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Exotic pests and diseases have long been an important concern in agriculture, but the liberalized worldwide trade in modern times has made this problem increasingly urgent and complex. The probability of spreading a disease or pest across national borders has become a real threat-not only for the agricultural industry, but also for human health and the natural environment. Although the threat of exotic pests and diseases cannot be eliminated, improved analysis of policy alternatives can increase the benefits and reduce the costs of the policies chosen to respond to this threat. *Exotic Pests and Diseases* emphasizes the importance of policy measures to protect against the introduction and spread of exotic pests and diseases and provides needed analysis of the policies on this important topic. Detailed cases include foot and mouth disease, red imported fire ants, citrus canker and 11 other important exotic pests and diseases. This book

grew out of a large interdisciplinary project at the University of California Agricultural Issues Center and includes ten interdisciplinary case studies that focus on specific pests or diseases that represent a range of threats to U.S. agriculture, wild lands and the urban landscape, and possible government responses to these threats. Each chapter combines biological foundations and implications for the public good, providing powerful insights on a series of public policy issues of national and international relevance.

*Exotic Pests & Diseases: Biology and Economics for Biosecurity* will educate students, practitioners, and academics in the fields of economics, veterinary medicine, plant pathology, entomology and agriculture, as well as policy makers, state and federal regulators, government officials, and others with an interest in pest management.

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