



Branching Out

Ohio Agriculture Department Discovers Emerald Ash Borer in Miami and Wyandot Counties

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Aug. 10, 2006) – Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Fred L. Dailey today announced a new discovery of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an ash tree-killing insect from Asia, in Miami and Wyandot counties. This marks the first EAB discovery in both counties, which officials have quarantined to halt the movement of ash tree material and hardwood firewood, which could harbor the pest.

Department officials discovered an infested ash tree at the southbound rest area along Interstate Highway 75, near Piqua in Miami County and near the intersection of U.S. Route 30 and State Route 23 in Upper Sandusky in Wyandot County. EAB surveyors made both discoveries while doing routine detection work in the area.

“We realize Emerald Ash Borer may exist in pockets throughout the state,” Dailey said. “We will continue to comb landscapes and woodlots in search of this devastating pest to

respond and stem its movement. At the same time, we all play a critical role in both detection and protecting our ash trees by not moving firewood.”

The origin of the infestations is unknown but likely resulted from the movement of firewood, ash tree nursery stock, ash logs, or other ash tree materials. Department surveyors will further investigate the size and origin of the infestations before determining how to proceed. In the meantime, the department has quarantined Miami and Wyandot counties, making it illegal for citizens to move ash trees, parts of ash trees, and all hardwood firewood out of the area. Violators face fines up to \$4,000.

To date, EAB has been identified in 17 counties: Auglaize, Delaware, Defiance, Erie, Franklin, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lorain, Lucas, Miami, Sandusky, Ottawa, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot counties.

The pest was first discovered in Ohio in 2003.

Ash trees infested with EAB typically die within five years. The pest belongs to a group of metallic wood-boring beetles. Adults are dark green, one-half inch in length and one-eighth inch wide, and fly only from early May until September. Larvae spend the rest of the year beneath the bark of ash trees, and when they emerge as adults, leave D-shaped exit holes in the bark about one-eighth inch wide.

For more information about EAB, the state’s quarantine, or for maps, go to www.ohioagriculture.gov/eab, or call 1-888-OHIO-EAB.

ISA Certified Arborist Training Workshop



**October 18 & November 1, 2006; 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
U.K., Boone County Cooperative Extension Service Office
6028 Camp Ernst Rd. Burlington, KY 41005**

The Northern Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Council, in cooperation with Kentucky Arborists' Association and the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, are pleased to extend an invitation to all arborists in the region to International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist Training Workshops.

This two-day training program was planned to coincide with and prepare those wishing to take the Certified Arborist test offered on November 28, 2006 in Burlington, Kentucky. It also is open to arborists needing Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and others wishing to sharpen their skills, but will focus on teaching the materials essential to performing well on the ISA Certification Exam.

Dr. Bill Fountain, of the University of Kentucky, and local arboricultural professionals will lead the training program. Attendees are encouraged to bring their questions, samples and photographs related to any arboricultural concerns.

Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis, and limited to a total of 100 participants. Pre-registrations will be accepted, upon available space, through October 4, 2006 at a fee of \$50 per participant. After that date, if space is available, the registration fee is \$60.

The registration fee covers the cost of lunch, refreshments, the program, and handouts for both days.

For more information, or a copy of the complete agenda, contact DJ. Scully, U.K., Campbell County Extension Agent at 859-572-2600.

REGISTRATION FORM

ISA Certified Arborist Training Workshop

Name(s)

City/Agency/Company _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Special Dietary Requests _____

We are sending _____ attendees at a cost of \$50.00 per person. A check for \$ _____ is enclosed. (At door registration is \$60 per person)

Please make checks payable to:

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY URBAN & COMMUNITY
FORESTRY COUNCIL**

Detach or copy and mail this registration form
and check to:

**Northern Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry
Council**

**Attn: Mark Leopold
859-572-7590**

**510 Johns Hill Road
Highland Heights, KY 41076**

Invasive Plants Workshops

The Northern Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Council is pleased to provide 3 free workshops on identifying and controlling "exotic invasive" plants in Northern Kentucky forests. These exotic invasive plants, including bush honeysuckle and garlic mustard, crowd out the native forest plants and greatly reduce biodiversity and ecosystem functions, which are important forest contributions.

The Forest Invasive Exotic Plant Control Workshops will be held per the following schedule:

Kenton County

Thursday, September 28 6:15pm

Highland Cemetery, Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell

Boone County

Saturday, October 7 10:00am
Boone County Arboretum, Camp Ernst Rd., Union

Campbell County

Thursday, October 12 9:30am
Tower Park, S. Ft. Thomas Ave., Ft. Thomas

Workshop topics include: invasive plant concerns for young and mature forests; mechanical, biological and chemical control methods; how to prioritize control efforts; and native replanting considerations. Also, a training manual will

be provided to each participant with fact sheets, recommendations and additional contacts information.

Each workshop is expected to last approximately 2 to 2 ½ hours and will include outdoors and classroom learning. Interested individuals can attend the workshop most suited to their schedule. The programs are free and open to all interested individuals. Pre-registration is not required but is helpful and encouraged. For directions or questions about the program, contact the NKU Center for Applied Ecology at 572-7590 or 572-7595, or your local county extension office.

Shiitake Mushroom Production Workshop

Thursday, October 19, 2006

6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Campbell County Environmental Education Center
1261 Race Track Road (1 mile east of US 27)
Alexandria, KY 41001

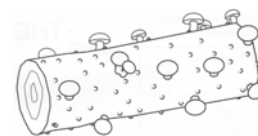
Registration Required. Call (859) 572-2600

FREE

Instructor: DJ. Scully, Campbell County Extension Agent for Natural Resources & Environmental Mgmt.

Shiitake mushrooms, native to eastern Asia, can be grown locally for their gourmet and medicinal value. Participants will learn how to produce shiitake mushrooms and about their nutritional value. Individuals will take home a log capable of producing shiitakes and eat light appetizers made with them. The instructor was recently recognized with a national environmental education award for the program developed to turn small trees into revenue producers while upgrading the quality of forests and educating producers in the value, both nutritionally and financially, of shiitake mushroom production.

Please call by Tuesday, October 17 to register for the workshop. Registration is limited. Please wear old clothes; bring a drill with a 5/16" bit; and a hammer if possible.



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