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INTERSTATE NURSERY INSPECTION

IN WISCONSIN AND IOWA DEBORAH DAVIS HUDAK

Inspectors from Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin met on June 6 in Dane County, Wisconsin to conduct a group inspection and field day at The Bruce Company, a 600 acre nursery. Former HIS member Thad Kohlenberg now working for the Bruce Company, led the group on a tour of the nursery. Among the pests discussed were oystershell scale, clearwing borer, and other borers. Thad hopes to provide results at the HIS meeting this fall on the effectiveness of using Penra Bark and Dursban for combatting clearwing borer in oaks. Other treatment discussion included observation that Dursban has proven to be an effective treatment for borers whereas Imidicloprid works better on piercing insects.

The following day, the group traveled to Dubuque, IA and conducted an inspection at Breitbach's Nursery (60 acres). This was an excellent opportunity to learn from the wealth of knowledge from within HIS Central Chapter in a field setting.



Thad Kohlenberg addresses the inspection group at the Bruce Company.

MEMBER STATES

Illinois,
Indiana,
Iowa,
Kansas,
Michigan,
Minnesota,
Missouri,
Nebraska,
North Dakota,
Ohio,
South Dakota,
Wisconsin

WEBSITE INFO

HIS listserv members

Please, Please include some minimum information in the listserv to allow the website managers to know who you are so we can notify you if you are not getting the notices. Also, so we can manage users who no longer are inspectors, or honorary members.

PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATION ISSUANCE AND TRACKING SYSTEM (PCIT)

Ryan Krull - Iowa Department of Agriculture

The Phytosanitary Certification Issuance and Tracking system (PCIT) tracks the inspection of agricultural products and certifies these exports to comply with plant health standards of importing countries.

The system is available to exporters and federally authorized certification officials (ACO's) through a new website. The system allows better security, reporting functions, and monitoring capabilities for exports.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture has started to use the new system to help identify existing or potential problems. It is expected that this program will be the standard in issuing federal phytosanitary certificates. I thought it would be beneficial to give the Pro's and Con's for other states who may be interested. The benefits for some may greatly outweigh the downsides to this program. I think, a few the downsides may also outweigh the benefits.

Overall, the program is better for our main office, especially for the commodities that have few or no additional declarations. Grain and lumber seem to be the best fit for the PCIT. A few of our exporters are on-line with PCIT, and they enter their own information into the PCIT program. The exporter can view the finished certificate almost immediately, minus the signature, and they can save it as a PDF file and send to the consignee or freight forwarder. The exporters and ACO's can also manage their information including viewing new/old applications, certificates and several reports can run that can be used as a search function or accounting/management functions. These reports can be run by date range, country, tracking number, commodity, duty station, issuing officer, etc. This makes end of the month, and year end reports a breeze.

The other benefit to this program is that field staff issuing certificates will no longer have to hand write, type, or have access to a dot matrix printers (strike-plate printer to mark all carbon copies). They can use simple black and white printers, and any com-

puter linked to the internet, even in the field.

There are some down-sides to the program. It can take more time to issue/print a phyto. This may be especially true for exporters who export infrequently or do not have access to the internet. Entering the information into the system the first time can take up to 15-20 minutes. Once you have their information into the system, usually about 10 minutes per application.

If an exporter is at least slightly computer competent, they can enter information into the system that would be on an application. The ACO adds the additional declarations, and navigates through a few screens to enter inspection data, and waits for the portable document formatted (PDF) certificate to come up on the computer to print.

Another challenge will be continuity between states that may have slightly different methods to enter data and notify the ACO that they have entered information into the program.

Currently, processed product or re-export certificates are not available in PCIT and there is no capability to attach documents like Import permits, copies of foreign phytosanitary certificates, Field inspections etc. Until those options are available, this supporting documentation will need to be emailed or faxed. Apparently these are expected by Aug of 2008. Other expected improved capabilities include ability to create a downloadable database or spreadsheet for accounting purposes to integrate into existing state accounting programs. Soon the USDA will have a payment engine in place for Federally issued certificates.

Processed product certificates may be replaced by more compliance agreements for low risk products which will greatly increase Iowa's and many other states 578 certificates.

The USDA will be mandating there federal staff to use this program, but not the states.

You are invited to the

37th Central Chapter Horticultural Inspection Society (H.I.S.) Meeting

Monday, October 15th through Thursday, October 18th, 2007
Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center
Fargo, North Dakota

Room Reservations:

Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center
3803 13th Ave. S.

Fargo, North Dakota 58103

(877) 282-2700 – Call Mon-Fri from 9am-5pm and ask for Pat or Val.

Room rates are \$60.00 (single) or \$99.95 (double, triple, quad), per night.

Check in time is 3:00 p.m. and checkout time is 12:00 p.m.

Room Reservation deadline is September 15, 2007*. Please indicate that you are with the Horticultural Inspection Society group.

Meeting Registration:

The registration fee will be \$100.00, and may be sent in with registration or paid in person at the 2007 meeting. This registration fee includes breakfast and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as breakfast on Thursday.

Checks should be made out to the HIS Central Chapter.

Please return registration forms to Carrie Larson by September 15, 2006 (See below).

Please return the forms, even if you will pay at the meeting, so that we have an idea of who is coming.

Membership Dues:

Membership dues (\$15.00) may be sent in with your registration or paid in person at the 2007 meeting.

Transportation:

Maps and directions to the Holiday Inn Hotel can be found at

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/FARND/transportation>

Transportation from the Hector International Airport can be provided by the North Dakota Dept. of Agriculture, or inspectors can take the complimentary airport shuttle. Please email Carrie Larson (cclarson@nd.gov) as soon as possible with any flight information, so we can get your transportation arrangements made.

Questions?

Contact Carrie Larson at (701) 328-4723 or cclarson@nd.gov

**(Tentative) Agenda
HIS Meeting 2007
October 15-18, 2007
Holiday Inn Convention Center – Fargo, ND**

Monday, October 15, 2007

Arrive at Holiday Inn, Fargo
3:00—5:00 Registration
5:00—7:00 Dinner on your own, or as a group
7:00 to ? Hospitality Room, poolside.

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

7:30—8:15 Breakfast (coffee, juice, rolls, muffins) & Registration
8:15—9:00 Welcome—Roger Johnson -Agriculture Commissioner
Dave Nelson (State Entomologist)
9:00—10:00 *Stigminta lautii* in North Dakota - Jim Walla (NDSU Forest Pathology)
10:00—10:15 Break
10:15—11:00 European Wood Wasp (*Sirex noctillio*) Ken Cote - Indiana DNR
11:00—12:00 State Reports
12:00—1:00 Lunch at Hotel included in registration
1:00—2:45 Plant Pest Clinic
Kasia Kinzer - NDSU Plant Diagnostician.
2:45—3:00 Break
3:00—4:00 Sphaeropsis shoot blight Mike Kangas - ND Forest Health Specialist
4:00—5:00 Open Discussion (concerns/business meeting ideas/state reports)
5:00—7:00 Dinner – On your own
7:00—? Hospitality room, poolside (slides & refreshments)

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

7:30 – 8:00 Breakfast (coffee, juice, rolls, muffins)
8:00—9:00 State Reports
9:00—10:00 Dave Nelson? Cottony Ash Psyllid? - TBD
10:00—10:15 Break
10:15—11:00 Industry speaker? TBD
11:00—12:00 Physiological problems of woody plants - Joe Zeleznik - NDSU Forester

12:00—1:00 Lunch at Hotel included in registration
1:00—4:00 Tour to Hjemkost Center, Moorhead, MN
5:00—7:00 Dinner – On your own
7:00—? Hospitality room, poolside (slides & refreshments)

Thursday, October 18, 2007

7:30 – 8:00 Breakfast (coffee, juice, rolls, muffins)
8:00—11:00 HIS Business Meeting
11:00 Check out. Thanks for coming & have a safe trip home!

2007 Central Chapter
Horticultural Inspection Society Meeting

Registration Form

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Will need transportation from the Hector International Airport?

Yes or **No** (please circle one)

Please indicate below if you are paying the fees now or at the meeting in October:

Registration Fee \$100.00: _____

Membership Dues \$15.00: _____

Will pay at meeting: _____

Checks should be made out to HIS Central Chapter

HIS cannot accept credit or debit cards.

Send the registration form to:

Carrie Larson

OR

North Dakota Department of Agriculture

600 E. Boulevard Ave. – Dept. 602

Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0020

Fax to: (701) 328-2240

ATTN: Carrie Larson

Please register by September 15, 2006.

We are looking forward to seeing you!