

Agency Update for Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee Meeting

Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Plant Protection Division

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Emerald ash borer

- EAB was confirmed in Cloquet and Two Harbors and the regulated area around Duluth was extended into Carlton and Lake Counties. A virtual informational meeting was held in May.
- EAB was confirmed near Nest Lake in Kandiyohi County and the northeastern portion of the county was quarantined. A virtual informational meeting was held in June.
- EAB Biocontrol released have been ongoing at Joy Park in Maplewood and River Bend Nature Center in Faribault, Whitewater WMA, Fort Snelling State Park and Grand Lake.
- MDA submitted a pre-proposal to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, funded by EPA, to slow the spread of EAB out of the Cloquet, Duluth, Two Harbors areas into black ash forests in the Lake Superior watershed.

Spongy moth (*Lymantria dispar*, formerly gypsy moth)

- A metro area nursery that received infested stock treated their stock for larvae and the stock has been released from a hold order.
- The first round of Btk treatments occurred in Cloquet and New Duluth on 6/18 and the second round will occur this week.
- MDA assisted the DNR with ground-based application of Btk at Palisade Head near Tettegouche State Park.
- Two mating disruption treatments are scheduled for July in SE Lake County, covering the Castle Danger area along the N. Shore of Lake Superior and extending N. and inland to the Scott Junction area, west of Toimi.