



Plant Health Protection Update

- EAB Quarantine updates - Several new emerald ash borer (EAB) discoveries in surrounding states have led to changes in state and federal EAB quarantines. These changes may impact where you obtain regulated articles such as ash nursery stock and hardwood firewood. For a full list of regulated articles under the federal EAB quarantine, visit the USDA EAB web site at 1.usa.gov/1bs6xcj.

The entire state of **Missouri** is now under state and federal quarantine for EAB. This means that no ash nursery stock can be shipped out of the state. All ash logs and all hardwood firewood will require certification in order to be moved from Missouri to non-infested states.

The **Iowa** Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship has modified the state quarantine to include a block of 25 counties on the eastern edge of the state. The federal quarantine is in the process of being updated to reflect these changes.

Colorado identified EAB infesting trees in the Boulder area in fall 2013. The Colorado Department of Agriculture has enacted a state level quarantine on Boulder County and some surrounding areas. A federal quarantine is pending.

What does this mean for you? If you had been purchasing ash nursery stock from any of these quarantine areas, you will need to find a new source. Ash nursery stock cannot be certified or shipped interstate from EAB quarantine areas. If you purchase firewood harvested from a quarantine area, make sure the supplier is under a compliance agreement and meeting the federal quarantine certification requirements. If you harvest any hardwood firewood or ash logs from any quarantine area, contact Jeff Marker, USDA Plant Safeguarding Specialist, for assistance in meeting quarantine requirements. Jeff can be reached at (402) 896-8256 or jeffery.d.marker@aphis.usda.gov.

EAB has not been found in Nebraska. Report suspect EAB finds in Nebraska to Jeff Marker or to Julie Van Meter with NDA at (402) 471-2351.

- Pesticide Applicator Certification – The initial certification and recertification season is starting for pesticide applicators required to have a license in Nebraska. Please check the following web links for more information:
 - Commercial and private applicators having the Ag Plant category can recertify their license at the [Crop Production Clinics](#), which will feature presentations from extension specialists and educators on soil fertility, soil water and irrigation management, crop production, ag business

management & policy, pesticide safety, and disease, insect and weed pest management.

- Recertification for all other categories can be received at University-sponsored training held throughout the state. See the University's [Pesticide Safety Education Program](#)'s website for locations and dates.
 - Information on initially obtaining a private or commercial/noncommercial license, along with how to order training materials, can also be found at [UNL PSEP](#).
 - More recertification and initial training dates, as well as walk-in testing opportunities (no training offered), can be found at the NDA certification page at bit.ly/NDAPPdates.
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