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Preserving a Healthy Fruit Crop Industry in the United States: Part II

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Introduction to Part II

On Saturday July 26, 1997, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the American Pomological Society, in collaboration with the Fruit Breeding Working Group and the Pomology Working Group of the American Society for Horticultural Science, presented a workshop entitled: A Healthy Fruit Crop Industry for North America. This workshop discussed the status of the United States Plant Germplasm Quarantine for temperate fruit crops. The first part of the proceedings were published in Fruit Varieties Journal 52(4):210-219 and included presentations from Dave Weil of the Tree Connection in Dundee, Oregon, and Maxine Thompson, Professor Emeritus from Oregon State University. In addition, a summary of points from the panel-audience discussion was provided.

In Part II, John Hartung, Unit Leader for the USDA, ARS Plant Germplasm Quarantine Office (PGQO), describes recent changes in administration at the Quarantine Unit and Suzanne Hurtt, Plant Pathologist, USDA, ARS PGQO, describes the quarantine procedures used to test pome fruits for exotic diseases. Many of us in fruit research and industry look forward to these positive changes which should enable improved processing of exotic germplasm through quarantine.

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