission for  
Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) Program  
and Farm Bill Goal 1 surveys  
FY 2017**

**Table 1: Phytoplasma National Survey Targets by Scientific Name and 16Sr Group and Subgroup**

Validly Published Scientific Name	Informally Proposed Scientific Name	Ribosomal Group	Subgroup	Common Name
' <i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma australiense'		Group 16SrXII	Subgroup B ( <b>16SrXII-B</b> )	Australian grapevine yellows
' <i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma mali'		Group 16SrX	Subgroup A ( <b>16SrX-A</b> )	Apple proliferation
' <i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma phoenicium' and related strains/subgroups		Group 16SrIX	Subgroups B, D, F, and G ( <b>16SrIX-B, 16SrIX-D, 16SrIX-F, and 16SrIX-G</b> )	Almond witches' broom
' <i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma pini'		Group 16SrXXI	Subgroup A ( <b>16SrXXI-A</b> )	Pine witches' broom
' <i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma prunorum'		Group 16SrX	Subgroup F ( <b>16SrX-F</b> )	European stone fruit yellows
<i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma solani'		Group 16SrXII	Subgroup A ( <b>16SrXII-A</b> )	Bois noir; Stolbur
	' <i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma palmae' and related strains/subgroups	Group 16SrIV	Subgroups A through F ( <b>16SrIV-A, etc.</b> )	Palm lethal yellowing
	' <i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma vitis'	Group 16SrV	Subgroups C and D ( <b>16SrV-</b>	Flavescence dorée

### What to look for?

Due to the nature of this type of pathogen, the survey will be a visual survey for symptoms of the disease caused by the phytoplasma. Only collect samples of plant tissues that have the specific symptoms of the phytoplasma that you are targeting. Symptoms alone are **not** diagnostic. Other plant pathogens and endemic phytoplasmas can cause similar symptoms. Do **not** conclude that a plant with the symptoms described below is infected with a phytoplasma or with an exotic phytoplasma. Assume that the plant is suspect and take samples for further testing. If you have access to a camera, take a photograph of the symptomatic region(s) of the plant. Follow all proper sanitation precautions to avoid spreading plant diseases. Use sterilized knives/cutters and clean aseptically between samples and prior to use on a new property.

Right now, we are not recommending vector sampling for early detection surveys of exotic phytoplasmas.

Characteristic symptoms of the phytoplasmas being targeted in CAPS/Farm Bill surveys can be found in the specific CPHST pest datasheet for each pest and are summarized below in Table 2.

**Table 2: Symptoms of the Phytoplasma National Survey Targets**

Scientific/Common Name	Symptoms
' <i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma australiense' - Australian grapevine yellows	<p>Symptoms vary depending on host – see full pest datasheet for all symptoms information.</p> <p><b>Grapevine:</b> Yellow (chlorotic) and downward curled leaves that fall prematurely; reddening may be seen in red cultivars. The chlorotic patches on affected leaves may become necrotic. Leaves of affected shoots can overlap one another. Shoots are stunted and un lignified. Abortion of flowering bunches early in the season has been observed. Any time from flowering, bunches may shrivel and fall. Stems of affected shoots often take on a bluish hue. Only a few shoots on grapevine are usually affected, and inflorescence and fruit are generally only affected on symptomatic shoots. Later in the season, affected shoots tend to be green and rubbery. <b>Be sure that each plant that is sampled exhibits shriveling of the fruiting cluster.</b></p> <p><b>Potato:</b> In potato, upward rolling and purpling of the leaves were observed. The symptoms appeared similar to those of 'zebra chip', a disorder of potato</p>

	<p>recently found to be associated with '<i>Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum</i>' in New Zealand and the United States.</p>
<p>'<i>Candidatus Phytoplasma mali</i>'- Apple proliferation (AP)</p>	<p><b>Apple:</b> Trees affected by the AP phytoplasma, in general, lack vigor. Trunk circumference and crown diameter are reduced compared to healthy trees. Shoots are thin, and the bark- which is sometimes fluted lengthwise- has a reddish-brown color. Necrotic areas appear on the bark and some branches may wither.</p> <p>Late growth of terminal buds in the autumn is usually the first noticeable symptom. A rosette of terminal leaves, which often become infected with powdery mildew, sometimes develops late in the season in place of the normal dormant bud. A more reliable symptom, however, is the premature development of axillary buds, which give rise to secondary shoots/shoot proliferation (witches' brooming). These abnormal secondary shoots are usually numerous near the apex of the main shoot, whereas normal laterals of healthy trees arise nearer the base of the shoots.</p> <p>Leaves appear earlier than normal. Leaves of infected plants roll downward and become brittle; they are finely and irregularly serrated and are smaller than normal. They also tend to turn red in autumn in contrast to the yellow coloration of healthy plants. Summer leaves are chlorotic. Early defoliation may occur.</p> <p>Stipules are abnormally enlarged (long) while petioles are rather short (an important symptom in nursery surveys). Leaf rosette may appear on the shoot ends or the shoot tips may die (an important symptom in nursery surveys). Flowering is delayed, sometimes until late summer or autumn, but most blossoms on infected trees are normal. In some cases, flowers show numerous petals and the peduncles are abnormally long and thin. The calyx end and peduncular cavities are shallower and broader, giving the fruit a flattened appearance. Fruit fail to set and may stay on the tree for a long period. Fruit are reduced in size with incomplete coloration and poor flavor. Seeds and seed cavities are smaller.</p> <p>Root weight is reduced; the fibrous root system of infected trees forms compact felt-like masses of short roots so that the larger ones are unable to develop (a fine hairy root system).</p>

<p>'<i>Candidatus Phytoplasma phoenicium</i>' and related strains/subgroups– Almond witches' broom</p>	<p><b>In almond:</b> Symptoms include early flowering, stunted growth, leaf rosetting (a disease symptom characterized by short, bunched growth habit due to shortened internodes and reduction in leaf size), dieback, off-season growth, proliferation of slender shoots, witches'-broom, and development of smaller pale green leaves. Witches' broom symptoms arise mainly from the trunk or roots. The phytoplasma has also been detected in symptomless almond hosts.</p> <p>Some almond cultivars are more susceptible to '<i>Ca. P. phoenicium</i>' than other cultivars.</p> <p><b>In peach/nectarine:</b> Symptoms early in the growing season include premature flowering followed by the early development of buds. Symptoms later in the growing season include: shoot proliferation, smaller leaves with a pale green color, abnormal flowers (phylloidy), and witches' broom symptoms in rare cases. Most infected trees do not set any fruit, but some trees bore a limited number of deformed fruits.</p>
<p>'<i>Candidatus Phytoplasma pini</i>' – Pine witches' broom</p>	<p><b>Pine:</b> Yellowing, dwarfing/stunting, twisted needles ("form dense ball-like structures, prolific branching / proliferation of small shoots/twigs (i.e., witches' broom), and little leaves.</p>
<p>'<i>Candidatus Phytoplasma prunorum</i>' – European stone fruit yellows (ESFY)</p>	<p>Primarily a disease of apricot, Japanese plum, and peach.</p> <p><b>Apricot/Japanese Plum:</b> Generally typical 'yellows' symptoms accompanied by leaf roll followed by leaf reddening, reduction, or suppression of dormancy with the consequent risk of frost damage, severe and progressive necrosis, decline, and eventual death of the tree.</p> <p><b>Peach:</b> Early leaf reddening, severe upward longitudinal rolling of leaves, abnormal thickening and suberization of the midribs and primary veins, autumnal growth of latent buds which produce tiny chlorotic leaves and sometimes flowers, and early phylloptosis (leaf fall). The leaves also tend to be 'more brittle' than normal.</p>
<p>'<i>Candidatus Phytoplasma solani</i>' – Bois noir; Stolbur</p>	<p>Symptoms vary depending on host – see full pest datasheet for all symptoms information.</p> <p><b>Grape:</b> Typical symptoms comprise discoloration of leaves including the veins, often associated with downcurling of the leaf blade, lack of or incomplete lignification of shoots that later turn black, abortion of</p>

	<p>fruit clusters or shriveling of the ripening fruit. Symptoms of bois noir remain restricted to parts of the infected vines for several years. In red grape cultivars, leaf reddening occurs. In white cultivars, yellow, necrotic veins occur. Shriveled grape clusters occur in both red and white grape cultivars.</p> <p><b>Corn:</b> Symptoms of maize redness include midrib, leaf, and stalk reddening, followed by desiccation of the entire plant, abnormal ear development, and incomplete kernel set. More severe disease is associated with early-planted fields and hot, dry summers.</p> <p><b>Potato:</b> Symptoms in potato include reddening and upward rolling of leaflets, reduced size of leaves, shortened internodes, and aerial tuber formation. Plants grown from infected tubers give rise to normal or spindly sprouts (hair-sprouting). Where normal sprouts arise, symptoms are first apparent about 60 to 80 days after sowing, as a yellowing and rolling of the leaves. This is followed by production of aerial stolons and tubers in different parts of the stems close to the axils.</p> <p><b>Tomato:</b> Leaves that develop before infection become greenish-yellow, especially at the margins, which may roll upward. Newly formed leaves become more yellow and are smaller. Stems become thin at the apex as growth ceases, but stems enlarge at infection sites as a result of abnormal phloem formation. This abnormal phloem appears as a greenish, water-soaked band 1 to 2mm wide, which extends towards the xylem. Lateral shoots develop, giving the plant a bushy aspect. Flower buds assume an abnormally erect position; the sepals, whose veins develop a violet color, remain completely joined and the calyx is enlarged and cyst-like ("big bud"). Flowers, if already formed when infection occurs, become similarly erect and may be sterile, and petals are greenish instead of yellow. Flower distortion is common, and petals of young flowers become totally dwarfed and green (virescent). Peduncles are thicker than normal. Fruit development is arrested following infection. Green fruits already formed become solid, dry and ripen very slowly. Necrosis occurs at the embryonic center in younger fruits. Pedicels of fruits are thicker than in healthy plants, in spite of the relatively small fruit size.</p>
<p>'<i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma palmae' and related strains/subgroups – Palm lethal yellowing</p>	<p><b>Palm:</b> For mature palm species, the earliest visible symptom is a premature shedding of most or all fruit regardless of developmental stage. Fruit that are shed from coconut often develop a blackened or water-</p>

	<p>soaked appearance at the calyx end. Necrosis of newly emergent inflorescences accompanies or follows fruit drop. Flower spikelets, which are normally light yellow to creamy white in color, appear partially or totally blackened.</p> <p>Fruit and flower symptoms are followed shortly thereafter by foliar discoloration. On the Atlantic tall coconut ecotype, leaves turn a golden yellow color. Discoloration begins on the lowermost (oldest) leaves and progresses towards successively younger leaves in the upper part of the crown. Discolored leaves typically remain turgid for some time before turning brown, drying and hanging downward around the stem for a few days before falling to the ground. The newest unopened leaf (spear) collapses, once foliar discoloration is advanced. Death of the apical meristem occurs at this stage, after which the remaining crown withers and topples away, leaving just a bare trunk standing.</p> <p>While premature fruit drop and inflorescence necrosis are common to all palms with lethal yellowing, leaves turn reddish brown rather than yellow on many coconut ecotypes and most other palm species. On date palms, death of the spear leaf and underlying apical meristem occurs shortly after leaves first begin to discolor. Most affected palms die within 3 to 5 months after the onset of symptoms.</p>
<p>'<i>Candidatus Phytoplasma vitis</i>' - Flavescence dorée</p>	<p><b>Grapevine:</b> Leaves turn yellow or red depending on the cultivar. They roll downward and become brittle. The interveinal areas of leaves may become necrotic. Shoots show incomplete lignification, and rows of black pustules develop on the green bark along the diseased branches; they are thin, rubbery, and hang pendulously. During winter they blacken and die. The inflorescences dry out and fall off. Fruit setting is reduced. In later infections, bunches are irregular and berries become shriveled. They have a significantly lower sugar content and higher acidity compared to healthy grapes. <b>Be sure that each plant that is sampled exhibits shriveling of the fruiting cluster.</b></p>

### Data Collection

Collect and record data at each site.

Date collected may include:

- a) County
- b) GPS coordinates and location description (closest cross streets, etc.)
- c) Owner/Grower's info (Name, mailing address, phone number, email)
- d) Acreage

- e) Variety/Cultivar
- f) History (previous cropping history, source of planting materials)
- g) Symptoms: Yes/No (foliar, blossom, etc.); briefly describe symptoms
- h) Sample collected? Date of collection
- i) Any other useful information

### **Sample Collection/Packaging/Submission:**

1. Collect 3 to 5 symptomatic leaves/needles (include petiole if possible) from each suspected diseased plant (grape, stone fruit, apple, pine).

Palm samples from immature field-grown palms with symptoms suggestive of phytoplasma disease should be received as freshly harvested leaflets (pinnate species) or leaflet lamina and midvein tissues (palmate species) taken from the youngest leaf (*i.e.*, spear).

For mature palms, tissue samples can be removed as stem borings.

- Prior to sampling each palm, the bit should be flame sterilized using a portable propane torch and cooled by rinsing with water.
- Stem samples are removed by boring a hole (10 to 15 cm in length) into the palm stem (trunk) using a portable electric drill and 5/16 in. (ca. 7.8 mm) diameter bit.
  - Begin sampling by drilling a shallow pilot hole in the lower stem to remove the outermost layer of pseudobark (discard these tissues).
  - Resume drilling incrementally through the pilot hole into the interior stem to the final depth of ~15 cm using a back and forth motion to dislodge shavings.
- Tissue borings from the stem are collected directly into a clean sealable plastic bag.
- Once the sampling is complete, the stem can be sealed (if necessary) by tapping a wooden dowel into the hole to prevent sap bleeding and to provide a barrier to invasion by pests. (see Harrison et al., 2013 for more details).

**Harrison, N.A., Davis, R.E. and Helmick, E.E.** 2013. DNA extraction from arborescent monocots and how to deal with other challenging hosts. *In*: Dickinson, M and Hodgetts, J. (eds). *Phytoplasma: Methods and Protocols*, Humana Press, Springer NY. Pgs. 147-158.

### **Follow all proper sanitation precautions to avoid spreading plant diseases.**

2. Place all (3 to 5) leaves/tissue from a given plant into a plastic bag and seal the bag. Do not put any extra moisture into the bag. If the leaves are wet, dry the excess moisture.

3. Label the sealed bag as to the host cultivar, and identifying code to be used in your records.

4. Place the sealed plastic bag into a second bag, and seal the second bag. This will give a double-bagged sample, which is required by APHIS.

5. Do NOT freeze the leaves. Instead, keep the leaves cool by placing the samples into a styrofoam box with lid and add freezer bags/cold packs. Tape the box shut and package it for shipment.

6. Include a PPQ form 391 (see Appendix A or use the [fillable form](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms/pdf/PPQ_Form_391.pdf) available at [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms/pdf/PPQ\\_Form\\_391.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms/pdf/PPQ_Form_391.pdf)) completed for each sample from different plants and localities (i.e., each plant sample should have its own PPQ form 391).

7. Send by overnight delivery service or bring promptly to the designated laboratory for analysis. The package should be shipped on a Monday or Tuesday so that there will be time to process the samples upon arrival and the package will not sit in the delivery service over a weekend.

8. Laboratory Analysis:

**Screening:**

A phytoplasma qPCR has been evaluated by CPHST Beltsville in collaboration with Dr. Robert Davis (USDA-ARS) utilizing a range of phytoplasmas and host plants. This test can be used by any laboratory with qPCR capacity for screening after they have attended a phytoplasma training session at CPHST Beltsville. Several diagnostic labs received this training in 2015 and 2016. They may offer sample screening services as a fee for service. A listing of the labs scheduled to take the training is available in Appendix B.

Since the protocol was not widely in use in 2014 and 2015, suspect symptomatic plant material could be sent to **Clemson University, Texas A & M University, or Craig Webb** for the 2015 and the 2016 survey season. Clemson and Texas A&M were able process samples for the cost of shipping at that time. In 2016, the cooperative agreements with Clemson and Texas A&M, however, were not renewed, because more National Plant Diagnostic and State laboratories had received training in the qPCR protocol.

The agreement with Clemson will expire June 30, 2016 and will not offer screening services for the cost of shipping after that time. Texas A&M will continue to offer this service and receive CAPS/Farm Bill Goal 1 samples through August 2017 only. After this time, screening will be offered by both labs, but submitters will be charged a fee for each sample.

If sending samples to any of these labs, email notification should occur prior to any samples being sent to any of the lab locations listed below. Be sure to include the packing tracking number and a completed PPQ 391 forms with the package.

If using one of these laboratories, samples should be sent to the following street address:

**Curt Colburn**



Clemson University  
Molecular Plant Pathogen Detection (MPPD) laboratory  
511 Westinghouse Rd.  
Pendleton, SC 29670  
Voice: 864-646-2133  
Email: [gcolbur@clemson.edu](mailto:gcolbur@clemson.edu)

**Kevin Ong**

Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab  
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College Station, TX 77845  
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Email: [kevo@tamu.edu](mailto:kevo@tamu.edu)

The other labs that have received the training (Appendix B) can be contacted and may be able to process samples for a small fee. You are strongly encouraged to utilize these labs.

**If you are unable to find a lab to process your samples after contacting Clemson, Texas A&M, and the other labs listed in Appendix B, you may contact Dr. Craig Webb for assistance:**

**Craig Webb**

Plant Pathologist - Domestic Identifier  
USDA, APHIS, PPQ  
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**Confirmation:**

**All phytoplasma positive DNA samples should follow the approved protocol below regardless of screening laboratory.**

**Non-Palm Samples:**

All non-palm (e.g., apple, grape, stone fruit, and pine) phytoplasma positive DNA should be sent to Dr. Robert Davis.

**Each DNA must be labeled exactly the same as the leaf/tissue sample from which the DNA was extracted. The PPQ form 391 should also be sent with the sample.**

Dr. Robert Davis  
USDA-Agricultural Research Service  
Molecular Plant Pathology Laboratory  
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**Palm Samples:**

Dr. Nigel Harrison should receive all palm phytoplasma positive samples with the exception of palm phytoplasma samples collected from Texas and Florida with the authorization of the [State Plant Regulatory Official \(SPRO\)](#) of the state of origin.

Since palm phytoplasmas (Group 16SrIV) are known to occur in Texas (16SrIV-D) and Florida (16SrIV-A, D, and F), these states have their own process for routing and reporting 16SrIV phytoplasma positives.

**Each DNA must be labeled exactly the same as the leaf/tissue sample from which the DNA was extracted. The PPQ form 391 should also be sent with the sample.**

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**Contact Melinda Sullivan if you have any questions:**

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# Appendix A: PPQ FORM 391

This report is authorized by law (7 U.S.C. 147a). While you are not required to respond your cooperation is needed to make an accurate record of plant pest conditions.

See reverse for additional OMB information. **FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 0579-0010**

<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE</b>		<b>SPECIMENS FOR DETERMINATION</b>		Instructions: Type or print information requested. Press hard and print legibly when handwritten. Item 1 - assign number for each collection beginning with year, followed by collector's initials and collector's number. Example (collector, John J. Dingle): 83-JJD-001. <b>Pest Data Section</b> - Complete Items 14, 15 and 16 or 19 or 20 and 21 as applicable. Complete Items 17 and 18 if a trap was used.		<b>FOR IIB/III USE</b>		
1. COLLECTION NUMBER		2. DATE MO    DA    YR		3. SUBMITTING AGENCY <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> PPO <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		LOT NO.		
SENDER AND ORIGIN	4. NAME OF SENDER			INTERCEPTION SITE	5. TYPE OF PROPERTY ( <i>Farm, Feedmill, Nursery, etc.</i> )			
	6. ADDRESS OF SENDER				7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPERTY OR OWNER			
	ZIP				COUNTRY/ COUNTY			
PURPOSE	8. REASON FOR IDENTIFICATION ("X" ALL Applicable Items)							
	A. <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Control (Target Pest Name _____)			E. <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock, Domestic Animal Pest				
	B. <input type="checkbox"/> Damaging Crops/Plants			F. <input type="checkbox"/> Possible Immigrant ( <i>Explain in REMARKS</i> )				
	C. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspected Pest of Regulatory Concern ( <i>Explain in REMARKS</i> )			G. <input type="checkbox"/> Survey ( <i>Explain in REMARKS</i> )				
D. <input type="checkbox"/> Stored Product Pest			H. <input type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>Explain in REMARKS</i> )					
9. IF PROMPT OR URGENT IDENTIFICATION IS REQUESTED, PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF EXPLANATION UNDER "REMARKS".								
HOST DATA	10. HOST INFORMATION NAME OF HOST ( <i>Scientific name when possible</i> )				11. QUANTITY OF HOST NUMBER OF ACRES/PLANTS		PLANTS AFFECTED ( <i>insert figure and indicate <input type="checkbox"/> Number <input type="checkbox"/> Percent</i> ):	
	12. PLANT DISTRIBUTION		13. PLANT PARTS AFFECTED					
	<input type="checkbox"/> LIMITED		<input type="checkbox"/> Leaves, Upper Surface		<input type="checkbox"/> Trunk/Bark		<input type="checkbox"/> Bulbs, Tubers, Corns	
	<input type="checkbox"/> SCATTERED		<input type="checkbox"/> Leaves, Lower Surface		<input type="checkbox"/> Branches		<input type="checkbox"/> Buds	
<input type="checkbox"/> WIDESPREAD		<input type="checkbox"/> Petiole		<input type="checkbox"/> Growing Tips		<input type="checkbox"/> Flowers		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Stem		<input type="checkbox"/> Roots		<input type="checkbox"/> Fruits or Nuts		
PEST DATA	14. PEST DISTRIBUTION		15. <input type="checkbox"/> INSECTS		<input type="checkbox"/> NEMATODES		<input type="checkbox"/> MOLLUSKS	
	<input type="checkbox"/> FEW		NUMBER SUBMITTED		LARVAE		PUPAE	
	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMON		ALIVE		ADULTS		CAST SKINS	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ABUNDANT		DEAD		EGGS		NYMPHS	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXTREME				JUVS.		CYSTS		
16. SAMPLING METHOD			17. TYPE OF TRAP AND LURE			18. TRAP NUMBER		
19. PLANT PATHOLOGY - PLANT SYMPTOMS ("X" one and describe symptoms)								
<input type="checkbox"/> ISOLATED <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL								
20. WEED DENSITY				21. WEED GROWTH STAGE				
<input type="checkbox"/> FEW <input type="checkbox"/> SPOTTY <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL				<input type="checkbox"/> SEEDLING <input type="checkbox"/> VEGETATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> FLOWERING/FRUITING <input type="checkbox"/> MATURE				
22. REMARKS								
23. TENTATIVE DETERMINATION						DETERMINED BY:		
24. DETERMINATION AND NOTES ( <i>Not for Field Use</i> )						FOR IIB/III USE		
						DATE RECEIVED		
						NO. LABEL SORTED PREPARED		
						DATE ACCEPTED		
SIGNATURE _____						RR		
DATE _____								

PPQ FORM 391 Previous editions are obsolete. (AUG 02)

This is a 6-Part form. Copies must be disseminated as follows:

- PART 1 - PPQ     PART 2 - RETURN TO SUBMITTER AFTER IDENTIFICATION     PART 3 - IIB/III OR FINAL IDENTIFIER
- PART 4 - INTERMEDIATE IDENTIFIER     PART 5 - INTERMEDIATE IDENTIFIER     PART 6 - RETAINED BY SUBMITTER

**OMB Information**

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0579-0010. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average .25 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

**Instructions**

Use PPQ Form 391, Specimens for Determination, for domestic collections (warehouse inspections, local and individual collecting, special survey programs, export certification).

BLOCK	INSTRUCTIONS
1	<p>1. Assign a number for each collection beginning the year, followed by the collector's initials and collector's number</p> <p><b>EXAMPLE</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">In 2001, Brian K. Long collected his first specimen for determination of the year. His first collection number is 01-BLK-001</span></p> <p>2. Enter the collection number</p>
2	Enter date
3	Check block to indicate Agency submitting specimens for identification
4	Enter name of sender
5	Enter type of property specimen obtained from (farm, nursery, feedmill, etc.)
6	Enter address
7	Enter name and address of property owner
8A-8L	Check all appropriate blocks
9	Leave Blank
10	Enter scientific name of host, if possible
11	Enter quantity of host and plants affected
12	Check block to indicate distribution of plant
13	Check appropriate blocks to indicate plant parts affected
14	Check block to indicate pest distribution
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check appropriate block to indicate type of specimen</li> <li>• Enter number specimens submitted under appropriate column</li> </ul>
16	Enter sampling method
17	Enter type of trap and lure
18	Enter trap number
19	Enter X in block to indicate isolated or general plant symptoms
20	Enter X in appropriate block for weed density
21	Enter X in appropriate block for weed growth stage
22	Provide a brief explanation if Prompt or URGENT identification is requested
23	Enter a tentative determination if you made one
24	Leave blank

**Distribution of PPQ Form 391**

Distribute PPQ Form 391 as follows:

1. Send Original along with the sample to your Area Identifier.
2. Retain and file a copy for your records.

**Appendix B: Diagnostic Laboratories that have taken required phytoplasma training at CPHST Beltsville from 2014-2016**

<b>Institution/Lab</b>	<b>Person(s) Attending Training Session</b>
Agdia, Inc.	Rugang Li
Auburn University	Kassie Conner
California Department of Food and Agriculture	Cheryl Blomquist, Ying Yi Guo
Clemson University	Curt Colburn
DuPont Pioneer	Jessica Torres Vélez
Iowa State University	Lina Rodriguez Salamanca
Kansas State University	Mohammad Arif, Shefali Dobhal
Louisiana State University	Madeline Cook, Raghuwinder Singh
Maryland Department of Agriculture	Ramesh R. Pokharel
Michigan Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development	Elizabeth Dorman
Michigan State University	Jan Byrne
Missouri Department of Agriculture	Yuhong Li
Nevada Department of Agriculture	Rachel Bomberger, Jennifer Schoener
North Dakota State University	Jesse Ostrander
Ohio Department of Agriculture	David McCann
Oklahoma State University	Jennifer Olsen, Claudia Diaz Proana
Oregon Department of Agriculture	Shawn X. Meng
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture	Katya Nikolaeva
Purdue University	Chris Speers
Texas A&M University	Ron French, Molly Giesbrecht, Jammie Moore, Kevin Ong
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