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PEST: Plant-Feeding “Phytophagous” Snails

BASIC PROFILE: These snails feed on most any ornamental or vegetable crop plant. They often are found under leaves on plants, in pots, or hidden beneath debris in nursery or residential settings. Most adults of the species shown here are ~ 25mm (1 inch).

LDAF ACTIVITY: LDAF inspects nursery stock shipments made to retail sites entering Louisiana from infested states such as California year-round. LDAF also conducts visual inspections at grower sites during routine work. Snails have been found on shipments from CA, FL, TX and foreign countries. Western and Southern states pose a higher risk for entry. Positive finds trigger state quarantine action such as stop sales, return to origin or plant destruction. Remedial treatment on site also is required.

REPRESENTATIVE PEST SNAILS

Brown Garden Snail (*Helix aspersa*)



Spanish Milk Snail (*Otala lactea*)



Cuban Land Snail (*Zachrysia sp.*)

