

Federal Research Program

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- Start up max 1¢ assessment (up to \$.05 after referendum)
- Referendum within three years of start, to raise cap, keep cap, or do away with program altogether
- Limited to HLB and psyllid research for initial three years
- 15 member board
 - FL = 8; CA/AZ = 4; TX = 1; Importers = 2
 - (Board adjustment after referendum)

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- Budget and rates need supermajority (10) with geographically diverse vote
- Producers from each state send two nominees for each seat to USDA Secretary