



# Pest Detection and Management Programs

Plant Protection and Quarantine

Weekly Notice, May 27, 2004

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

## **Emerald Ash Borer Report:**

### **Michigan:**

As a result of a call from the public, two Emerald Ash Borer larvae were discovered in ash on a residential property in Pittsford, Michigan on May 6. The insects were confirmed by USDA Identifier Zablonty on May 19. This is a new record for Hillsdale County.

### **Indiana:**

Indiana continues to work on EAB under an emergency order, but has started the permanent rule making process. The infestation site at Jelly Stone Campground near Fremont, Indiana in Stuben County will have tree removal activities completed by May 25th.

### **Ohio:**

Oak Openings is one of the Lucas County MetroParks located in western Lucas County to the southwest of the Toledo Express Airport. It is 3000+ acres of forested land adjacent to sections of the Maumee State Forest. So far, approximately 500+ heavily infested trees have been found during survey activities. All surveying has been done within the MetroPark west of Swan Creek which runs through the park. ODA has cut out infested trees beginning on the northeast corner of Reed Road and Hwy 64, burning many and now chipping and grinding the remainder.

Another positive site has been discovered about 1.7 miles into Fulton County and also one on the edge of the Maumee State Forest. These ash trees will need to be cut and removed in the Fall.

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## **Sudden Oak Death Report:**

Trace forward surveys continue and the national survey is underway as PPQ determines the distribution of *Phytophthora ramorum*. The number of confirmed positive facilities from the trace forward, national, and other surveys is 135 in 16 states.

The pathogen has been confirmed in plants traced forward from the initially positive Los Angeles County wholesaler in 102 facilities in 15 states. The numbers of nurseries or garden centers with positive trace forward samples from the wholesaler by state are California (38), Alabama (3), Arkansas (1), Florida (6), Washington (6), Oregon (9), Texas (6), Colorado (1), Georgia (13), Louisiana (5), Maryland (1), North Carolina (9), New Mexico (1), Tennessee (2), and Virginia (1). The Federal confirmed nursery protocol was implemented at these facilities.

A plant from a San Diego County mail-order nursery has been confirmed positive for *P. ramorum* in Pennsylvania. The bonsai Camellia was a house plant.

The ER reports that five states are conducting National Survey activities (AL, CT, KY, MS and NC). The states have inspected 56 nurseries and collected 1645 samples; none have been confirmed positive. Seven states are expected to start surveys soon (DE, FL, GA, NJ, SC, TN and VA). The WR reports that 10 states are conducting National Survey activities (AZ, AR, CA, ID, IA, LA, MO, OK, OR, and WA). These states have inspected 317 nurseries and have collected 10,677 samples; 13 facilities have tested positive.

Fourteen states continue to impose quarantine regulations over and above those ordered by PPQ on California, and in some cases Oregon, Washington or British Columbia. West Virginia has revised their quarantine. This revision allows nursery stock from certified nurseries to ship into West Virginia. However, they require pre-notification of all nursery stock and also require non-host nursery stock to be certified, which is not required according to the USDA/CDFA. North



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Carolina and Oregon have enacted regulations that parallel the PPQ emergency order.

CPHST will convene a scientific review panel on June 29, 30 and July 1 in Raleigh to review the currently available scientific data on *P. ramorum* and to discuss research and methods development needs.

PPQ will host a SOD program review on July 28 and 29 in Riverdale.

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