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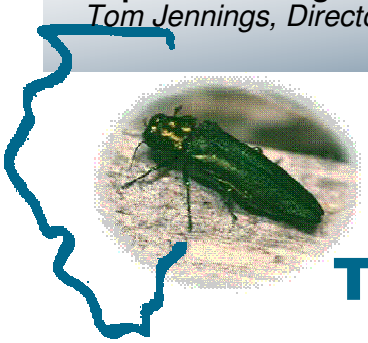

EAB NEWS

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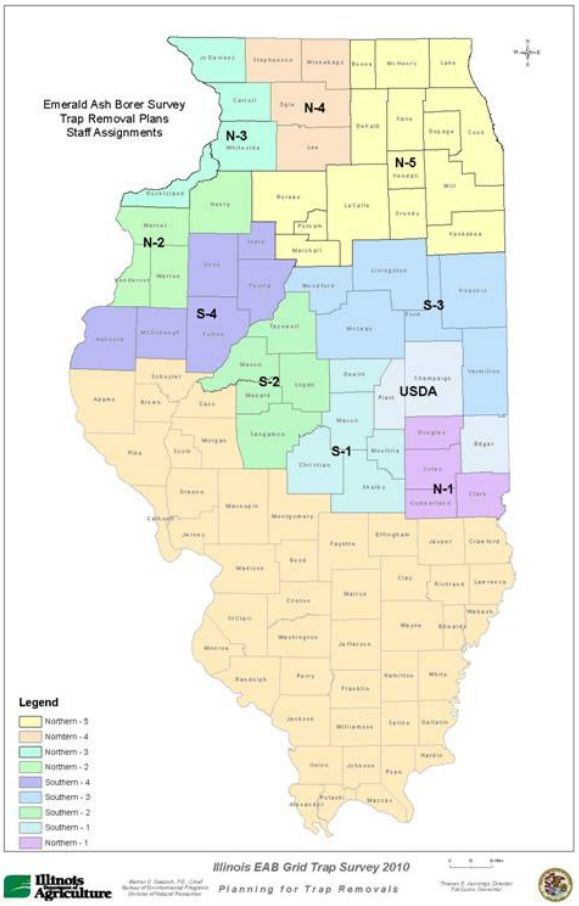
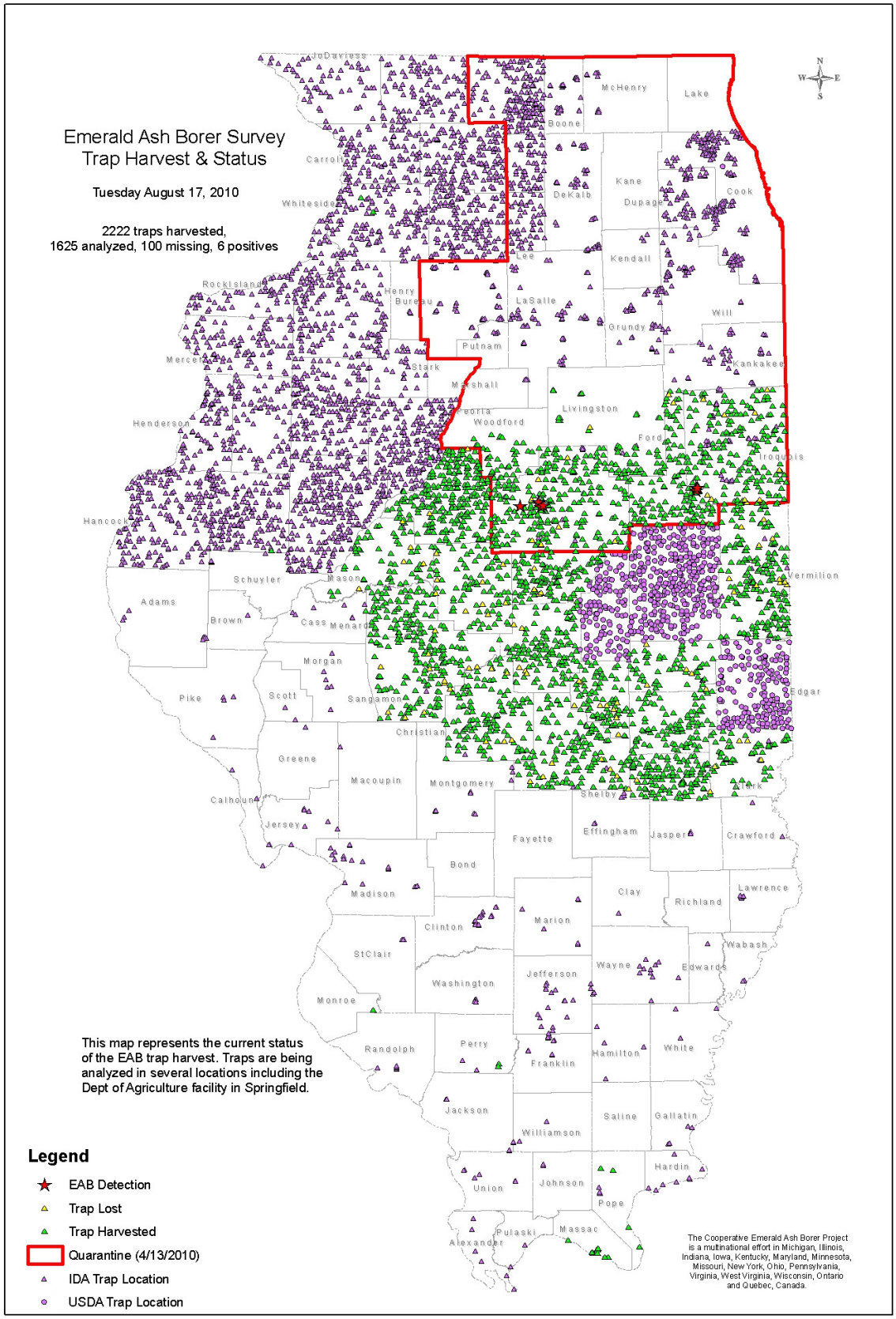
Trap Harvesting has Begun

On April 5, IDA officials began the annual EAB trap deployment, hanging the gooey, sticky, purple traps every 1.5 square miles in ash trees within the priority grid zone just outside the Illinois EAB quarantine boundaries. There were 6,325 EAB purple "sticky" traps deployed statewide by IDA, USDA-APHIS, and various municipal partners.

Trap harvest began July 26. Existing nursery and pesticide field staff members are harvesting traps scattered through southern Illinois adjacent to high risk sites such as parks and campgrounds while the contractual workers headquartered in Springfield began trap removal in DeWitt, Macon, Christian, Shelby, and Moultrie Counties. Both groups are transporting harvested traps to the Springfield office for processing by two experienced EAB permanent field staff members. The balance of the EAB field staff began trap harvest the following week in Douglas, Coles, Cumberland, and Clark Counties and are processing the traps in the field rather than transporting them to Springfield. A map of the trap harvest/removal staff assignments follows with the Springfield staff identified by S-1, S-2, S-3, and S4 and the DeKalb-headquartered staff identified as N-1, N-2, N-3, N-4, and N-5. The number following the letter indicates the order of trap harvest.



Prior to harvesting, IDA contractual workers had been focusing their efforts on outreach activities in central and southern Illinois. Preparing and delivering packets of EAB information, including various informational brochures and firewood posters as well as some promotional items such as re-useable grocery bags, ink pens and envelope openers to cities and towns located throughout the grid-trapping area. More than 70 municipalities and/or state park facilities in central and eastern Illinois were visited in July. In addition, IDA staff members in both central and northern Illinois responded to a limited number of reports of "downed" traps as a result of the summer's storms and high winds.



Illinois EAB Grid Trap Survey 2010

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CAN YOU IDENTIFY EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB)?

DO YOU MOVE FIREWOOD?

STATE AND FEDERAL EAB QUARANTINES—HOW WILL THEY AFFECT YOU?

FIND OUT AT AN EAB HOMEOWNER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP!

EAB is a small, metallic green beetle native to Asia. Discovered in Illinois in 2006, it has since spread throughout northeast Illinois and remote locations in east central Illinois. EAB feeds only on true Ash trees. If trees go untreated, the death rate is 100 percent. If infested trees are not treated or removed, EAB will continue its destructive path moving on to other ash trees—eventually wiping out all Ash trees.

EAB—how did it get here and what can we do? Dr. Phil Nixon, University of Illinois Extension entomologist will explain the history, life cycle and control options for EAB. Session topics include:

- EAB look-alikes
- Ash tree identification
- Ash tree and ash wood disposal
- Recommended ash tree replacements
- Firewood movement and quarantine restrictions

There is no fee to attend, but reservations are required for all locations. To register, contact the University of Illinois Extension office serving as host for the event.

Questions? Contact David Robson at (217)782-6515 or drobson@illinois.edu, or contact Martha Smith at smithma@illinois.edu.

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Reservation deadline: Sept. 7

Chalet Landscape, Nursery & Garden Center
3132 Lake Avenue ~ Wilmette, IL 60091

Just east of the Edens (I-94) at Skokie Rd. and Lake Ave. There is free parking.

To register, call University of Illinois Extension Springfield Center at (217)782-6515.

Directions can be found at www.chaletnursey.com.

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Reservation deadline: Sept. 7

University of Illinois Extension ~ Boone County Office
915 Alexandra Drive~ Belvidere, IL 61008
To register, contact Karen Durtschi at (815)544-3710.

Directions can be found at web.extension.illinois.edu/boone/findus.html.

Monday, Oct. 4, 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Reservation deadline: Sept. 27

University of Illinois Extension ~ Champaign Office
801 Country Fair Drive, Suite D ~ Champaign, IL 61821

To register, call University of Illinois Extension Champaign County at (217)333-7672.

Directions can be found at

web.extension.illinois.edu/champaign/findus.html.

Monday, Oct. 4, 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Reservation deadline: Sept. 27

University of Illinois Extension~ McLean County Office
402 North Hershey Road ~ Bloomington, IL 61704
To register, call University of Illinois Extension McClean County at (309)663-8306.

Directions for can be found at web.extension.illinois.edu/mclean/findus.html.

Thursday, Oct. 21, 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Reservation deadline: Oct. 14

University of Illinois Extension ~ Kane County Office
535 South Randall Road ~ St. Charles, IL 60174-1591

To register, call University of Illinois Extension Kane County at (630)584-6166.

Directions can be found at web.extension.illinois.edu/kane/findus.html.

Thursday, Oct. 21, 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Reservation deadline: Oct. 14

University of Illinois Extension—Kankakee County Office
1650 Commerce Drive ~ Bourbonnais, IL 60914
To register, call University of Illinois Extension Kankakee County at (815)933-8337.

Directions can be found at web.extension.illinois.edu/kankakee/findus.html.

ATTENTION ALL FIREWOOD IMPORTERS

State Law Requires ALL FIREWOOD IMPORTERS to register with IDA.
Please register by filling out this form:
http://www.agr.state.il.us/eab/data/200912038234.pdf

Emerald Ash Borer Program

This firewood was harvested from within the IDA Emerald Ash Borer internal state quarantine area. Do not carry this wood across quarantine lines without proper treatment. This firewood may contain insect pests or plant diseases.

To help stop the spread of these destructive pests, the IDA recommends that this entire bundle be consumed prior to May 1.

www.IllinoisEAB.com
800-641-3934

Buy Firewood Locally Burn Firewood Locally!!!!

You can help slow the spread of vaious insect pests and plant diseases by not moving firewood.

It is a violation of Federal and State Law to move firewood across the state line!

If you are camping, the IDA recomends you do not carry any unused firewood with you to your next destination. Instead, IDA recommends that you burn all firewood before you leave the campsite.

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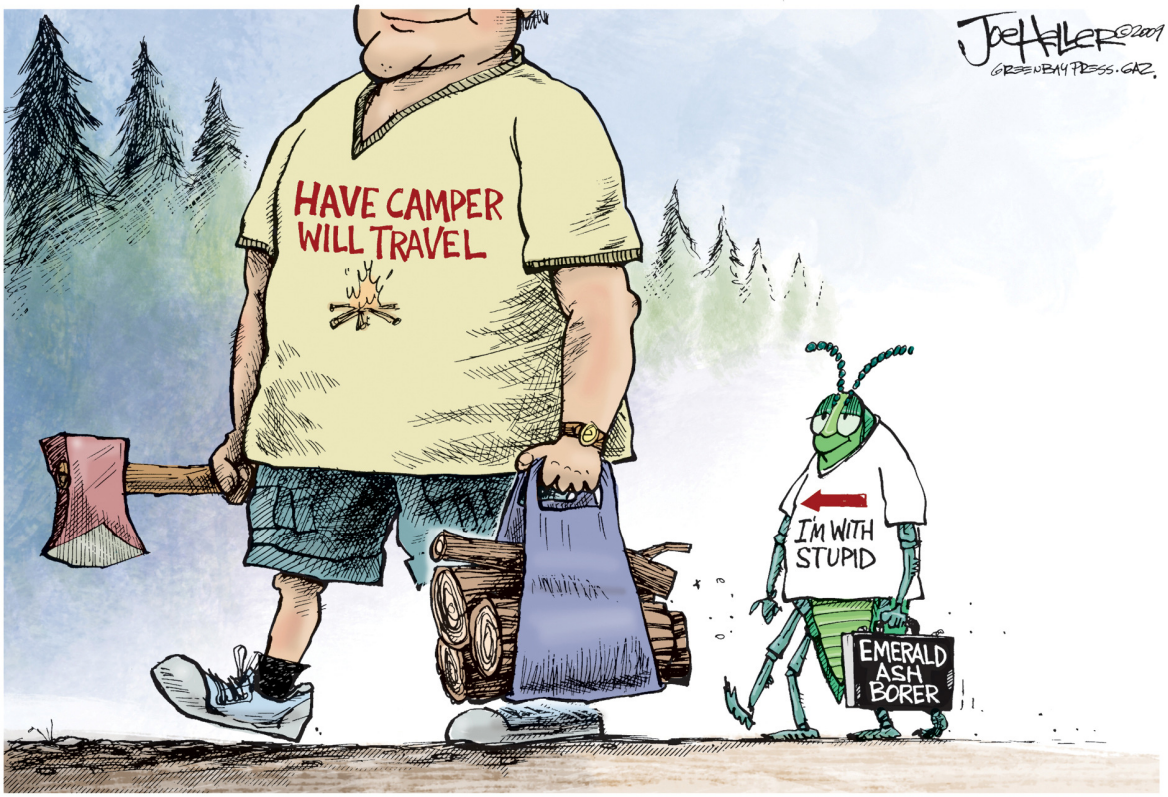

If you suspect EAB, please contact your city forester or local arborist or take digital photographs of the tree and the symptoms it is expressing and email them with contact info to: AGR.EAB@Illinois.gov

Emerald Ash Borer Program

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