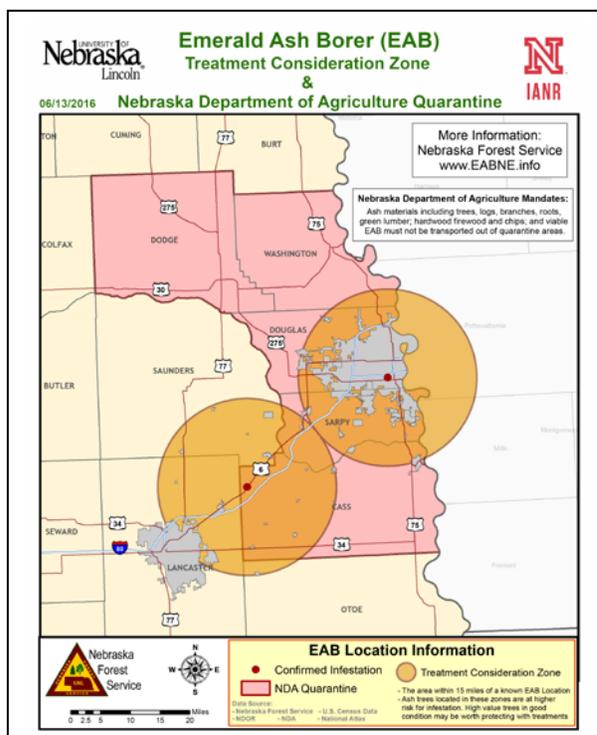


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- The first detection of emerald ash borer (EAB) in Nebraska, from a park in the Omaha area, was confirmed June 8, 2016. A second detection was confirmed in Cass County June 13th. NDA has issued a quarantine prohibiting ash nursery stock from leaving the quarantine area, which also regulates the movement of hardwood firewood and mulch, ash timber products and green waste material out of Douglas, Sarpy, Cass, Washington and Dodge counties to assist in the prevention of human-assisted spread into uninfested areas. The Nebraska EAB working group says that treatments for EAB should be considered only when EAB is known to be present within 15 miles of your tree. This 15-mile recommendation strikes a balance between protecting valuable trees and limiting the negative effects of unnecessary treatments. Treating trees outside of the 15-mile zone provides little or no benefit to the trees, yet exposes humans and the environment to pesticides, wastes money and, in the case of trunk injections, causes unjustified tree damage. The NDA press releases can be found at nda.nebraska.gov. More information for homeowners, local and state governments, the tree care industry, and educators, including treatment options and misconceptions, selecting trees to treat, and how to prevent further spread, can be found at: eabne.info.



- Computerized Pesticide Applicator Exams – NDA now offers computerized exams for commercial pesticide applicators at several locations throughout the state. The following exams and locations are available at this time:

Exams offered:

- General Standards
- Agricultural Plant Pest Control (01)
- Ornamental & Turf Pest Control (04)
- Right-of-Way Pest Control (07)
- Structural/Health-related Pest Control (08)
- Wood Destroying Organisms (08W)
- Aerial Pest Control (includes Ag-Plant) (01/12)

Testing sites:

- Omaha (three sites)
- Lincoln (two sites)
- North Platte (two sites)
- Scottsbluff
- Columbus
- Norfolk
- Grand Island
- Alliance
- McCook

While there is a \$55 fee charged by the contractor per exam, NDA is hopeful this service will be beneficial to applicators because of the increased opportunities to test and increased flexibility to register for times that fit one's schedule. In addition, testers will know their results upon completing each test, allowing them to register for another day, if they choose.



Please see the [Pearson VUE Testing Service](#) page on NDA's web site for more information.

The NDA Pesticide Program will continue to have 'walk-in testing' proctored by NDA personnel. A listing of the dates and locations for the remainder of 2016 can be found at bit.ly/NDAPPdates.

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