



Baggage Inspection Required for Travelers Going From Puerto Rico to the U.S. Mainland

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) prohibits or restricts the movement of many agricultural products from Puerto Rico to the U.S. mainland. These products include pork and pork products, most fresh fruits and vegetables, and certain types of plants and flowers. That's because these items could harbor a dangerous stowaway—an invasive pest or disease. Just one piece of fruit or a single plant that is carrying an invasive pest or disease could cause millions of dollars in damage, expensive eradication efforts, and lost trade revenue.

To prevent the spread of invasive pests and diseases, APHIS inspects all passenger bags moving from Puerto Rico to the U.S. mainland at the airport prior to your departure. Please be prepared to open and close your own bags. If you have any fresh fruits or vegetables, plants, flowers, souvenirs made from plants or wood, or other agricultural products with you, please tell the inspector. Failure to declare these items can result in delays and possible issuance of civil penalties ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 per violation. In addition, if you wish to ship or mail agricultural items that are allowed into the U.S. mainland, they must be inspected and/or certified by APHIS before you take them to an airline cargo office, the post office, or other courier service.

Agricultural Items From Puerto Rico Allowed into the U.S. Mainland After Inspection

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| ■ <i>Allium</i> spp. (includes onion, garlic, and chives) | ■ <i>Brassica oleracea</i> (includes cabbage, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, kale, and collards) | ■ Coconut (with or without husk) | ■ Gourd |
| ■ Amaranth, <i>Amaranthus</i> spp. (leaf, stem) | ■ Breadfruit, <i>Artocarpus</i> spp. | ■ Collard | ■ Guava (leaf) |
| ■ Anise | ■ Breadnut | ■ Corn (on the cob only) | ■ Herbs (dried or cured) |
| ■ <i>Annona</i> spp. (leaf) | ■ Cacao bean pod | ■ Cornsalad, <i>Vallerianella</i> spp. | ■ Honeydew melon |
| ■ <i>Arracacia xanthorrhiza</i> | ■ Cannonball fruit | ■ Cucumber (includes Angola cucumber, <i>Sicana odorata</i>) | ■ Horseradish, <i>Armoracia</i> spp. |
| ■ Arrowroot | ■ Cantaloupe | ■ Cyperus corn | ■ Indigo, <i>Indigofera</i> spp. |
| ■ Artichoke, Jerusalem | ■ Carrot | ■ Dandelion greens (leaf, stem) | ■ Insects (dried or preserved) |
| ■ Asparagus | ■ Cassava | ■ Dasheen, <i>Colocasia</i> , <i>Caladium</i> spp., and <i>Xanthosoma</i> spp. | ■ Jackfruit |
| ■ Avocado | ■ Celery | ■ Eggs | |
| ■ Balsam apple | ■ Chamomile, <i>Anthemis</i> spp. | ■ Eggplant | |
| ■ Bamboo shoots | ■ Chayote | ■ Endive | |
| ■ Banana (fruit, leaf without stalk or midrib) | ■ Chervil | ■ Ethrog (fruit) | |
| ■ Basil | ■ Chickory | ■ False coriander | |
| ■ Bay leaves, laurel | ■ Chinese waternut | ■ Fennel | |
| ■ Beans, shelled (faba, lima, string) | ■ <i>Chrysanthemum</i> spp. (leaf, stem) | ■ Flowers (fresh, cut, or dried) | |
| ■ Beans, in pods (faba, lima, string)—have geographic restrictions | ■ Cilantro | ■ Genip | |
| ■ Beet | ■ Citrus, fresh fruit (grapefruit, orange, lemon, lime) | ■ Ginger root | |
| ■ Bitter melon | | | |



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| ■ Kale | ■ Mustard greens | ■ Potato | ■ Sweet potato (leaf only) |
| ■ Kudzu—if not seed, tuberos roots, or stems with node (must not be capable of propagation) | ■ Oregano, <i>Origanum</i> spp. (leaf, stem) | ■ Pumpkin | ■ Swiss chard |
| ■ Lambsquarter | ■ Palm heart | ■ Purslane | ■ Tamarind bean pods |
| ■ Lemongrass, <i>Cymbopogon citratus</i> | ■ Papaya | ■ Radish | ■ Taro, <i>Colocasia</i> and <i>Caladium</i> spp. |
| ■ Leren | ■ Parsley | ■ Rhubarb | ■ Tarragon |
| ■ Lettuce | ■ Parsnip | ■ Rosemary (leaf) | ■ Thyme |
| ■ Lily bulb, edible | ■ Pepper | ■ Rutabaga | ■ Tomato |
| ■ Lotus root | ■ Peas, <i>Pisum sativum</i> (in pod or shelled) | ■ St. John's bread | ■ Truffle |
| ■ Maguey | ■ Pet birds ¹ | ■ Salsify | ■ Turnip |
| ■ Mangosteen | ■ Pineapple | ■ Savoy | ■ Vegetable marrow |
| ■ Marjoram, <i>Origanum</i> spp. (leaf, stem) | ■ Plantain (fruit, leaf without stalk or midrib) | ■ Snail shells (if empty and thoroughly cleaned) | ■ Water chestnut |
| ■ Mint, <i>Mentha</i> spp. | ■ Plant cuttings and plants without soil | ■ Sorrel, <i>Rumex</i> spp. | ■ Watercress |
| ■ Mushrooms | ■ Pokeweed greens (leaf, stem) | ■ Spinach | ■ Watermelon |
| | | ■ Squash | ■ Yam, <i>Dioscorea</i> spp. |
| | | ■ Stinking-toe (pod) | ■ Yautia (tanier), <i>Xanthosoma</i> spp. |
| | | ■ Strawberry | |

Note: In passenger baggage, most commercially canned and thoroughly cooked foods are permitted. **However, pork products and byproducts are restricted further.** Only commercially canned pork (hermetically sealed and retorted) and baked goods that contain pork that are commercially labeled and packaged, and shelf-stable without requiring refrigeration, are allowed. Other pork products that do not meet these requirements (including chicharrones and other shelf-stable pork products that are not baked goods) will **not** be allowed. All permissible agricultural products are subject to inspection.

Agricultural Items From Puerto Rico Not Allowed into the U.S. Mainland

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| ■ Cactus | ■ Handicrafts made from Palm fronds | ■ Seed cotton and cottonseed | ■ Turmeric (<i>Curcuma longa</i>) |
| ■ Citrus and citrus-related plants | ■ Insects (live) | ■ Snails (land) | ■ Sweet potato |
| ■ Citrus leaves (fresh) | ■ Pigeon Peas (fresh) | ■ Seeds or nuts (pulpy) | ■ Vegetables (fresh)—all are prohibited except those on preceding list |
| ■ Cotton, cotton cuttings | ■ Plants in soil | ■ Soil | |
| ■ Fruits (fresh)—all are prohibited except those on preceding list | ■ Pork and pork products | ■ Sugarcane | |

For More Information

Lists are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, call the USDA office at the airport:

Aguada: (787) 986-7280

Aguadilla: (787) 931-7900

Carolina: (787) 710-7282, (787) 710-7443, or (787) 710-7339

Ponce: (787) 709-4957

San Juan: (787) 919-0585

For more information, visit www.aphis.usda.gov/travel.

¹ Entry requirements vary depending on the origin of the bird. For details, visit www.aphis.usda.gov/pet-travel.