



SPDN First Detector Training

When? Monday September 13, 2004 10AM-12PM; 1PM-3PM (times tentative)

Where? Baton Rouge, LA at the annual HIS-Southern Chapter Meeting

Who are First Detectors?

- **Anyone 'first on the scene' of an exotic pest invasion**
- **Primarily county extension agents, state & federal inspectors, crop consultants, growers, Master Gardeners and other involved in plant management.**
- **You!**

Why Attend?

- **Receive up-to-date, interactive, hands-on training relating to exotic pest issues that threaten the southern U.S.**
- **Enhance your pest identification skills.**
- **Professional development.**
- **Educational materials.**
- **Become a registered First Detector!**

Interested??

Contact Amanda Hodges, achodges@ifas.ufl.edu for more information.

DRAFT AGENDA

Welcome, Opening Remarks Amanda Hodges (Assistant in Extension Scientist, University of Florida)	10:00
Introduction to the Mission of the Southern Plant Diagnostic Network Clayton Hollier (Professor, Louisiana State University)	10:05
Sudden Oak Death, Soybean Rust, <i>Ralstonia</i>, and other Exotic Pathogens of Concern to the Southern Region, Chris Clark (Professor, Louisiana State University)	10:20
Exotic Insects of Concern to the Southern Region Amanda Hodges (Assistant in Extension Scientist, University of Florida)	11:10
Lunch	12:00
Quality and Secure Sample Submission Clayton Hollier (Professor, Louisiana State University)	1:00
Common Signs and Symptoms of Plant Pathogen Damage Chris Clark (Professor, Louisiana State University)	1:20
Common Signs and Symptoms of Insect Damage Dale Pollet (Professor, Louisiana State University)	1:40
Digitally Assisted Diagnosis Steve Vann (Professor, University of Arkansas)	2:00
Wrap-up, post-test (for reporting purposes to NPDN)	2:50
All sessions will be interactive and informative. Many sessions will emphasize a hands-on approach.	