

While You Were Busy In 2008

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2008 Nursery Survey
10 nurseries were surveyed for exotic pests including emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle, hemlock woolly adelgid, light brown apple moth, summer fruit tortrix, Asian gypsy moth and pink gypsy moth. None of the pests were found.

Greenhouse IPM Workshops
A series of greenhouse IPM workshops were conducted for greenhouse growers in the Augusta area during this past spring season. Participants visited various area greenhouses and discussed using an IPM approach to pest management challenges. We hope to offer a series of workshops around the state in the spring of 2009. Contact Kathy Murray, 287-3891, for more information.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Update
New infestations of HWA were found this year in Saco and Kennebunk. Help prevent the spread of this pest by following the quarantine when importing hemlocks and watching for signs of the white cottony masses on the undersides of hemlock needles. For more information visit: www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/HemlockWoollyAdelgid.htm and www.maine.gov/agriculture/pi/horticulture/ImportingHemlocks.htm

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- **New Exotic Pest Finds**
- Several exotic pests were found
- in new locations this year. Oak
- wilt was found for the first time
- in New York. Chrysanthemum
- white rust was discovered again
- this year on fall mum crops in CT
- and DE. Emerald ash borer continues to spread and was found
- in WI, MO, VA and Montreal.
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Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB)
In August ALB, a pest of maple and other trees, was detected for the first time in Worcester, MA. Previously, ALB was only found in NY, NJ and IL. A regulated area has been established to prevent the movement of ALB on plant material, such as firewood. Future outreach and survey efforts will include all New England states. Expect to hear more about this pest in the future. For more information visit: www.massnrc.org/pests/alb/

Greenhouse/Nursery Pest Conditions
Be sure to check incoming dracaena spikes, sweet potato, ivy geranium and thunbergia for spider mites and thrips.

Introduced scarab beetles have come into Maine in recent years and continue to spread. The oriental beetle and european chafer are primarily turf pests, but the asiatic garden beetle can cause damage on herbs and other garden plants as the adult beetles come out at night to feed.