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PLANT PESTS DIAGNOSTIC FORM

Material received from:

Material received by: _____

Name: _____

Date received: _____

Address: _____

Number of Specimens: _____

Collector's name: _____

Receipt acknowledged:

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

When the pest was first noticed: _____

Where was it found (indoor, kind of plant, food) _____ if found on plant,

what part of plant (roots, leaves, stem, flower): _____

Distribution of the pest: (*entire field, a few of the plants, dry or wet areas, single houseplant*): _____

Weather conditions previous week (rainy, cloudy, windy): _____

Specimen identification:

Family: _____

Genus and species name: _____

Remarks/Recommendations:

Note: All correspondences made concerning this sample, reference should be made to Job number mentioned above.

Yours Sincerely,
Entomologist,

Stamp here

_____ for Director: Department of Agricultural Research

COLLECTING INSECT SPECIMENS FOR IDENTIFICATION

- Be very careful in collecting insect specimens or plant material connected with insect specimens.
- Send along as much of the affected plants, trees, etc., connected with the insect pest as possible. If the insect is abundant, send more than one individual (up to 5)
- Place insects in a container, then pack the container gently with a soft material such as cotton or layers of tissue paper/paper towel and then package in a squash-proof container in such a way to keep damage to the insects to a minimum.
- Soft-bodied insects (grubs, caterpillars, mites) and spiders will lose their coloring very quickly after death. These should be sent in as quickly as possible
- Submit immediately after packing.

If large plant specimens are to be shipped with the insect pests:

1. Send as much of the plant as possible.
2. Explain where pests were found if separated from plant specimen.
3. Wrap plant roots or soil in plastic bag to prevent their drying out.
4. Put specimens inside a small, squash-proof container (vial, Tupperware), then into a box or strong envelope with padding and/or packing material so that they will arrive in good shape.

Fill out the **PLANT PEST DIAGNOSTIC FORM**