

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

First Line of Defense Against Foreign Animal Diseases

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Securing America's Borders





Securing and expediting the movement of goods

Securing and expediting the movement of people







Office of Field Operations (OFO)

- Uniformed Components
- Agriculture Programs and Trade Liaison (APTL)
- APTL Branches



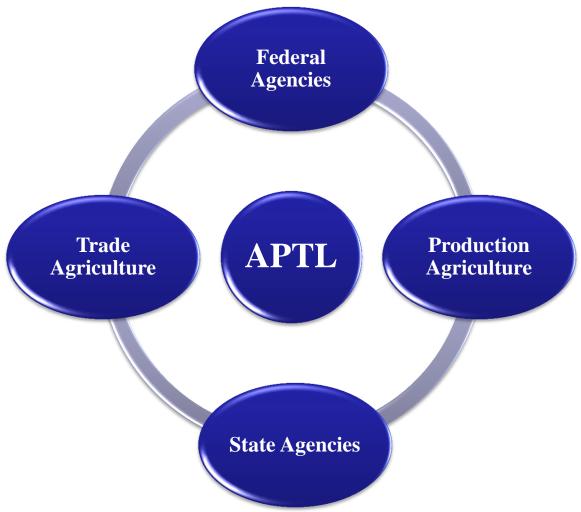








Agriculture Programs & Trade Liaison







CBP Collaborates with other Government Agencies

- PPQ AQI VMO
- VS/AVIC
- FSIS
- State VS
- CDC
- FWS







CBP Agriculture Specialist













CBP Ag Specialists

- Nearly 2,400 agriculture specialists are deployed at over 165 Ports of Entry
- Academy Regimes
- Significance of Plant Pests & Foreign Animal Diseases
- Risk Assessment





How Risk Approaches?

Air

- Passenger/Baggage
- Conveyance
- Cargo

Land/Border

- Passenger/Baggage
- Commercial Bus
- Commercial Truck
- Railcar

Maritime

- Conveyance
- Cargo
- Crew
- Passenger

International Mail

- USPS
- UPS
- FedEx





How Risk Approaches

















Targeted Passenger Yields Concealed Birds













Regulated Garbage Compliance

- Joint USDA/CBP effort
- Legal contracts
- Informed compliance









Regulated Garbage Compliance

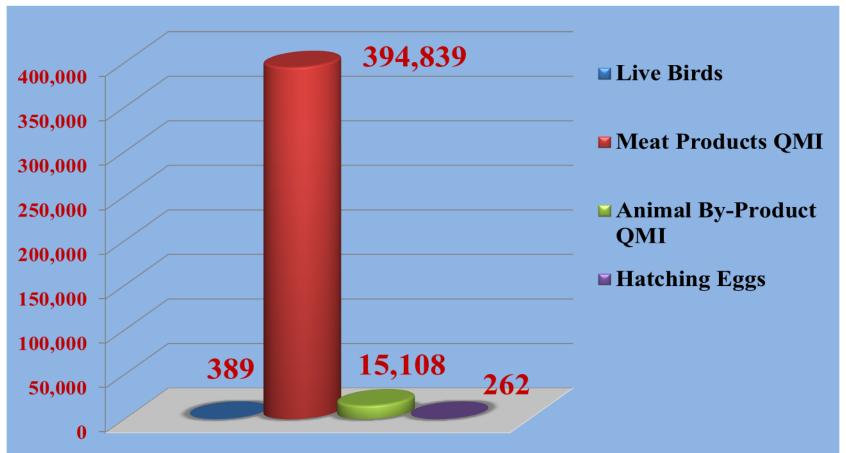








Quarantine Material Interception Animal Products FY12







Pest Response Plan

- Situational awareness (seasons)
- Change in disease status
- Active outbreak
- Unusual trends or interdiction
- Change in procedures











Outreach Agriculture Enforcement Alerts

- Government level
- Statutory Authority
 - Title 7
 - Title 9
 - Title 19
 - Title 21
 - Title 50







AEA: Hatching Eggs in PAX Bag

- AG K9 alerts to suitcase from Cuba
- Labeled eggs concealed in thermos
- Seized and destroyed









Numerous Hatching Eggs Intercepted at MIA













AEA: Smuggling Live Birds

- Known smuggler selected for inspection
- 3 Cuban Grassquit concealed in pants







AEA: Cave Swift Bird Saliva in Pax Bag

- Logan Int'l AP, MA
- 61 Jars of bird saliva from Vietnam
- No USDA Vet. Cert.
- Items seized and destroyed



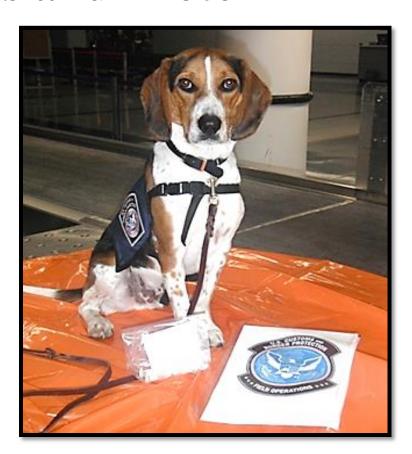






CBP Ag K-9 Alerts to Mouse Stem Cells and Protein

- Chicago airport
- Prohibited mouse stem cells
- Seized and destroyed







Monkey Head and Fur Found

- Washington-Dulles Int'l airport
- Prohibited meat
- Items seized
- CDC contacted





Bovine Hides Lacking Proper Certification

- Otay Mesa, CA
- Prohibited hides with dried blood
- Shipment refused entry







Trusted Travelers Receive Civil Penalties for Pork Meat

- El Paso, TX
- Negative declaration
- \$500 penalty
- SENTRI card retained







Exotic Newcastle Disease Vaccinations Intercepted

- Nogales, AZ
- Poultry Vaccines declared
- No VS permit
- Items seized and destroyed







Rabies Vaccine Intercepted at Land Border

- San Ysidro, CA
- Vials of rabies vaccines declared
- No VS permit
- Items seized and destroyed







Live Bird found in Plastic Tube in Luggage

- JFK Int'l AP
- Failed to declare
- Pat down and Civil Penalty issued for \$300
- Bird seized









Smuggled Roosters heading to Mexico

















Agriculture Detector Dog History

- 1984 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) established the Beagle Brigade.
- 2000 USDA added Border Brigade and Cargo Brigade.
- 2003 Transferred Operations to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).
- 2012 Agriculture Canine Program is currently positioned under CBP Office of Field Operation's Agriculture Program and Trade Liaison (APTL).





CBP Agriculture K9 Program Mission

- To prevent terrorists and their weapons from entering the United States.
- To interdict illegal narcotics, illegal immigrants, undeclared currency, and prohibited agriculture products entering the United States.
- To assist other Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Agencies.
- To enhance our stated mission through community outreach to schools, civic groups, and established community organizations.





National Detector Dog Training Center

- USDA/APHIS National Detector Dog Training Center (NDDTC).
- Agriculture canines are trained for specific environments.





CBP Ag K-9 in Action



K-9 Vince, Atlanta, GA Bird Nest from Vietnam



K-9 Frodo, Chicago, IL Raw Quail Eggs from Hong Kong



K-9 Barley, Honolulu, HI Plant and Meat Seizure from Philippines



K-9 Hazel, Ft. Lauderdale, FL Pork from Jamaica





CBP APTL Outreach Initiatives

- Agriculture Enforcement Alerts (AEA's)
- Participation in committees and boards
- CBP demonstrations in schools, trade shows, and agriculture fairs
- Recruiting Events
- POE Signage







CBP Agriculture Operations

QUESTIONS?

