



Whitefly Task Force



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Q-Biotype Whitefly, *Bemisia tabaci*

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Riverdale, MD**

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Mission

To facilitate the national discussion of the Q-Biotype of the whitefly, *Bemisia tabaci*, in order to prevent or minimize the pest's potential effects on various industries within American agriculture”



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Industry Leadership

Technical Committee

Interagency Working Group



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- **Cotton**
- **Floriculture**
- **Nursery**
- **Vegetables**



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- National Cotton Council
- AZ Cotton Growers Association
- CA Cotton Growers Association
- Society of American Florists
- American Nursery & Landscape Association
- Florida Fruit and Vegetables
- Western Vegetable Growers



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Identifying the overall goals and objectives; short and long-term practical solutions that help affected industries, as a whole, in combating the pest in the most effective and efficient manner



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Twenty technical experts work together to provide the technical information necessary to meet the goals and objectives of the taskforce



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Lance Osborn, University of Florida

Christi Palmer, IR4

Cindy McKenzie, ARS, FL

Dave Schuster, University of Florida

David Byrne, University of Arizona

Frank Byrne, University of California

Jim Bathki, University of California

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Peter Ellsworth, University of Arizona

Phil Berger, APHIS-CPHST

Phil Stansly, University of Florida

Robert Nichols, Cotton Incorporated

Robert Staten, APHIS-CPHST

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Scott Ludwig, Texas A&M

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- **Detection and Survey**
- **Diagnostics**
- **Control**
- **Outreach**
- **Practical Biology &
Ecology Investigation**



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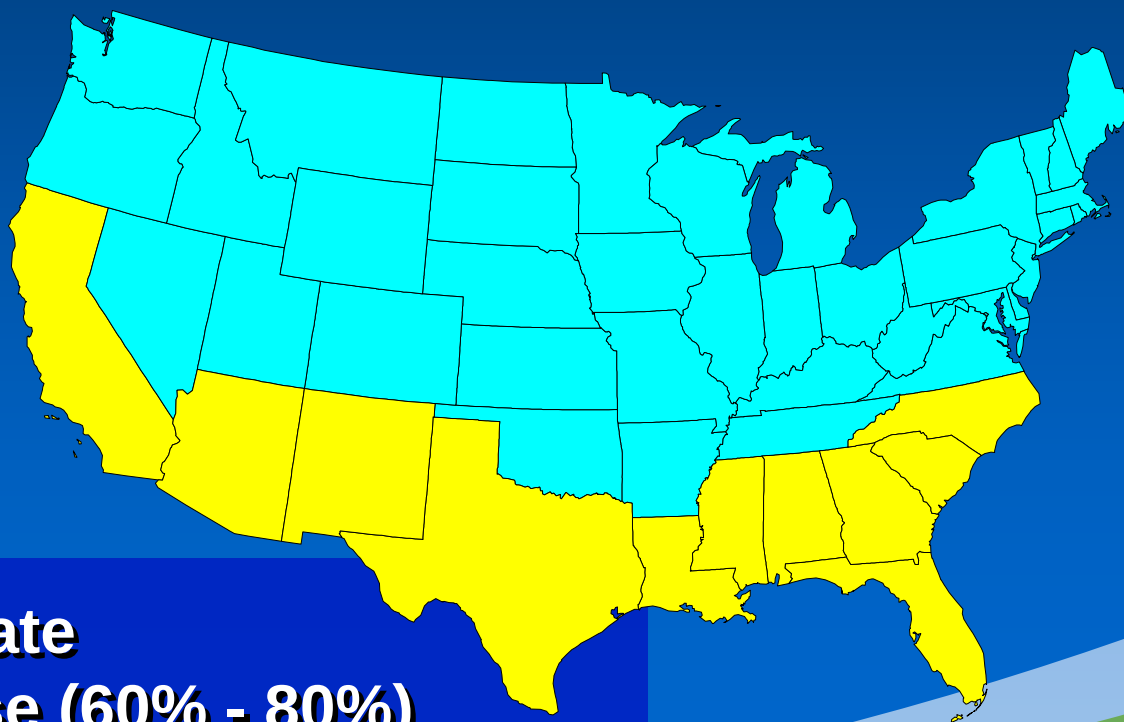
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Representatives from the National Plant Board, SPROs, and SPHDs, from potentially impacted states work together in designing and implementing operational plans to prevent or minimize the pest's effects on the various industries.



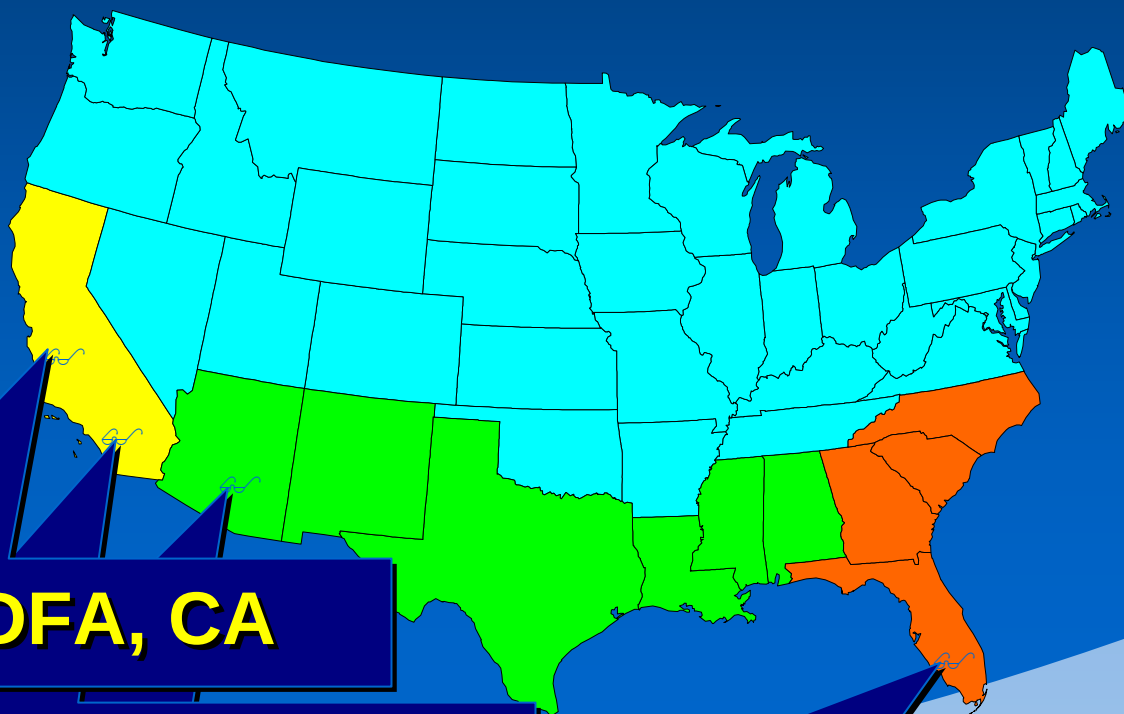
Q-Biotype Whitefly Survey Plan



- **30 sites/State**
- **Greenhouse (60% - 80%)**
- **Open Environment (20% - 40%)**



Q-Biotype Whitefly Diagnostics



CDFA, CA

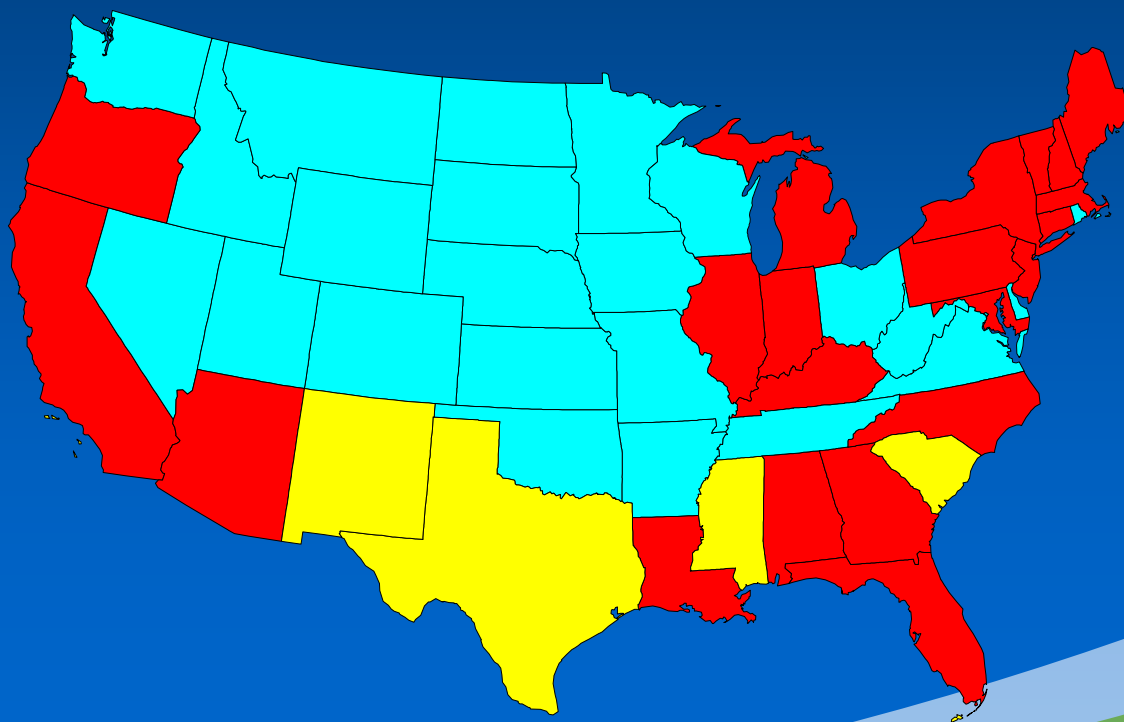
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Q-Biotype Whitefly Survey, 2005



Positive Finds



Offshore Activities

Scouting
Treatment
Inspection
Packaging
Shipping





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- **Detection and Survey**
- **Diagnostics**
- **Pest Management Programs**
- **Outreach**
- **Offshore Activities**



Thank You!

Questions