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## **Unsolicited Seeds from China**

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is aware that people across the county have received unsolicited packages of seed from China in recent days including many in Arizona.

APHIS is working closely with the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection and State departments of agriculture including the Arizona Department of Agriculture to prevent the unlawful entry of prohibited seeds and protect U.S. agriculture from invasive pests and noxious weeds.

Please do not discard the unsolicited package of seeds received in the mail. Anyone in Arizona who receives an unsolicited package of seeds from China should immediately send or drop off the package to one of the following locations:

Arizona Department of Agriculture ATTN: PLANT SERVICES DIVISION 1688 W. Adams Phoenix, AZ 85007 (P) 602-542-0992 (F) 602-542-1004

Tucson Operations Arizona Department of Agriculture Plant Services Division 400 W Congress Ste. 124 Tucson, Az. 85701 (P) 520-628-6314 (F) 520-628-6961

Yuma Operations Arizona Department of Agriculture Plant Services Division 1931 S. Arizona Avenue Suite 4 Yuma, AZ 85364 (P) 928-341-1758 (F) 928-341-1750