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EAB FIELD DAY

~ *Workshop in Chenoa*

More than 150 public works officials, master gardeners, and tree care professionals turned out for the first Central Illinois EAB workshop held on September 4, 2008 in Chenoa during Gustav's torrential downpour on Illinois. Due to heavy rains, the field day was moved inside to the Chenoa Fire Protection District facilities on the east side of Chenoa.

Two sessions were held discussing the history of EAB in North America, in Illinois and its discovery in Chenoa. Several presentations focused on how communities should plan for the arrival of EAB in their town. The event concluded with a panel discussion and a bark-stripping demonstration to show attendees how to identify EAB.

Special thanks to Mayor Walt Hetman and everyone involved who assisted us in hosting the event and for use of their facilities. Without their help, the event would not have been possible.



Thanks IDOT!!!








The Illinois Department of Agriculture commends the Illinois Department of Transportation for their quick and decisive actions in response to the Emerald Ash Borer. As the largest land-owner in the State of Illinois with millions of trees including a significant population of ash, it was paramount for them to take a proactive stance with regard to EAB and ash tree management. IDOT recently announced that it will no longer plant ash trees along highway rights-of-way and it will actively remove any/all ash in or near construction sites whether their presence affects the actual construction area or not. In addition, when leaving cut logs at the side of roads for free pick-up as in the past, IDOT will no longer leave ash logs as part of that program. Any ash logs encountered in an IDOT project will be ground and chipped as per IDA's EAB quarantine compliance agreement provisions. The IDOT adopted these proactive measures after a massive eradication-cut of more than 800 ash trees on IDOT property at the Route 251 and Interstate 80 interchange, in Peru, Illinois completed this past winter. IDA is sincerely grateful to all the staff at IDOT who have partnered with us on this issue.

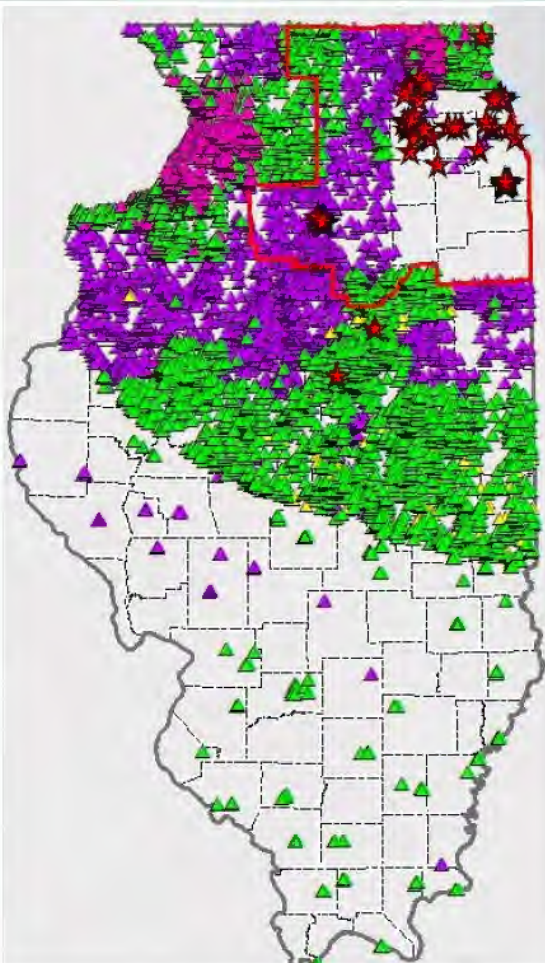
Collecting Purple Traps

Shown on the left is a map depicting the current trapping status as of the end of the first week of September 2008. There were 3,874 traps placed by IDA (purple triangles) and 735 traps have been placed by the USDA (maroon triangles). The map also includes 1,883 traps removed and analyzed by the IDA as well as 337 traps removed and analyzed by the USDA (both shown as green triangles). Also shown are 204 traps that have been classified as missing (yellow triangles).

In terms of results, six (6) traps have been confirmed as positive with at least one (1) EAB adult beetle including three (3) traps from LaSalle County, one (1) trap from Bureau County, one (1) trap from McLean County and one (1) from Lake County.

The map also includes the current Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine area as well as all archived EAB detections from all data sources to date.

-  IDA placed traps;
 -  USDA placed traps
 -  Traps removed
 -  Traps missing
 -  Confirmed locations
- Status as of 09/15/08.





The emerald ash borer, or EAB, is in Illinois and you should be prepared to manage your ash trees accordingly. It's an invasive pest that is almost impossible to detect until it's too late. Communities as well as individuals need to be considering options and making plans with regard to EAB before the pest is found in your area.

The Illinois Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources encourage communities to join the Tree City USA program to assist in managing EAB. Please visit www.IllinoisEAB.com for treatment and management options for both communities and residents. It is quickly becoming not a matter of if your tree will get EAB...but when.

Talk to Neighboring Communities

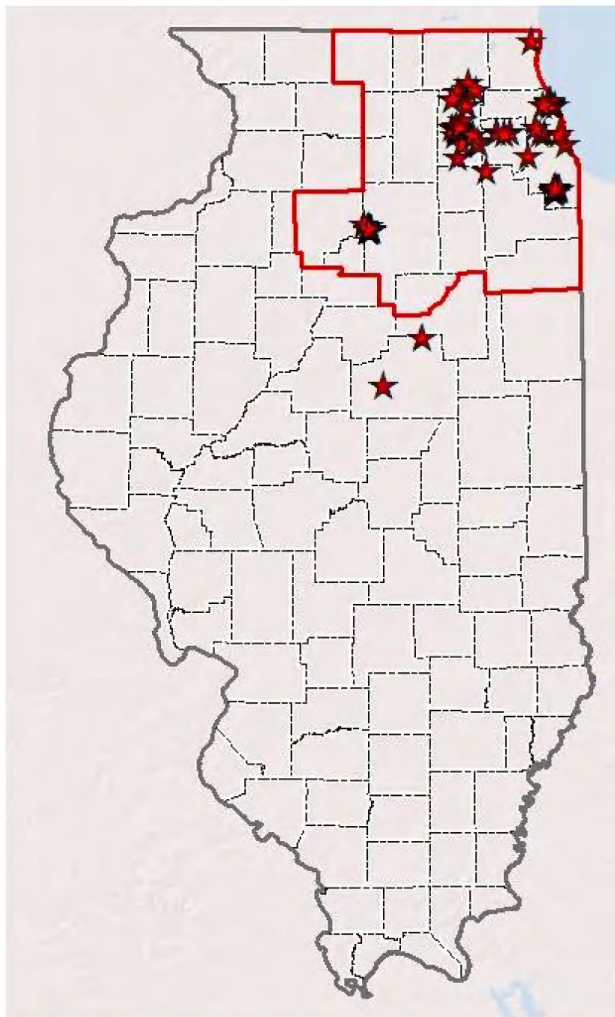
Share Strategies - Share Resources

Community officials are encouraged to communicate with surrounding area communities about what their plans are in addressing EAB. Discussing options and plans will help promote a unified strategy and allow for shared resources and mutual assistance.

Another consideration for neighboring communities is to think about where will the wood be stored? Will you want to bring in a sawyer to use the wood as shared lumber for municipal projects? Or for citizens to pick up at little or no cost? Also, communities should be aware of the quarantine requirements which may limit what you might ultimately do with the resulting wood.

No Changes in the current quarantine boundaries-YET!

As most of you may already know, EAB was found in McLean County, earlier this summer, which is outside the current quarantine boundaries. You may wonder why IDA has not adjusted the EAB quarantine boundaries to include this new find. Due to the nature of this pest, it is probably safe to assume it will be found in other areas of the state as we harvest and analyze the purple sticky traps that were deployed earlier this summer. Therefore the department has decided to complete the harvest and analysis of all traps before making any adjustments to the quarantine boundaries. This way we expect to only make one major adjustment to the boundaries this year. We anticipate that the trapping program should be completed by mid-October and the adjustment to the quarantine boundaries can be made by the beginning of November.



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If you suspect EAB, please contact your city forester or local arborist or take digital photographs of the tree and the symptoms it is expressing and email them with contact info to: AGR.EAB@Illinois.gov



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