



Ohio Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) Cooperative Eradication Program MEDIA UPDATE

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KEY MESSAGES: The USDA has issued a solicitation for quotes for the management and operation of the ALB marshalling yard in Tate Township, Ohio. Responses must be received by 3:00 p.m., January 13, 2015. The solicitation can be found at the following link:

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=ed97a51340599c1e0821d7d0bf2252c9&tab=core&_cview=1

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Tree removals are ongoing. Property owners are asked to communicate any concerns with the contractor in advance of tree removal work being conducted by calling 513-226-9138. Ground and tree-climbing survey crews continue to conduct delimiting surveys, inspecting all host trees throughout the regulated areas in Clermont County. Staff survey for the presence of ALB by examining individual host trees for signs of beetle damage. The following numbers pertain to the tree removals and surveys currently being conducted:

- 1,419,867 Number of tree surveys conducted as of 1/3/15 (since surveys began on 7/1/11)
- 15,698 Number of ALB infested trees confirmed as of 1/3/15 (since detection on 6/17/11)
- 14,087 Number of ALB infested trees removed as of 1/3/15 (since removals started on 11/14/11)
- 45,851 Number of ALB high risk host trees removed as of 1/3/15 (since removals started on 5/1/13)
- 26,291 Number of ALB high risk host tree treatments conducted in 2013 and 2014
- 61 Square-miles under regulation; see “Regulated Area” map:
http://agri.ohio.gov/topnews/asianbeetle/docs/ALB_ohio_quarantine_082112.pdf

The quarantine restricts the movement of hardwood logs, firewood, stumps, roots and branches out of the regulated area and also restricts the sale of nursery stock, green lumber, and logs of the following trees: maples, horse chestnut, buckeye, mimosa, birch, hackberry, ash, golden raintree, katsura, sycamore, poplar, willow, mountain ash, and elms. Program staff continue to monitor regulated areas, respond to service calls and conduct training sessions for compliance agreements.

OPEN OFFICE HOURS: There are no ALB program public meetings planned for the upcoming week.

ONLINE RESOURCES:

USDA ALB information site: www.AsianLonghornedBeetle.com

USDA APHIS ALB newsroom: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/hot_issues/alb/alb.shtml

ODA ALB information: <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/TopNews/asianbeetle/>

ODNR ALB information: <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/health/asianlonghorned/tabid/5197/Default.aspx>

OSU Clermont County Extension: <http://clermont.osu.edu/>

Clermont County ALB page: <http://bugs.clermontcountyohio.gov/>

Firewood Outreach and Education: <http://dontmovefirewood.org/>

BACKGROUND: The Asian longhorned beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*, ALB) is an invasive insect from Asia that came to the United States concealed in solid wood packing material; pallets, crates and dunnage, used to transport goods from overseas. ALB was first detected in the United States in 1996 in Brooklyn, NY. Ohio is the fifth state to detect the destructive ALB. Eradication has been declared in Illinois, New Jersey and parts of New York. Eradication operations continue within Ohio, Massachusetts and New York.

The Ohio ALB Cooperative Eradication Program is comprised of USDA APHIS, Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio State University Extension, USDA’s Agricultural Research Service and Forest Service.