

# The Views from Washington and Ottawa: *A Keynote in Two Parts*



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## The Invasive Species Challenge Views From Washington

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# Our Mission

USDA provides leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural development, nutrition, and related issues.



## Working Together





Like Canada,  
we are deeply  
**committed**  
to combating  
invasive  
species with a  
**strategic,  
coordinated**  
approach.

## U.S. Focus on Invasive Species



## Coordination and Resources

### National Invasive Species Council

1999: Established by EO 13112  
2016: Expanded membership (EO 13751)

#### Crosscut Budget

- ✓ Annual analysis informs our approach
- ✓ Encourages cooperation, maximizes resources
- ✓ Identifies trends in funding over time

#### Interagency Committees & IPM Centers

- ✓ Improve coordination across Federal Government
- ✓ Help us better connect with stakeholders
- ✓ Strengthen research and extension programs

# Combating Invasive Species



Prevention



Early detection,  
rapid response



Control and  
management



Restoration



Education and  
outreach



Align with USDA Goals  
Strategic, holistic  
Results-oriented

## Research and Innovation



INTERNATIONAL  
Work



UNMANNED  
AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS



INTEGRATED PEST  
MANAGEMENT

## Future Challenges

The biggest **challenge** is that the invasive species problem will keep growing—and **outpace our resources**.



## What Are We Up Against?



More connected world,  
more pathways



Patchwork of laws  
and funding



Lack of public  
awareness

## Success Stories

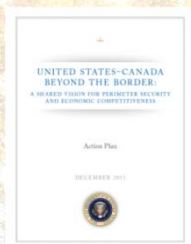
Working together, we can achieve **powerful results.**



## International Efforts



Plant Health  
Quadrilaterals



Beyond the Border  
Action Plan



Centre for Agriculture  
and Biosciences  
International

## New Opportunities

When we  
look at **old**  
**approaches**  
from a  
**new angle**,  
we find many  
ways to  
**work smarter.**



## Proactive Outreach



New Audiences  
& Approaches



Public Awareness  
Campaigns



New Website:  
*[invasivespeciesinfo.gov](http://invasivespeciesinfo.gov)*

## Working Smarter



Data-Driven Approaches



Harnessing Data  
in New Ways



Non-Regulatory  
Solutions



Voluntary Programs



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## Questions?