

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) confirmed in Clermont County, Ohio; Township of Tate and entire acreage of East Fork State Park added to Quarantine Area

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

On June 17, 2011, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) confirmed the identification of the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) in Clermont County, Ohio. Effective immediately, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is adding the Township of Tate and the entire acreage of East Fork State Park to the ALB quarantine area. The ALB quarantine area in southern Ohio is 56 square miles.

The attached Federal Order describes the quarantine area and includes the associated reference to Section 7 CFR Part 301.51 *et seq.* that lists the provisions for the movement of ALB regulated articles. This action is necessary to prevent the human-assisted spread of ALB.

ALB is a destructive wood-boring pest of maple and other hardwoods. ALB was first discovered in the United States in Brooklyn, New York, in August 1996. ALB was later detected in Chicago, Illinois, in July 1998. In October 2002, the beetle was found in Hudson County, New Jersey, and then in Middlesex and Union Counties, New Jersey, in August 2004. In August 2008, ALB was discovered in Worcester County, Massachusetts, and in July 2010, ALB was found in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. In 2008, after the completion of control and regulatory activities, and following four years of negative surveys, ALB was declared eradicated in Chicago, Illinois, and Hudson County, New Jersey.

For more information about APHIS' ALB Eradication Program, you may contact Christine Markham, National ALB Program Director, at (919) 855-7328, or Dr. Brendon Reardon, National Program Manager, at (301) 734-5705.

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Enclosure: Federal Order