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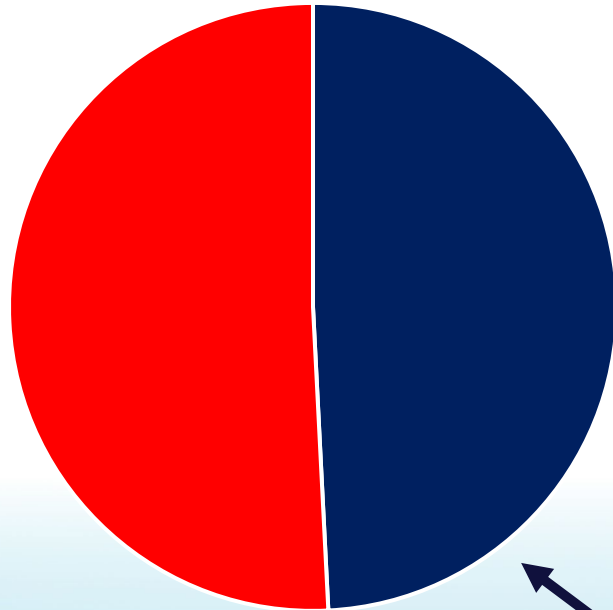
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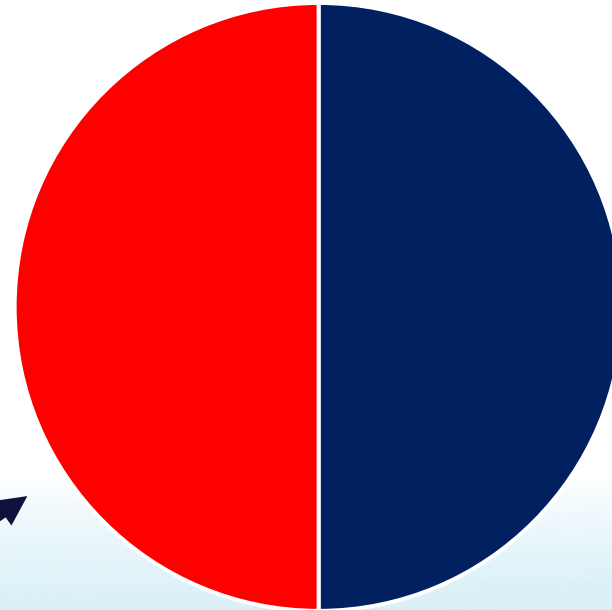
Narrowest Majorities In History

House

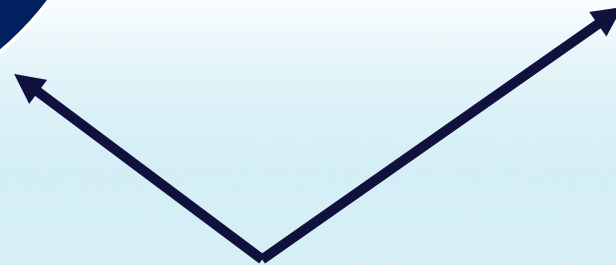
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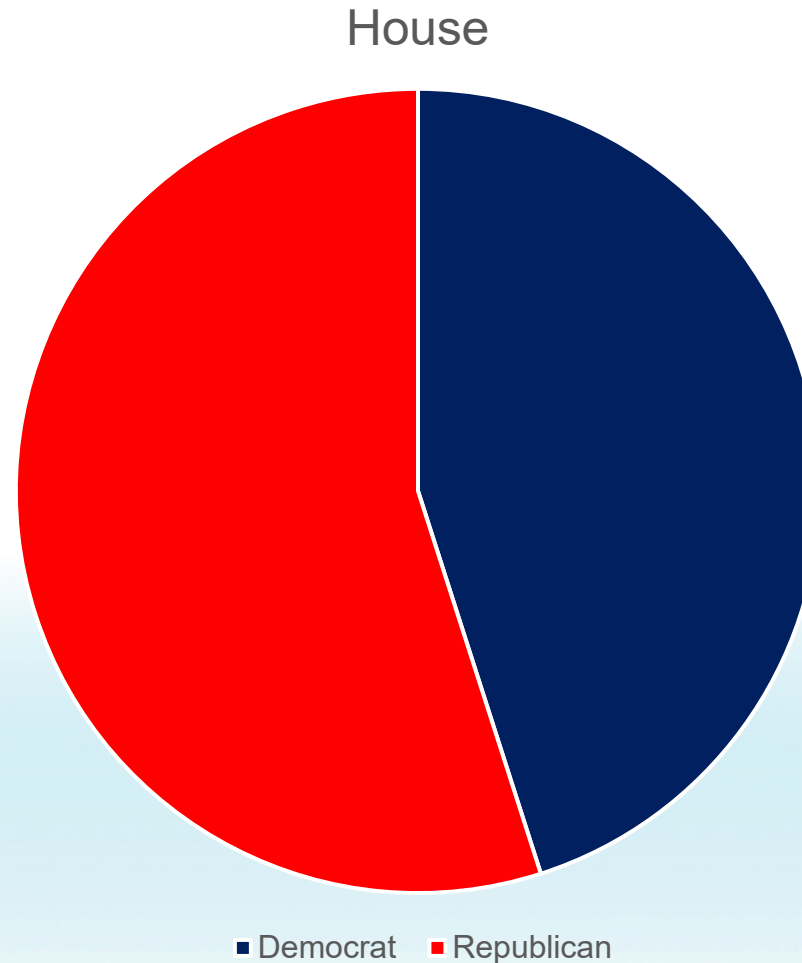


5 seats control the Majority in Congress



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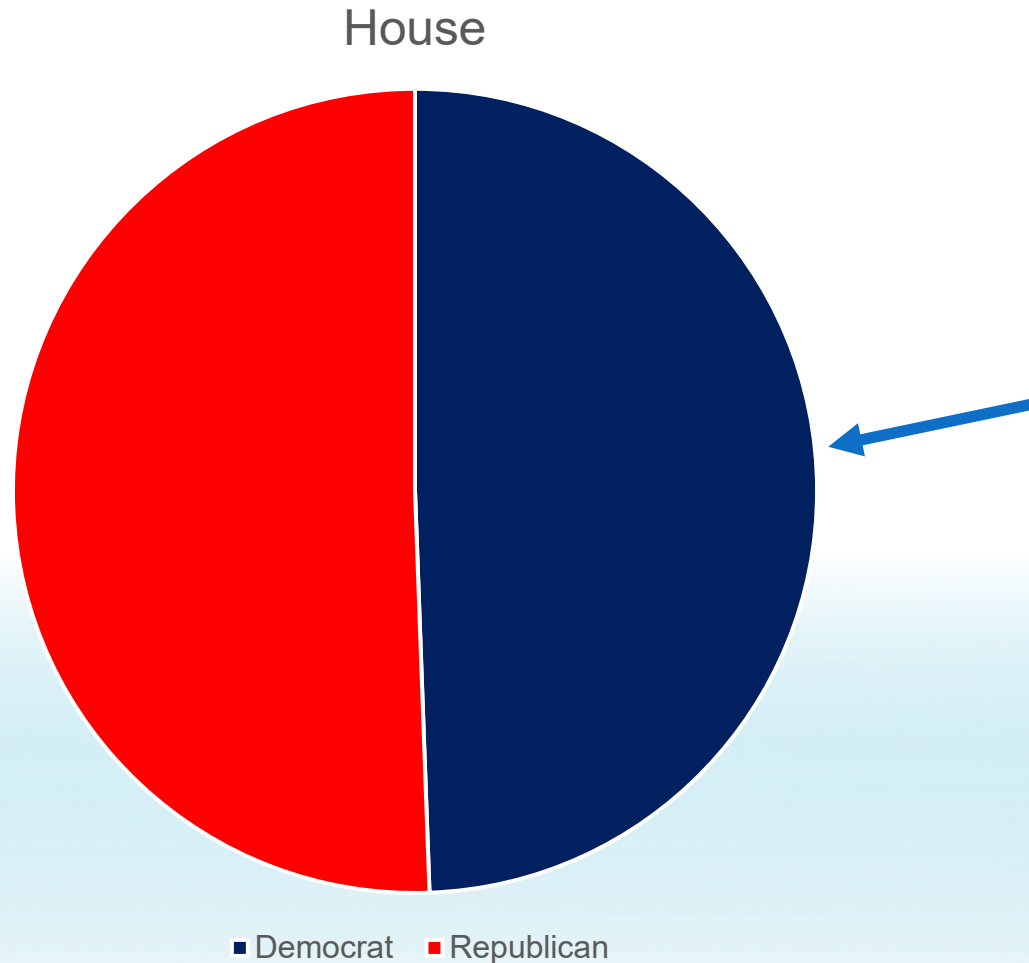
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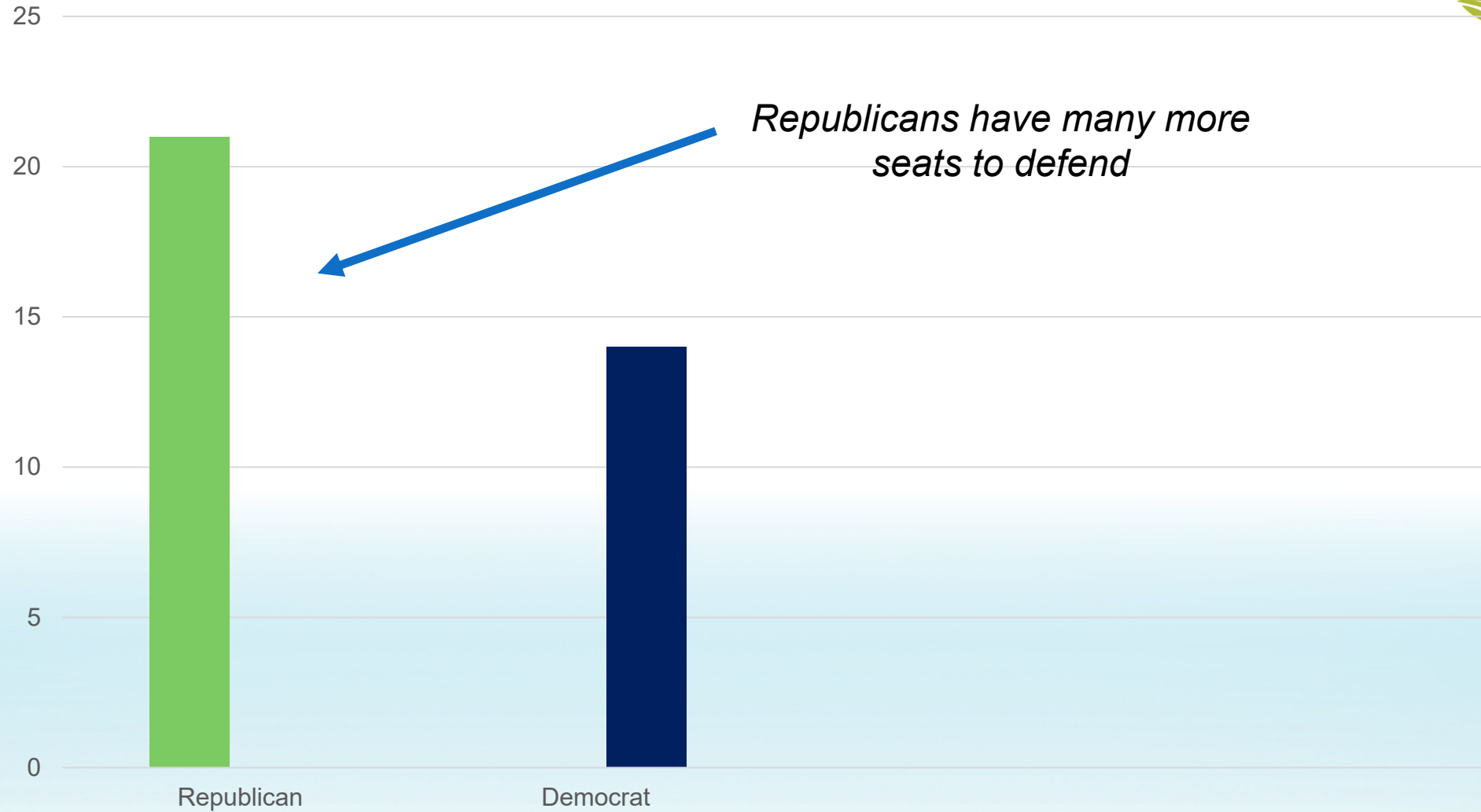
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Senate May Be Different



2022 Senate Seats To Watch



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Democrat

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Things to Watch

- **60 votes** in the Senate
- House factions with Big Influence
 - **Tiny Margin of Error** for Speaker McCarthy
- Will the Administration Use Congressional Gridlock to Regulate?



What **May Stop** with New Majority Leadership?



- Tax Increases
- New COVID Relief
- Ag Labor Reform

What May Continue With New Majority Leadership?



- ✓ Farm Bill
- ✓ Infrastructure
- ✓ Trade Initiatives
- ✓ DGAs – White House Nutrition Conference



PEI – New APHIS Assessment

➤ October 14th – APHIS Risk Assessment

- ✓ *“The full extent of the potato wart infestation in PEI is still unknown but is **likely to be larger than currently reported.**”*
- ✓ *“Without mitigation measures, **potato wart is almost certain to be introduced** to U.S. potato production areas via seed potatoes imported from PEI.”*
- ✓ *“**Potatoes for consumption may be a pathway for the introduction of potato wart into the United States**”*
- ✓ *“While some soil samples from the 2021 detection have been tested, **several thousand remain to be collected.**”*

THE NEED FOR A NEW POTATO WART PREVENTION PROTOCOL

BY POTATO BUSINESS / 11TH NOVEMBER 2022

SHARE:   



To stop the spread of the potato wart from Prince Edward Island (PEI) to U.S. growing regions, U.S. potato organizations are requesting that the USDA create new phytosanitary protocols.

In a letter to USDA Undersecretary of Marketing and Regulatory Services, Jenny Moffitt, the National Potato Council, and twelve state potato groups urged the organization to collaborate with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

The letter comes in response to a risk assessment released on October 14 by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), which found that without further mitigation measures in place, the disease is "very certain to be introduced" to the U.S.

Following a meeting between the Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, and the U.S. President, Joe Biden, at the White House, the industry acknowledged that USDA was under considerable political pressure to reopen the border to table stock potatoes. However, the industry stated in the letter that it is still disappointed that last spring exports "were allowed to reopen with essentially the same protocol as before the ban was implemented."

PRODUCE CROPS

U.S. potato groups want USDA to increase protections against potato wart spread from Prince Edward Island

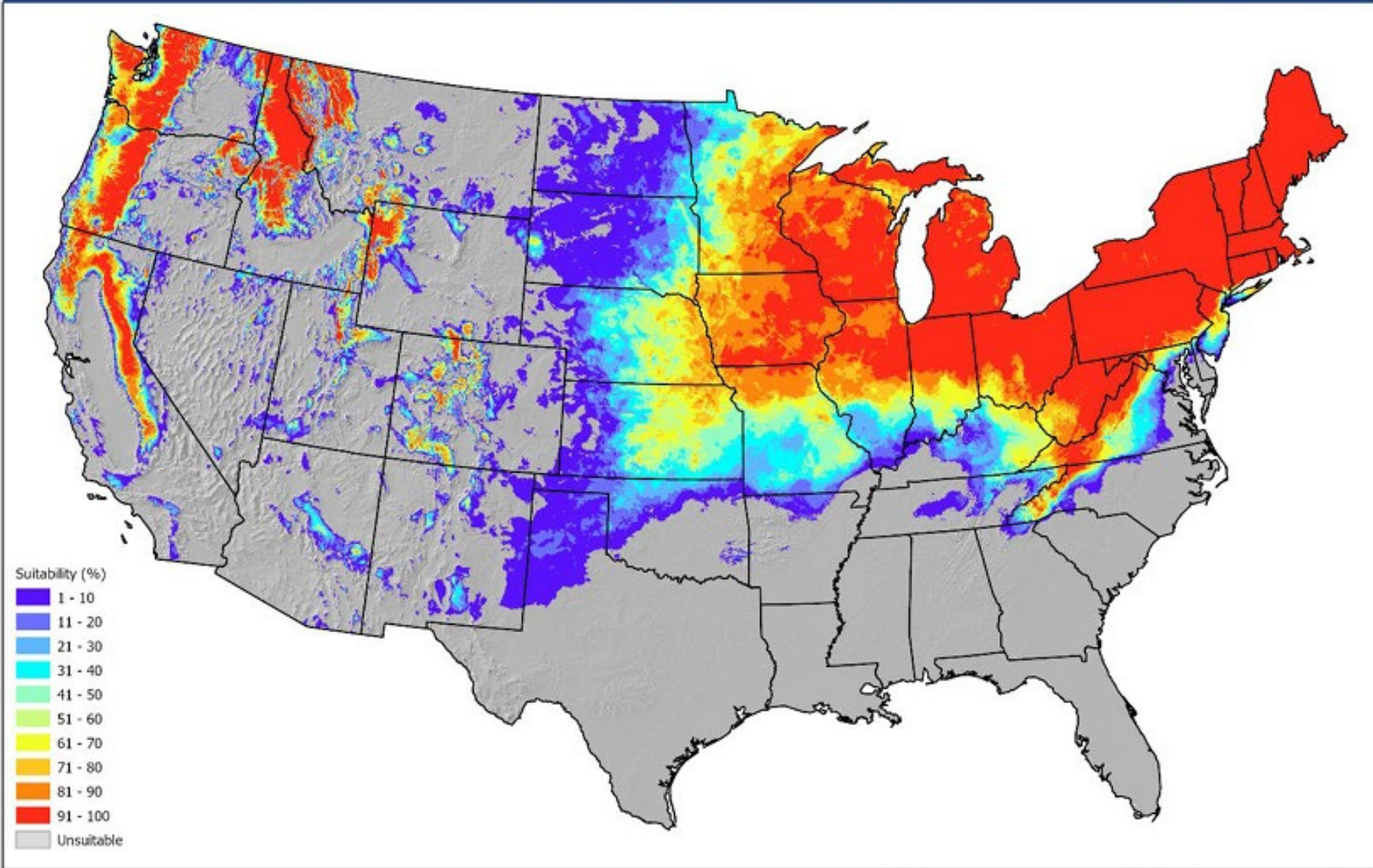


November 10, 2022

are asking the USDA to develop new phytosanitary protocols to prevent potato wart from Prince Edward Island to U.S. growing areas.

o Council and a dozen state potato associations sent a letter to USDA Marketing and Regulatory Services Jenny Moffitt calling on the agency to



Suitable climatic areas for potato wart

- Average temperatures between 50.2° and 75.6°F for 1-month of growing season
- More than 160 days during the year with min. temps greater than 41°F
- Average annual precipitation greater than 700mm (27.56 inches)



U.S. Industry Demands Immediate Action

- In November, NPC, the Potato Growers of Michigan and eleven other state associations demanded action from USDA
- October 14th report states that current workplan isn't enough
- USDA must rewrite or replace it with something that address the risk they identified.
- Must occur immediately, since President Biden and Prime Minister Trudeau agreed to allow imports to resume **before risk was addressed.**

CFIA Agrees



PEI Advocates Pushing Back

ATLANTIC | News

P.E.I. farmers say federal restrictions imposed to manage potato wart went too far



Prince Edward Island Premier Dennis King speaks with media as bags of potatoes sit on a table, Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS/Adrian Wylde

"The pest is present, but not widely, and it is under control."



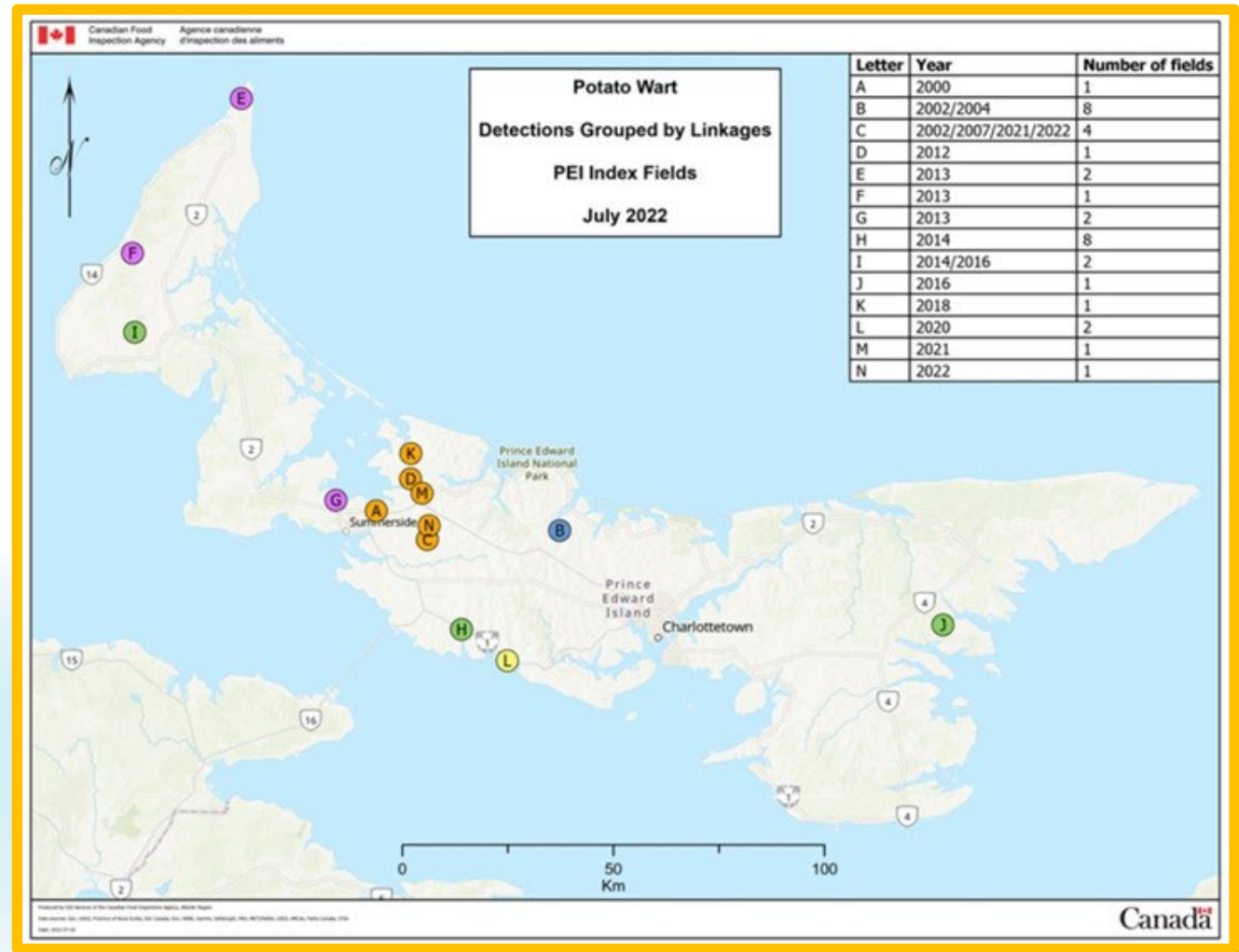
Soil tests won't be complete until at least September '23



Gov'ts Have a Different View than PEI Advocates

"The entire Island was part of the ministerial order because potato wart has been found in each of the counties. And having 36 detections means that we have a substantial amount of detections for a pest that we have zero tolerance for." - CFIA

"The full extent of the potato wart infestation in PEI is still unknown but is likely to be larger than currently reported." - APHIS



Mexico - First Shipments Exported In May



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INDUSTRY

U.S. potato leaders applaud expanded fresh access to Mexico



(National Potato Council)

By THE PACKER STAFF May 12, 2022

The National Potato Council is welcoming the news that the first shipments of potatoes crossed into Mexico beyond the previous 26-kilometer border restriction.

The successful crossings signal the start of Mexico's process to restore full market access for U.S. fresh potatoes after decades of disputes and legal obstructions, according to a statement released by the council.

POTATO GROWER

HOME CALENDAR PRODUCTS SMORGASBORD 50 FOR 50 GROWER OF THE MONTH

National Potato Council Applauds First Shipments Of U.S. Fresh Potatoes To Mexico in 25 Plus Years

U.S. growers appreciate partnership with USDA, USTR in reopening full Mexican market to U.S. potatoes

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Mexico Resolve Potato Trade



After more than 25 years of regulatory hurdles, fresh U.S. potatoes are available in Mexico. Previously, the United States could not export potatoes beyond a 26-kilometer border zone. Despite those restrictions, Mexico was the second largest market for fresh potato exports in 2021. National Potato Council CEO Kam Quarles praised USDA and the U.S. Trade Representative's Office for making this a priority for U.S. trade. "Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack lived up to the promised deadline of getting this done by May 15. This first fresh potato shipment initially originated in Idaho, Nevada and Oregon,"



Mexico – Work is Ongoing

- CONPAPA continuing legal battles despite Mexican Supreme Court ruling
 - NPC legal team has been successful in defending
- Mexico changed testing procedure for fresh potatoes without telling USDA
 - Includes **CONPAPA paying for the lab results**
- Inflation reduction measures – what is the reaction?



Farm Bill Discussions Already Beginning



- Trade Title
 - **\$200 million annually** for the Market Access Program
 - *Potatoes USA is the beneficiary*
 - **\$9 million** for Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops
 - *TASC funds substantial work on the Mexico fresh issue*
- Nutrition Title
 - GusNIP Program incentivizes F&V purchases at retail
 - *Potatoes are a direct beneficiary*



Farm Bill – Major Issues



Import Sensitive Commodities

- Some specialty crops are seeking a permanent program to offset import competition
- ~~Alternative to failed attempts to change U.S. antidumping laws~~
- Cost/Impact/Retaliation?

Non-Specialty Crops Seeking Specialty Crop Funds

- Hemp, natural stone, wild rice, aquaculture
- Specialty crop programs are already oversubscribed
- NPC Board and SCFBA unanimously oppose

Unintended consequences!



Waters of the United States (WOTUS)

- Biden-Harris administration issued new rule in Dec 2022
 - Categorizes “Waters of the United States”
 - Traditional Navigable
 - Territorial Seas
 - Interstate Waters
 - Tributaries
 - Impoundments
 - Adjacent Wetlands
 - Additional Waters
 - Establishes Standards for Determining Jurisdiction
 - Relatively Permanent
 - Significant Nexus
 - Established Exclusions
 - i.e. – Prior converted cropland, ditches, artificially irrigated areas, artificial lakes or ponds, swales and erosional features

*Impact of pending
Supreme Court
ruling?*



SEC Proposed Rule on Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors

NPC Policy Statement:

The National Potato Council believes the proposed Securities and Exchange Commission's Climate Rule is a significant government regulatory overreach. NPC should take all necessary actions to exclude agriculture from any final rule and thereby minimize the impact on family farms and related activities.



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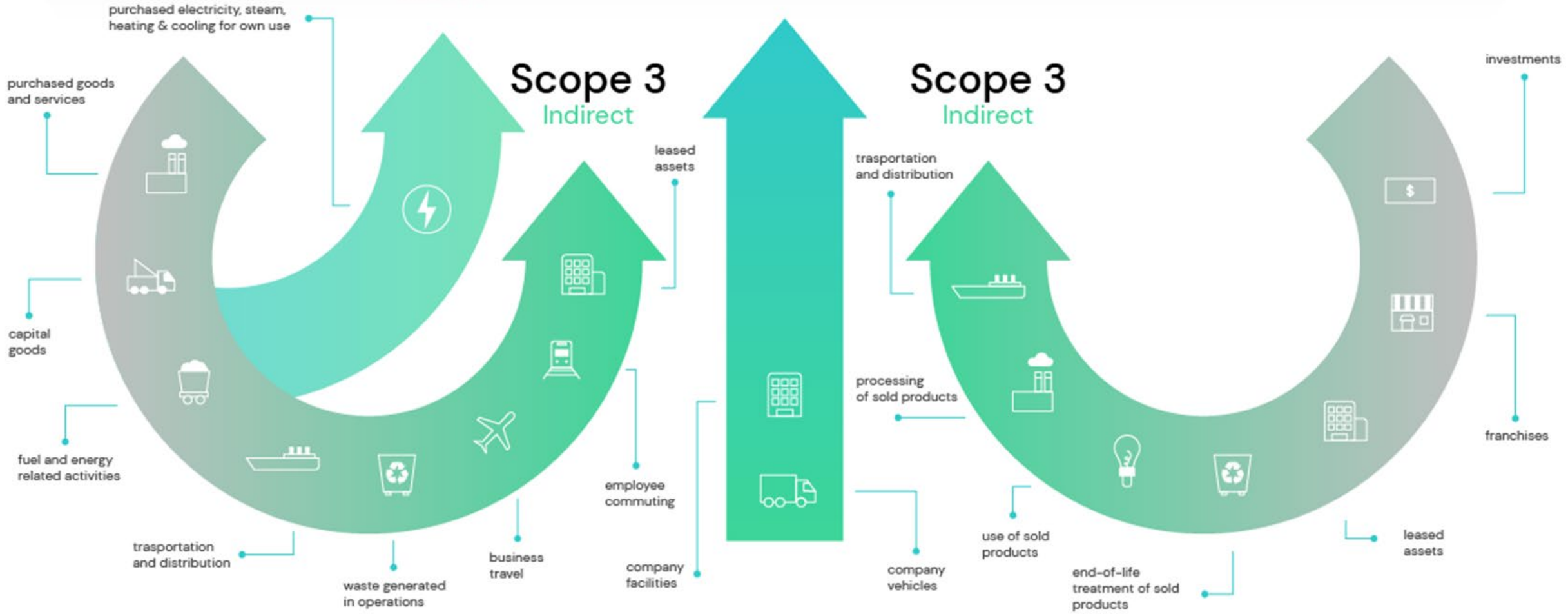


Scope 2 Indirect

Scope 1 Direct

Scope 3 Indirect

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Upstream activities



Reporting company



Downstream activities

SEC Proposed Climate Rule

NPC Actions

- Board Statement adopted in June 2022
- Joined others to file comments opposing rule, June 2022
- Supported Protect the Farmers from the SEC Act, Rep. Lucas (OK) – 113 bipartisan co-sponsors
- Rep. Lucas joined Eye on Potatoes Podcast

Rep. Huizenga (MI-4) chairs the House Financial Services Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee



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NPC Washington Summit

✓ February 28th – March 3rd



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