

# Pest reporting and responses – information for growers



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Plant pests can have a serious impact on your business, industry and community. By playing your part and reporting anything unusual, you can help reduce the likelihood that new pests are here to stay. If you notice unusual pests on your property you need to report it, whether it is an insect, mite, snail, nematode or sign of disease on plants. The earlier you report, the more likely it is that a pest may be eradicated.

It's always better to report something – even if it turns out to be a false alarm – than to not report at all. Reporting may give you the assurance you need that there is nothing to worry about.

## How do I make a report?

In Australia, any unusual plant pest should be reported as soon as possible to the relevant state or territory agriculture agency through the **Exotic Plant Pest Hotline** on **1800 084 881**.

## Why should I report an unusual pest?

You will have access to support, knowledge and advice from your state or territory agriculture department and your industry organisations. This is the best way to:

- get the facts about the pest
- take the right action to limit spread on your property and neighbouring properties
- either eradicate or appropriately manage the pest
- help to keep local businesses and the community profitable.

**IF YOU SEE ANYTHING UNUSUAL,  
CALL THE EXOTIC PLANT PEST HOTLINE**

**☎ 1800 084 881**



If possible take photos of the pest.



Mark the area where the suspect pest was found.





## What do I report?

Collect as much information as you can. This includes:

- what you found
- when you found it
- where you found it
- what crop it was on
- how many you saw or how infected the crop is
- how widespread it is
- anything else that catches your attention.

If you can, also take photos.

The more information you can gather, the better. This will help decide what the next steps might be. If you are in doubt about what to do, ask and you'll be advised by a biosecurity officer.

## More information

If you want to find out more about what happens after you call and actions you could take to minimise impacts to your property, complete the Pest Reporting and Responses online training.

The online training has information on what might happen on and around your property after you report and only takes around 15 minutes to complete. It is available from the Plant Health Australia Biosecurity Online Training site at [planthealthaustralia.com.au/BOLT](http://planthealthaustralia.com.au/BOLT)

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Decontaminate clothing, tools and footwear that have been in contact with the suspected pest.



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