

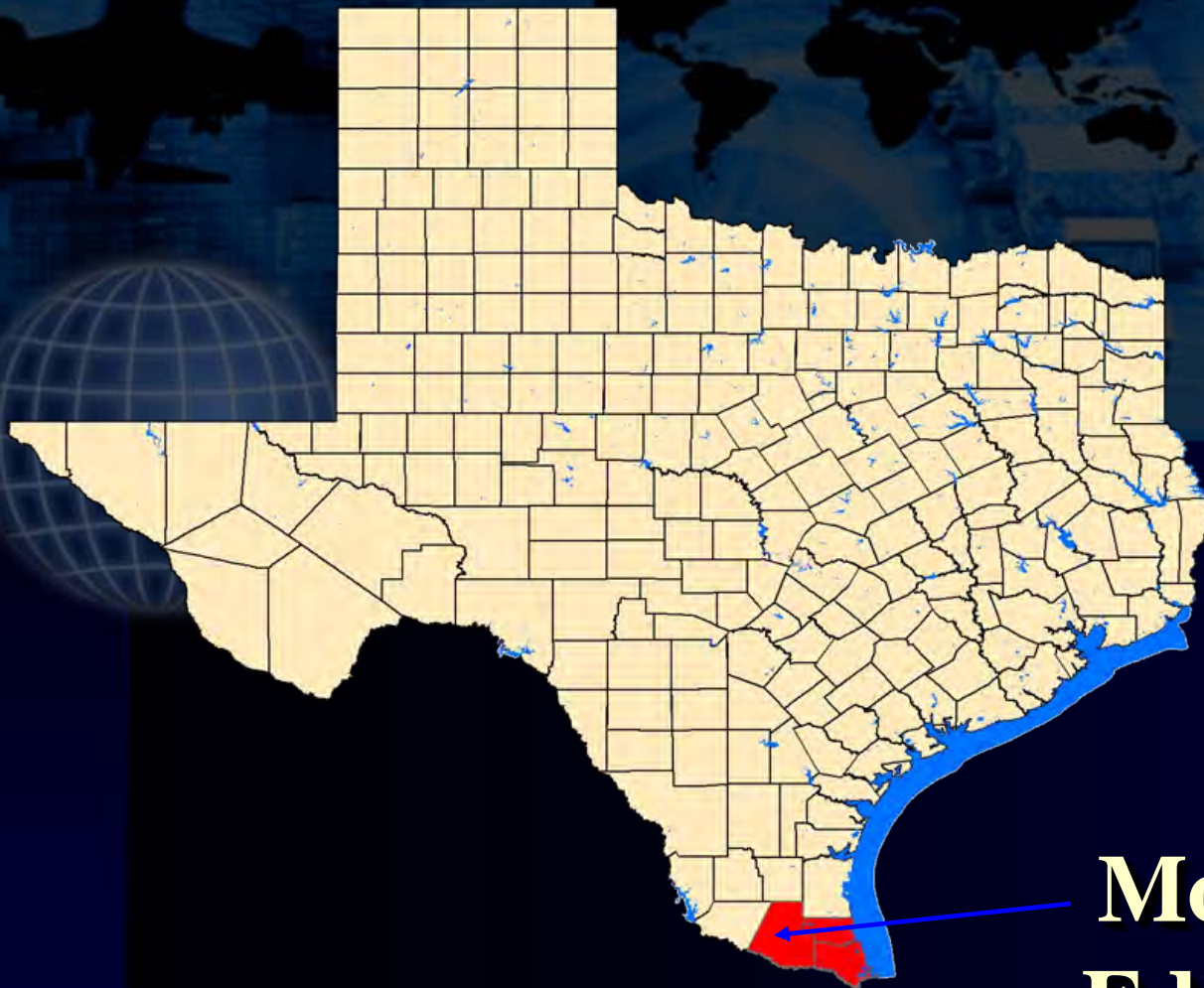


Plant Protection and Quarantine

Moore Air Base: Past, Present, and Future

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**Moore Air Base
Edinburg, Texas**

History

■ 1941 to 1946 - Moore Army Airfield

- Land purchased by local businessmen; sold at cost to the US Government for use as air base
- Named after 2nd Lt. Frank Murchison Moore, Houston, pilot, WWI casualty
- Support of US Army's 30,000 Pilots Program of 1940
- 1,087 Acres, 3 runways, 300' wide x minimum of 5,000' long
- Housed 60 pilot trainees/barrack
- 30 airplanes (AT6 Texan Trainers)

History (cont'd)

- 1946 to 1952– Tri-Cities Airport (Mission, McAllen, Edinburg)
 - Hangars rented out for plane storage or use as onion sheds or for chicken farming
 - Grain and cotton farming between runways
- 1948 to 1952 – Weaver H. Baker Memorial Tuberculosis Sanatorium
 - Converted some barracks for use as hospital buildings and apartments for hospital employees
- 1951 to 1952 – Trans Texas Airways
 - Became Texas International, then Continental Airlines
 - Moved to McAllen Miller Field (current McAllen airport)

History (cont'd)

- 1953 to 1959 – Moore Air Base, primary Air Force training facility
 - Training by Texas Eastern Aviation (civilian contractor)
 - Constructed new flight offices and control tower
 - Trained ~4,000 pilots, all lieutenants, who required separate housing
 - Remaining barracks converted to individual apartments
 - 200-300 aircraft (T34 & T28 airplanes; T37 jets, aka the “Tweety Bird”)

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Moore Air Base Today

USDA-APHIS-PPQ Facilities

- Mission Laboratory (PPQ CPHST)
- Mexican Fruit Fly Rearing Facility (PPQ WR)
- Asian Citrus Psyllid/Citrus Greening Survey (PPQ WR)
- Aircraft and Equipment Operations (PPQ EDP)
- Facilities Management (PPQ RMS)

Other Facilities

- USDA ARS
 - *Arundo donax* (Carrizo cane) Biological Control Program
 - Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program
- Alton Volunteer Fire Department

Biological Control Programs

Insects:

- Asian cycad scale
- Giant African land snail
- Glassywinged sharpshooter
- Boll weevil
- Pink hibiscus mealybug
- Emerald ash borer
- Sweetpotato/silverleaf whitefly
- Colorado potato beetle
- European corn borer
- Brown citrus aphid

Weeds:

- Leafy spurge
- Diffuse and spotted knapweed
- Purple loosestrife
- Giant salvinia

Future



- Ample Space
- Facilities & Resources
- Experienced & Adaptable Personnel

Tour

- Tour –
 - 2 facilities
 - 2 groups
 - ~ 30-40 minute tour/facility
- Headcount?