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Subject: Accepting and reporting Suspicious Seed packets at Extension offices

CED Team:

As noted in the attached letter from FDACS, they have requested UF/IFAS Extension offices to be drop-off locations for the suspicious seed packages we have been discussing this week. While FDACS will retrieve these from Extension, they will only take packages containing seeds or plant material that are properly prepared for pickup. No other items will be retrieved. Please review the attached letter and be prepared to receive drop offs as long as they meet the criteria outlined

- Extension offices are to **accept ONLY opened packages**.
- Public should only bring seed/plant material packets and their original packaging materials to the Extension office, which should then be placed in a plastic zip bag.
- Have copies of the form on page two available for the person to fill out.
- Contact your local FDACS-DPI office or contact the FDACS-DPI helpline at 1-888-397-1517 to arrange for pickup of the packages and leave a message.

Unopened packages and packages containing other non-agricultural items should be maintained by the homeowner and they should contact USDA APHIS Anti-Smuggling hotline at 1-800-877-3835 or [SITC.mail@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:SITC.mail@aphis.usda.gov)

Additional instructions for the public will be made available on this website by COB today:  
<http://www.fdacs.gov/seedbymail>

Best Regards,



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