

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Removes Islip, New York from the Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) Quarantine Area

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) today announced that through a successful 11-year partnership with the State of New York, the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) has been eradicated from the area of Islip, New York.

In 2000, APHIS established a quarantine area in Islip, Suffolk County, New York after ALB was first detected in the area in order to limit the human-assisted movement and plant risk associated with this invasive pest. Since that time, APHIS worked closely with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to conduct eradication activities. After the completion of control and regulatory activities, and based on the results of at least three years of negative surveys of all regulated host plants within the quarantine area, APHIS determined that the villages of Bayshore, East Islip, Islip, and Islip Terrace in the Town of Islip, Suffolk County, New York, have met the criteria for removal of the federal quarantine for ALB.

The attached Federal Order immediately rescinds the quarantine area in the area of Islip, New York, for 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. Most recently, ALB was confirmed in Clermont County, Ohio, in June 2011. 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 Brendon Reardon, National Program Manager, at (301) 734-5705.

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