

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION  
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SUBJECT: APHIS Adds Claiborne County, Tennessee, to the Emerald Ash Borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) Quarantine Area

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is adding Claiborne County, Tennessee, to the list of quarantine areas for the emerald ash borer (EAB), *Agrilus planipennis*. APHIS is taking this action in response to the confirmation of EAB in Claiborne County, Tennessee, on August 19, 2011.

The attached Federal Order outlines specific conditions for the interstate movement of EAB-regulated articles from Claiborne County in order to prevent the spread of EAB to other states.. Specifically, the interstate movement of EAB-host wood and wood products from Claiborne County is regulated, including firewood of all hardwood species, nursery stock, green lumber, waste, compost, and chips of ash species.

EAB is present in some portions of the United States. Due to the continuing spread of EAB, APHIS has established quarantine areas, which are designated in the Federal regulations located at 7 CFR 301.53-3 and the Federal Orders located at the following APHIS website:  
[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\\_health/plant\\_pest\\_info/emerald\\_ash\\_b/quarantine.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/emerald_ash_b/quarantine.shtml)

EAB, an invasive wood boring beetle, is native to China and eastern Asia. Since its first U.S. detection in Michigan, EAB has been responsible for the death and decline of tens of millions of U.S. ash trees. The interstate movement of firewood from quarantine areas is an especially high-risk pathway for spreading EAB. APHIS works with State cooperators and foresters to raise public awareness about this pest and the potential threats associated with long distance movement of firewood.

For more information about the EAB program and Federal EAB regulations, you may contact Paul Chaloux, EAB National Program Manager, at (301) 734-0917.

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1 Attachment:  
Federal Order