

[extension] APHIS: Unsolicited Seeds from China

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I wanted to get this in the hands of more people so sending it to everyone in Extension regarding the seeds showing up from China. Bottom line, don't plant the seeds.

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This is a follow-up on the seeds from China that seem to be showing up all over the country. Please advise folks not to plant them, including Master Gardeners and 4-H kids who might want to grow them out to see what they are.

Kind regards,

Dale Monks

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United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**Unsolicited Seeds from China**

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is aware that people across the country have received unsolicited packages of seed from China in recent days. APHIS is working closely with the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection and State departments of agriculture to prevent the unlawful entry of prohibited seeds and protect U.S. agriculture from invasive pests and noxious weeds.

Anyone who receives an unsolicited package of seeds from China should immediately contact their [State plant regulatory official](#) or [APHIS State plant health director](#). Please hold onto the seeds and packaging, including the mailing label, until someone from your State department of agriculture or APHIS contacts you with further instructions. Do not plant seeds from unknown origins.

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