

# ER CAPS COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Pieces to the Puzzle

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- Central, Eastern and Southern Plant Boards
  - Each may have one representative

# FLORIDA

- Florida: Multiple roles
  - Southern Plant Board representative
  - FL CAPS Program Manager
    - Six Surveyors, Two ADL Scientists
  - Diagnostic Services Program Manager
    - 50 Scientists and Support Staff at DPI laboratories

# FLORIDA

- Communication and Shared Work Efforts
  - Southern Plant Diagnostic Network
  - UF/IFAS Research Centers and Extension
  - FDACS DOF, FL DEP
  - Water Management Districts
  - County agencies: Parks, NR
  - USDA/APHIS/PPQ, USDA/ARS, USDA FS
  - Plant Societies, Environmental groups
  - Public

# FLORIDA

## ■ Survey

- Crop surveys (UF/IFAS; consultants)
- Beetle surveys (USDA FS; FDACS DOF)
- Soybean rust survey (UIowa, UF/IFAS)
- Exotic snail survey (SWFWMD, NPS)
- Tropical soda apple survey (UF/IFAS, Cattlemen's Association)
- Lobate Pseudolac Scale Survey (SWFWMD, NPS)

# FLORIDA

## ■ Public Outreach

- Website: interactive data bases
- Leverage public groups, clubs
- Newsletter distribution
- Calendar of events
- Attend conferences and meetings
- Develop PR materials

# FLORIDA CAPS GOALS

- Early detection of Non-indigenous invasive pests
- For early eradication
  - Reduces threat to Florida agriculture and natural resources
  - Reduces threats to neighboring states as well as states we do commerce with
  - Reduce threats to offshore agriculture and natural resources
  - Reduces costs
- Public awareness