



Pest Detection and Management Programs

Plant Protection and Quarantine

Weekly Notice, May 06, 2004

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<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ep/reports/>

Emerald Ash Borer Report:

Michigan:

Ash tree removal activity in response to EAB outlier incidents continue in Berrien and Kent counties. These should be completed by the week of May 3rd. Removal activities in Calhoun and Eaton counties are completed and in the final stages of clean up. Tree inventory activities are 30% complete in Ingham County (Lansing, E. Lansing, and Meridian townships). Delimiting survey continues in Lenawee, Monroe, Branch, and Shiawassee counties.

An outlier infestation was confirmed in the Lake St. Helen area of Roscommon County on April 19. Delimiting survey activity is underway, and the outlier meeting for local officials has been scheduled for Monday, May 3 at the Richfield Township Hall in St. Helen.

New County Find: USDA identifier J. Zablotny confirmed one dead adult EAB found in ash firewood at a campground in Montague, Michigan, located in Muskegon County. Two trees in the surrounding area have been reported to have infestation symptoms and bark will be stripped by program employees in order to determine if an infestation is present in the area.

Ohio:

Ash tree removal in Lucas County, Ohio will begin the week of May 3rd in an area around the Toledo Express Airport in response to EAB finds. This site is approximately two miles from the Whitehouse area in Lucas County that had tree removal activities last season. Over half of the fifteen Property owners that are impacted have been contacted by the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture; the remainder will be contacted before work begins on their property next week.

Approximately 3,000 trees will be removed by their contractor, Asplundh: ninety percent of these ash trees are located in woods on the airport property; two landscaping companies in the 1/2 mile area will lose a total of approximately 175 whips; and twenty-five percent of the properties are woodlots.

Source: Deborah L. McPartian

ALB Critical Issues Report:

Chemical treatments are scheduled to begin in New York during the week of May 3, 2004. The Davey Tree Expert Company was awarded all four contracts which cover chemical treatments in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island.

TruGreen ChemLawn was awarded the chemical treatment contract for the western treatment area of Chicago, Illinois. The post award meeting was held with the company on Wednesday April 18, 2004. Chemical treatments are scheduled to begin on Saturday May 1st.

Source: Christine Markham

SOD Report:

Trace forward surveys continue and a national survey is getting underway as PPQ determines the distribution of *Phytophthora ramorum*.

P. ramorum has been confirmed in the environment in Lake County, California, a county not yet under quarantine. The pathogen was found on four bay laurels (*Umbellularia californica*) in a wooded setting. Two tanoaks and a Douglas fir tested negative. Lake is the thirteenth infested California county. The county will be quarantined by PPQ; a letter notifying state plant regulatory officials of this action is being prepared.

On April 29, PPQ added nursery stock of *Pyracantha koidzumii* (Formosa firethorn) to the *P. ramorum* associated plant list. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency announced that *P. ramorum* has been found associated with a previously unlisted plant in April. This plant is a woody ornamental found in a nursery setting.



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The plant cannot be recognized as a host until Koch's Postulates are completed.

PPQ amended the April 7 Federal Confirmed Nursery Protocol of April 7, 2004 to provide some relief to nurseries that do not ship interstate (e.g. retail nurseries, dealers, and garden centers, etc.). Under the amendment, when samples at these facilities are found to be positive for *P. ramorum* using approved diagnostic tests only host nursery stock and associated articles need to be placed on hold until delimitation of the infestation within and outside of the nursery are complete. The protocol remains unchanged for nurseries that do ship interstate where all genera of host plants and associated host plants must be held.

The number of states that have promulgated their own regulations to prevent the movement of suspect plants from California remains at 15. Several States are also regulating plants from Oregon, Washington, or British Columbia.

P. ramorum has been confirmed in plants traced forward from the initially positive Los Angeles County wholesaler in 84 facilities in 12 states. The numbers of nurseries or garden centers with positive trace forward samples from the wholesaler by state are California (28), Florida (5), Washington (6), Oregon (9), Texas (5), Colorado (1), Georgia (13), Louisiana (5), North Carolina (8), New Mexico (1), Tennessee (2), and Virginia (1).

The number of confirmed positive facilities from the trace forward, national, and other surveys is 102 in 13 states.

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