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Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station to Hold Public Hearing Concerning Quarantine Covering All of Connecticut for Emerald Ash Borer

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 1:30 PM** at the **Middlesex County Extension Center, 1066 Saybrook Road, Haddam, Connecticut**. The purpose of the hearing is to announce the rescinding of current quarantines for the emerald ash borer (EAB) on New Haven, Fairfield, Hartford, and Litchfield counties that were established in 2012 and 2013 and the extension of the emerald ash borer quarantine throughout Connecticut effective December 5, 2014.

The Director of the CAES intends to add all eight Connecticut counties to the EAB regulated area in response to the detection of the emerald ash borer in 2014 in Middlesex and New London counties. EAB is already established in numerous towns in New Haven, Fairfield, Hartford, and Litchfield counties. The movement of emerald ash borer, ash logs, ash materials, ash nursery stock, and other regulated articles within and between the eight counties of Connecticut will no longer be subject to state or federal quarantine. However, the transport of firewood of all species, including ash, continues to be regulated by § 22-84-5g of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The director is authorized to impose the quarantine by General Statutes § 22-84 and Reg., Conn. State Agencies § 22-84-5e. In addition to the CAES Director, State Entomologist, and Deputy State Entomologist, representatives from the Department

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of Energy and Environmental Protection's Forestry Division and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine, will also be in attendance to answer questions. Connecticut will be added to the federal EAB quarantine on or around the same date. During the hearing, the CAES Director Theodore G. Andreadis will explain the expansion of the quarantine to all of Connecticut and an update on EAB survey results and other information will be provided. After the Director's and staff presentations, he will listen to comments from members of the public. Written and oral comments from the public will be accepted.

For more information on the hearing and on the Emerald ash borer, go to www.ct.gov/caes or [DEEP: Forestry](#).

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