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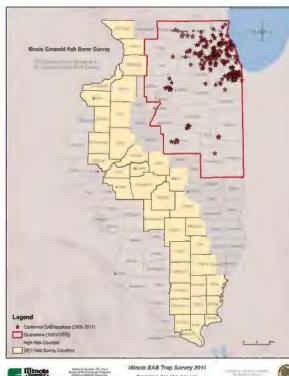
2011 Trapping Program

Once again the Illinois Department of Agriculture will be participating in the USDA-APHIS 2011 EAB Trapping program. A map grid of USDA's target area is shown bottom left. Approximately 6,000 traps will be placed in 37 counties through the northwestern, and central and southern mid-section of Illinois which are outside of the current Illinois EAB quarantine area. There are 18 counties in which IDA officials consider to be High risk areas and will be trapped along with USDA grid. This year's survey will again target the common highrisk areas such as state parks and interstate highway rest areas. The Department will also be providing traps to Chicago and other cooperating communities in the state upon request.

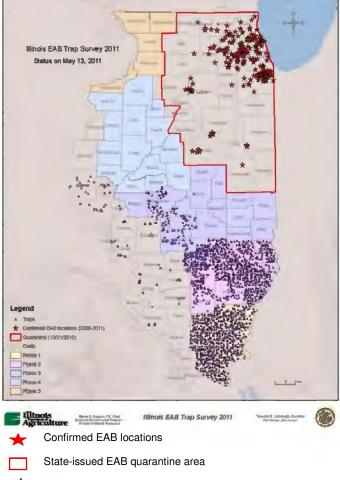
Confirmed EAB locations

State-issued EAB quarantine area 2011 focus area where IDA and USDA will be

placing the highest concentration of purple traps IDA's 'High Priority' trapping



The traps are the same purple sticky plastic corrugated traps as used in past years and includes two baits this year which are Manuka oil , and a second, new bait called



Currently Deployed purple traps

Z-3-hexanol, which will attract any nearby emerald ash borers. The insects will get caught on the adhesive tanglefoot on the outside of the trap.

The traps will be hung on ash trees beginning in mid-April before the EAB flight season begins in May and are planned to be removed after the flight season ends in August. Inspectors from the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the US Department of Agriculture will closely examine each trap for EAB.

The traps will not bring EAB into an area that is not already infested. It will simply help officials determine if EAB is already present in the area.





WELCOME to IDA's New EAB Website

The Illinois Department of Agriculture launched its new EAB website design on April 7, just in time for the trapping season.

The need for the new launch was propelled by the amount of information acquired since establishing the site and the disarray that subsequently followed. "The former website was getting kind of tired looking and awfully cluttered," says Juliann Heminghous, EAB outreach coordinator. "Initially, we got the old site up as fast as we could get something together, and it served us to get the information out, but it was difficult to navigate even for me, so it was definitely time for a change. It took some time though for me to learn how to put together a new site."

The new site, at www.IllinoisEAB.com, should be a cleaner, more manageable site for anyone to navigate. The site is fraught with pictures of Illinois' own ash trees and a gallery of EAB in varied stages to show its lifecycle. Give us a look and let us know what you think.

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EAB Educational Kiosks



The Illinois Department of Agriculture and the University of Illinois Extension in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation have commissioned the building of 33 kiosks made with reclaimed ash wood. The wood, taken from an EAB-infested IDOT Rest Stop along I-57 in Loda Illinois, was harvested, milled and made into lumber for the project.

Four cabinet makers submitted their designs and each were given a certain number to create. The kiosks are intended to be placed in the 33 rest areas around Illinois' highways to educate the millions of travelers who visit these areas annually. The kiosks will contain information about EAB, its size, shape, and visuals of the damage EAB causes. The message will emphasize the importance of not moving firewood.

Deployment for the kiosks is planned for mid-June, pending the receipt of the various materials which will be used to educate about EAB.







ATTENTION ALL FIREWOOD IMPORTERS

State Law Requires ALL FIREWOOD IMPORTERS to register with IDA. Please register by filling out this form:

New 2011 Application for Firewood Importers is available online



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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