

Checklist: Shipping Agricultural Items Via Express Courier

Protect U.S. agriculture from devastating invasive pests and diseases. Use the checklist below to know when to contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) or U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) before shipping plants or plant and animal products via express courier.



Agricultural Items from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands

USDA has a list of ag products available that can move (after meeting import requirements) from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands to the U.S. mainland.

Contact USDA



Plants and Seeds for Planting

Before you bring plants or seeds into the United States, you must first obtain a phytosanitary certificate issued by officials in the shipping country.

Contact USDA and CBP



Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Many fresh fruits and vegetables are prohibited entry into the United States. While some foreign fruits and vegetables are available in U.S. retail markets, they often cannot be imported directly by individuals for personal consumption.

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Plant Products, Insects, and Soil

Many of these items require special U.S. entry requirements and/or a USDA-issued permit. Plant products could include citrus peel, wooden crafts, home décor, and much more.

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Meat, Animals, and Animal Byproducts

To ship these items to the United States, you must check eligibility and restrictions. Swine products are restricted from most countries.

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Moving Agricultural Items within the United States

These products could spread harmful invasive pests if you live in a quarantine area.

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Scan the QR code for more information, including contacts.

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You should also notify CBP to prevent your shipment from being confiscated upon arrival. Use the QR code for more info, including CBP contacts.

