

Guidance for Selecting Survey Names

Survey names are used for convenience of bundling common pests within a host, commodity, or habitat, providing a short description of the survey, and keeping track of comparable surveys being conducted over a time period. Additionally, APHIS conducts commodity sector meetings with industry groups (Grape, Grains, Nursery, Seeds, Apple, Berry, Citrus, Forest Products, etc.), and CAPS survey information has regularly been requested in order to brief APHIS and PPQ management ahead of the meeting(s). To facilitate the retrieval of information in the Survey Summary Form, some simple guidance on choosing an appropriate survey name is offered. Naming surveys using the following guidance will help pull the correct information for reports and other requests for information. Matching the survey name in the Survey Summary Form and the work plan is appreciated as well.

- If surveys will be conducted in multiple crops not already listed under a Designed Commodity Survey, choose a survey name that reflects or covers most of the crops, not just one. Often, survey names for these surveys are more encompassing and not specific for any one crop, commodity, or habitat. For example, if surveys will be conducted in soybeans and corn, choose Field Crops Pests, not Corn or Soybeans. Designate soybeans and corn in the Host/Habitat field. Similarly, if the survey will be conducted in conifer and deciduous habitats, or hardwoods and softwoods, choose Forest Pests, and specify the different types in the Host/Habitat field. Another example is for a survey that will be conducted in apple, cherry, peach, and other tree fruits. This is not strictly a Stone Fruit survey, but includes other tree fruits as well. A good choice for a survey name is Orchard Pest Survey or Tree Fruits Pest Survey. Do not try to fit a survey under an existing Designed Commodity Survey when another, more encompassing name is a better fit.
- If surveys will be conducted in one crop, especially when that crop is not listed in a commodity survey, then choose that crop as a survey name. Do not try to fit it into a commodity survey when the survey crop is not listed in the commodity manual. For example, if the survey crop is rice, choose Rice Pest Survey, not Small Grains. The Host/Habitat field also should designate rice.
- If surveys will be conducted exclusively in crops that fall under an existing Designed Commodity survey, then use the commodity survey as the survey name. For example, if the survey will be conducted in tomato, eggplant, potato, and pepper, then Solanaceous is the appropriate survey name. Designate the appropriate commodities in the Host/Habitat field. However, if the survey will be conducted solely in one commodity of an existing multiple commodity survey, then it may be appropriate to follow the guidance above and choose the single crop or commodity as the survey name. Following the example, if the survey will be conducted solely in tomatoes, then it may be appropriate to use Tomato Pest Survey and designate tomato in the Host/Habitat field.