

42 of Minnesota's colleges and Universities host international students & scholars

15,695 international students came to Minnesota in 2018

From 2005 to 2015, Customs and Border Protection documented 121,000 violations by international students in Portland International Airport, San Francisco International Airport, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport.

Key Concerns for Travelers

[Spotted Lanternfly](#) | [Fruit Flies](#) | [Khapra Beetles](#) | [African Swine Fever](#) | [Avian Influenza](#)

THE THREATS

Insects, snails, slugs, mites, microscopic worms, and diseases can travel into the country on foreign products. Also, animal pests and diseases can be carried on live animals and animal products, including hunting trophies.

Even dirt on shoes and clothes after visiting foreign farms can move diseases (e.g., fungal diseases of grain crops).

What's at risk?

America's crops, forests, ecosystems, community landscapes, and backyard gardens.

Billions of dollars spent by farmers and government on necessary control and treatment activities.

Important export markets that could close to U.S. products from infested or infected areas.

Note: Passengers who fail to declare agricultural items may be subject to penalties of up to \$1,000 or more per violation.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Declare all agricultural and food items to customs officials when returning from international travel.

For more information on what to pack and how to declare, visit these resources:

[Don't Pack a Pest](#)

[Customs and Border Protection: Protecting Agriculture](#)

[USDA APHIS Traveler Information](#)



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