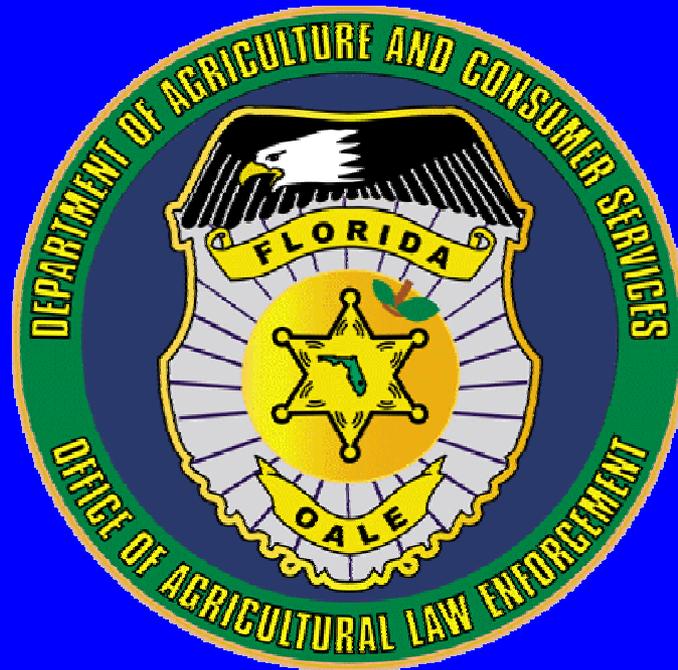


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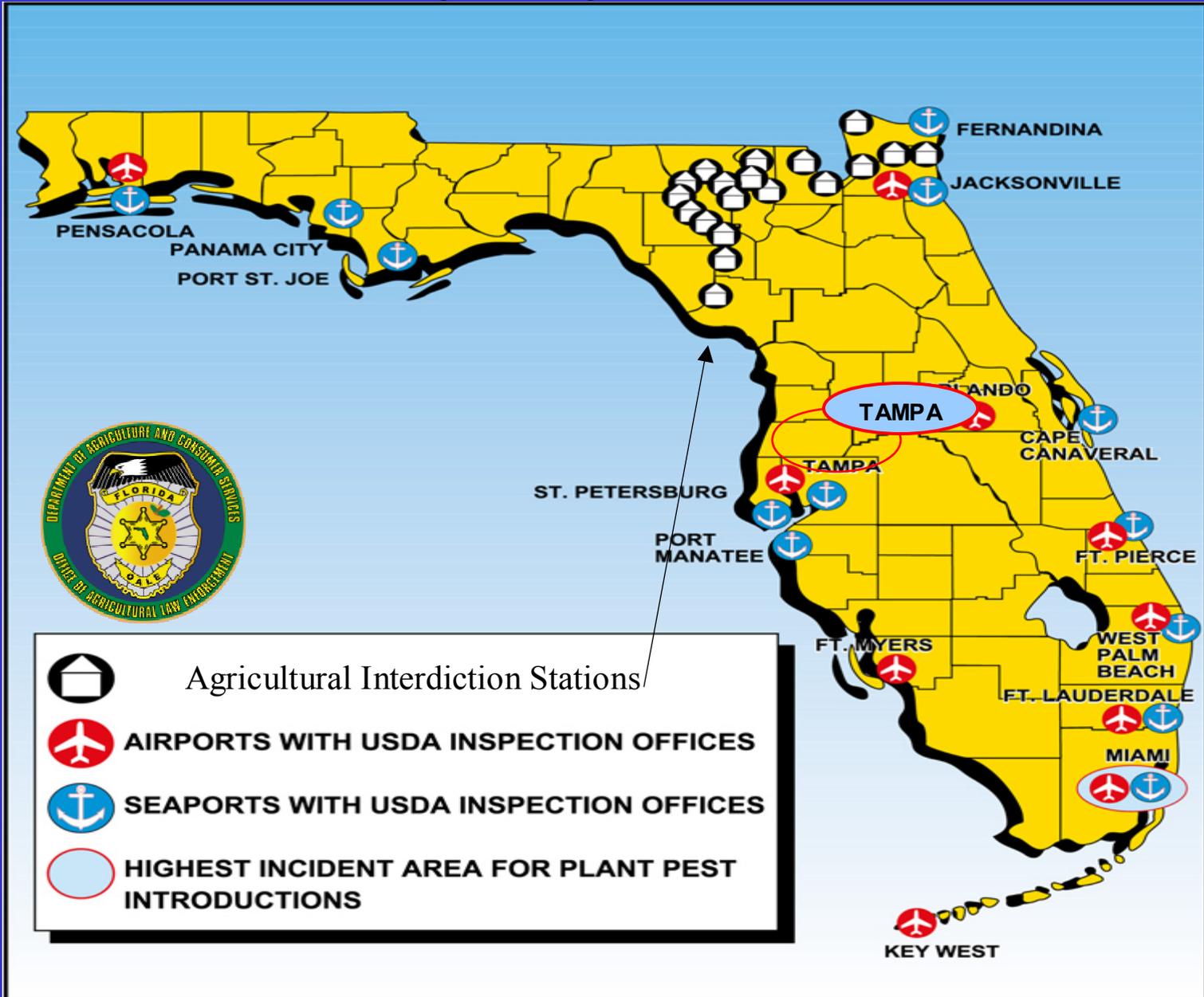


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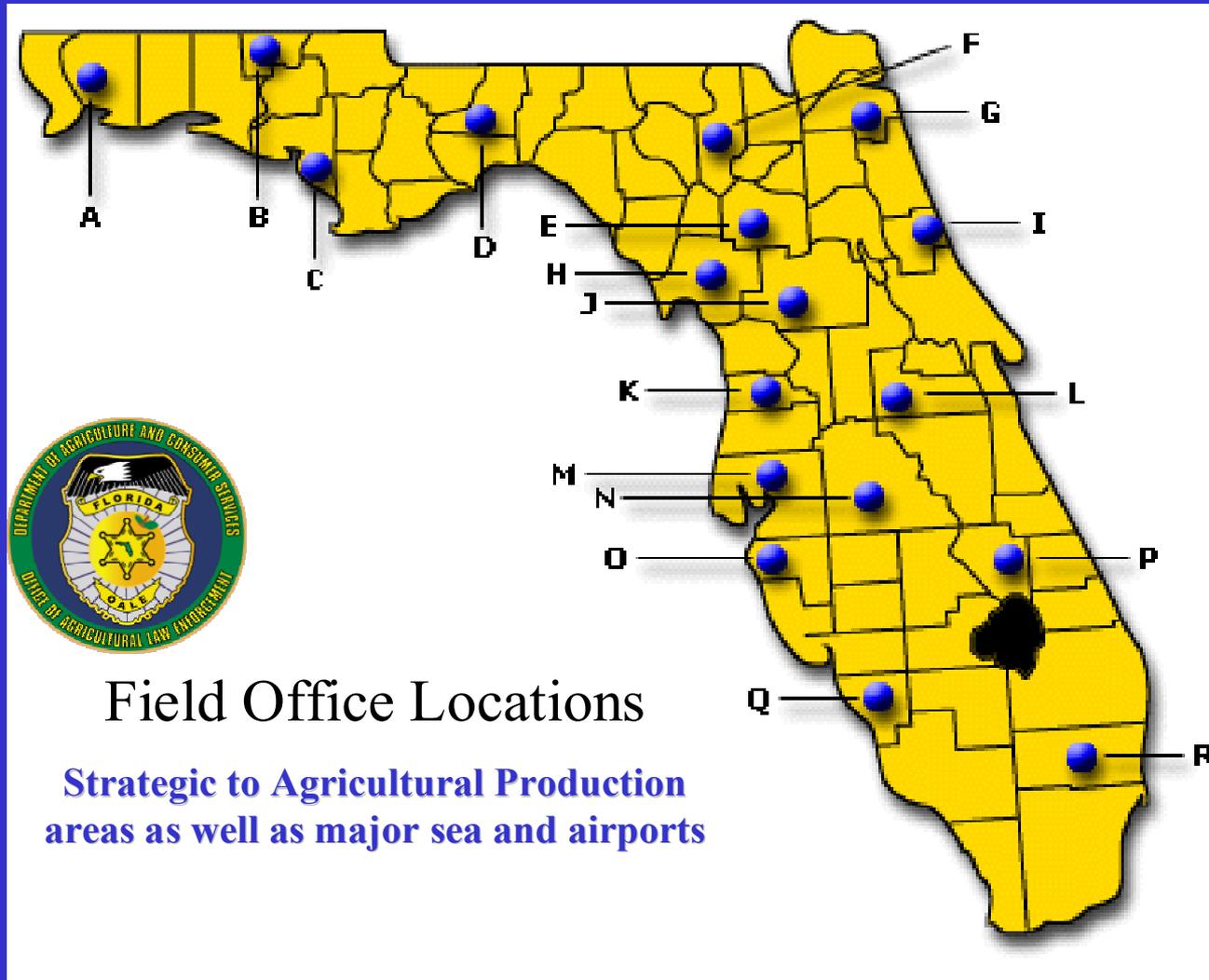


Bureau of Uniform Services



Bureau of Investigative Services

Field Offices



Field Office Locations

Strategic to Agricultural Production areas as well as major sea and airports

September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks



Immediate Action Steps

- ***Bureau of Uniform Services*** – Secure and protect Department Resources (i.e., aircraft, and chemicals) Provide information/education brochures to all commercial and local animal haulers entering interdiction stations.
- ***Bureau of Investigative Services*** – Provide investigative support to determine point-of-origin of disease threats. Assist other state and federal agencies. Support all divisions of FDACS. Index all agriculture cropdusters
Administration – Provided administrative support including emergency purchases and contracts.



- **Ag. Law Interdiction**

Secured/Protected Department resources

Photographed drivers transporting ammonium nitrate

Increased interdiction efforts on non-conventional vehicles(rental trucks) at Florida borders.

Tracked hazardous/dangerous commodities, conducted threat assessments at area public and private sector industry and farms with agricultural/food safety assets.

Maintain/operate Law Enforcement HOTLINE-**1-800-342-5869** statewide, 24 hours per day for response.

Increased law enforcement staffing at all Interdiction Stations

Ag. Law Investigations

Provided intelligence information to FBI and FDLE

Tracked movement of hazardous materials

Conducted statewide risk assessments for any type of agricultural threat (i.e., contamination of food and water supply)

Investigated consumer complaints pertaining to the terrorist attack (i.e., price gouging, charitable contributions)



Actions Initiated

Terrorism-

Inter and Intra-state tracking/movement of Hazardous/Dangerous materials.

In the wake of our Nations worst disaster, the Uniform Services Section began immediate tracking of all hazardous and dangerous chemicals in cooperation with the Emergency Operations Center, Office of Emergency Management. Computer images obtained at interdiction stations catalog the materials for immediate viewing as preventative measure and protection at our state's borders. Heightened security on the movement of rental vehicles was implemented as part of the protection efforts.





Technological Advances

In 2000, the Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement began examining technology advances to enhance the interdiction process of surface commodity/commercial traffic. Congested ramps at border stations coupled with increased trade from other states as well as established free-trade agreements have shown increased violations detected.





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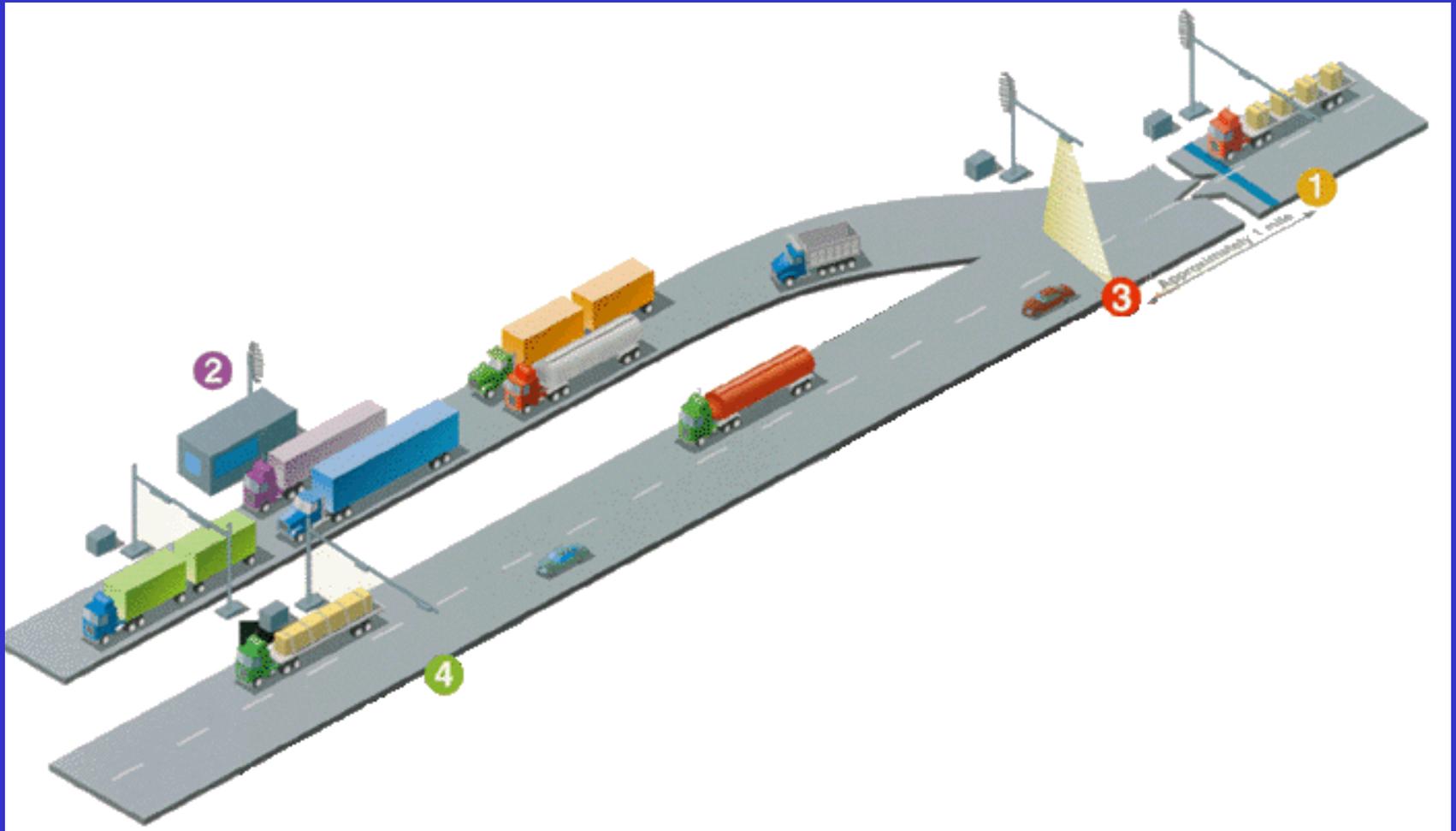


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