

## **Policies for Loaning USDANC Specimens**

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- i. Holotypes are unavailable for loan, but, like all specimens, may be studied at the USDA Nematology Laboratory in Beltsville, MD.
- ii. Paratypes may be loaned for 2-3 months to scientists in reputable organizations for research purposes. Other identified specimens may be loaned for up to 6 months before they must be returned to the USDANC. Extensions may be granted under special circumstances, but the USDANC reserves the right to request that specimens be returned at any time.
- iii. Specimens may be loaned at the responsibility of a recognized scientist or graduate student laboratory working on taxonomic revisions or variability studies, or for identification purposes.
- iv. Borrowers may not directly modify a mounted specimen. Applying immersion oil for microscopic examination is permitted, as long as the oil is cleaned off the mount. If there are questions of remounting, please contact a USDANC curator.
- v. Borrowers may not write on a specimen slide. Any suggested changes should be indicated in correspondence with a USDANC curator.