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Resolution No. 2 Support for Emerald Ash Borer Biological Control Efforts

The emerald ash borer (EAB) has been detected in 22 states, killed millions of ash trees, and cost nurseries, the forest products industry, homeowners and municipalities hundreds of millions of dollars because of lost revenue, tree removal costs, and lost environmental services. Biological control is currently the only feasible large-scale suppression tool for EAB in North America and will likely be critical for controlling the spread of EAB and managing existing EAB infestations.

The Central Plant Board (CPB) enthusiastically supports EAB biological control efforts and would like for this to continue to be a high priority for USDA APHIS PPQ. States in the CPB that have conducted EAB biological control have appreciated the professionalism, guidance and service received from USDA APHIS PPQ laboratory staff in Brighton, Michigan. Their hard work and innovation have led to more efficient parasitoid production, more parasitoids available for release and improved methods to increase survival of parasitoids during transport and release.

RESOLVED: By the Central Plant Board at its 90th annual meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota on May 8, 2014 that USDA APHIS PPQ to maintain EAB biological control as a high priority within the EAB funding structure. The CPB requests that USDA APHIS PPQ develop guidelines and policies to direct the overall EAB biological control program and to ensure that limited funds are being used in the most efficient way possible.

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