

USDA APHIS COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL PEST SURVEY (CAPS) PROGRAM
STATE CAPS COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, June 12, 2008

MINUTES

Present: Nichole Campbell, Sharon Douglas, Patty Douglass, Donna Ellis, Kevin Grady, Rose Hiskes, Jane O'Donnell, Tom Rathier, Ralph Scarpino, Victoria Smith, Kirby Stafford

Updates of '08 Surveys: Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES):

Victoria Smith reported on *P. ramorum* sampling at nurseries. Thirty two sites have been visited with 142 symptomatic samples taken for ELISA testing. She is also doing forest survey monitoring of streams near the positive site. They will visit the positive site tomorrow.

Chrysanthemum White Rust (CWR) – Sampling for this will be emphasized in the fall when daylength causes expression of symptoms. CWR can be found in greenhouse grown mums but this has not happened in Connecticut. CWR is intercepted in cut flowers from overseas all the time.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB): Claire Rutledge is out installing big purple Barney traps. The station needs another car. Charlie Burnham in MA had some of his barney traps come down in the storm. We thank DEP foresters for their cooperation to hang traps on state land.

Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM): Victoria Smith has most her of sites ready. Orchards have been very cooperative. CAES will do Imperial Nurseries as well. This survey will start in July.

Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) Surveys:

LBAM: Nichole Campbell handed out her list of nursery sites. She will start setting up end of June because of the holiday.

Asian Gypsy Moth: A port survey is being done in New London and New Haven.

Wood boring/bark beetle (WB/BB): This survey was started on time in March this year. Twenty sites have been selected with three traps with different lures at each site. PPQ will do an Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) visual survey around each site. The diameter at breast height will be taken of all host hardwood trees. The radius of area will depend on how many hosts at each site.

2009 CAPS Guidelines: Nichole went over the new financial set up. Monetary amounts will be the same as last year. Rose covered the national and state survey possibilities from pages 5, 6 of the '09 guidelines.

2009 PEST LIST: The group discussed definition of regulatory concern. The purpose of the list is twofold: possible surveys and outreach efforts. Keep in mind commodities we are trying to protect. We are also trying to protect the natural environment.

Deletions: *Heracleum*, *Polygonum*, *P. hemerocalidis*,

Additions: *Helicoverpa armigera*, *Ralstonia*, *Phytophthora quercicina* (Oak decline).

The group did rankings together. Highest priority to lowest priority.

- 1: *P. ramorum*,
- 2: ALB,
- 3: EAB
- 4: Plum Pox Virus,
- 5: LBAM

Pests to survey for in 2009: Ramorum blight and oak commodity. The oak commodity survey can now be done at nurseries or orchards that are surrounded by oak trees.

New Business: Nichole asked about outreach: Donna is doing firewood outreach at private and state campgrounds. Rose spoke of going to Cabela's to Connecticut Campground Owners Association meeting. They are a very helpful and responsive group. Donna and/or her summer worker, Erica, will do a table at Cabela's soon. Rose plans to go to campgrounds in Northwest corner. Rose did a small write up for the RESERVE America website, Connecticut section, for Chris Martin and Pam Adams of DEP to look over.

Next meeting will be scheduled in the fall. We will try to hold the 2009 spring meeting before the field season.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.