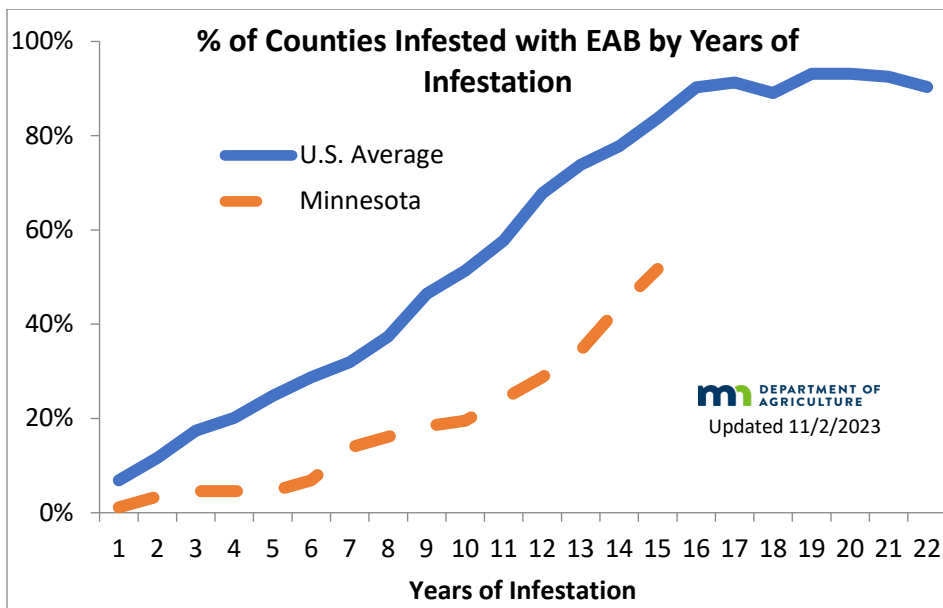
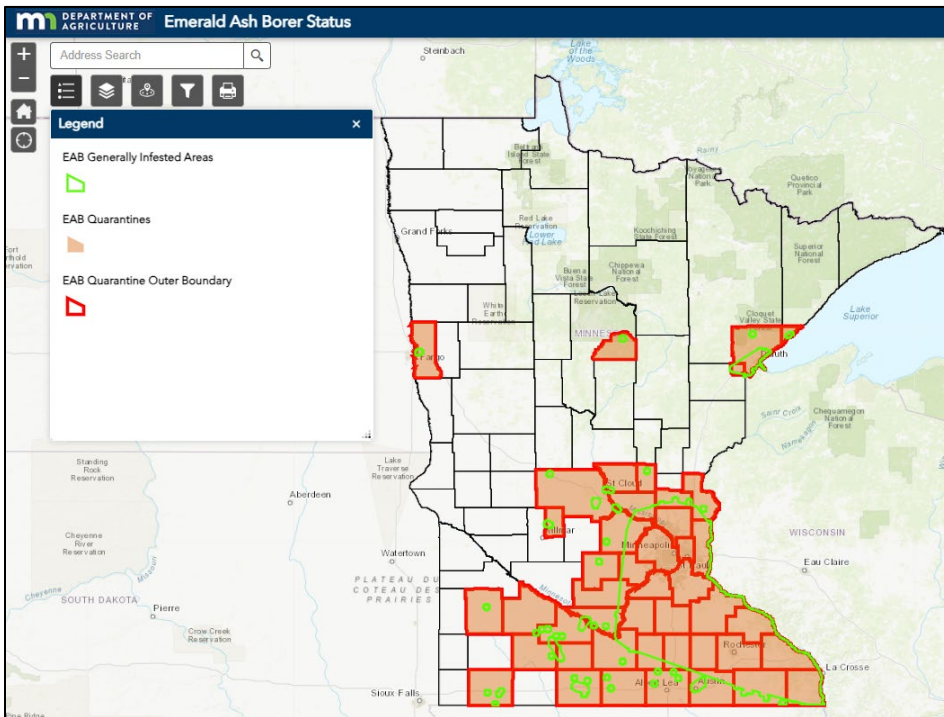


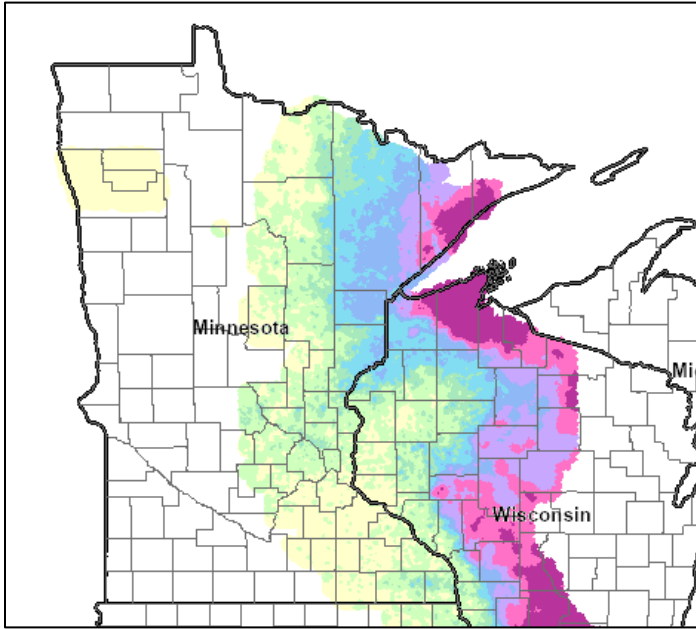
Emerald ash borer

- Found in 7 new counties during 2023 to date: Clay, Faribault, Lyons, McLeod, Mille Lacs, Benton and Cass bringing the total to 45 of Minnesota’s 87 counties.
- Found in 23 new cities during 2023 to date bringing the cumulative number of cities with infestations to 194 or 22% of the cities in Minnesota.
- MDA is working with DNR and U of M to conduct EAB winter survey in cities at high risk for infestation. During 2022/2023, 117 cities were surveyed with infestations found in 15. This work will continue during the 2023/2024 winter.
- MDA will also be holding EAB field workshops during the 2023/2024 winter. Locations and dates are yet to be determined.



Spongy Moth

- In 2022 we set a record with 101,763 male spongy moths captured in traps. In 2023 we have broken that record with 112,365 counted to date. Most of these are in northern Minnesota.
- Currently there are two counties in Minnesota regulated for spongy moth: Cook and Lake. These counties became regulated in 2014. As the spongy moth population front expands westward into Minnesota, we are evaluating the criteria used for deciding when a new area should become regulated and will be soliciting partners and stakeholders, including MNSTAC, for feedback on those criteria.



Map: Kriged 2023 male spongy moth trap captures from Slow the Spread Foundation