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Ralstonia solanacearum race 3 biovar

PPQ and State regulatory officials are continuing to hold, destroy and dispose of the three geranium varieties produced at a Guatemalan production facility that are potentially infected with *Ralstonia solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2.

Nationally, 41 states have a total of 466 suspect facilities, 15 facilities are currently being held, 300 control actions (destruction, disposal and disinfection) are complete, 309 facilities have been released, and more than 2.1 million cuttings or plants have been destroyed, as of February 25.

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