#### CFIA Plant Health Surveillance Update Eastern Ontario Forest Health Review Thierry Poiré and Erin Appleton

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# Overview

- Plant Health Surveillance
- Forestry Surveys
- Invasive Plants
- Collaborative Surveillance



# **Invasive Alien Species Surveys**

- Target high risk pathways for invasive alien forest pests
- Work collaboratively with CFS to address emerging pest issues







#### **Invasive Alien Species Rearing Survey**



Lures are not attractive to all bugs Target insects not on the radar Logs from municipal hazard tree removal





### **Invasive Alien Species Trapping Survey**

Forests within 5 km of import centres, ports, industrial areas, disposal and storage sites

- Lures smell like mates and host trees
- Lures rotated on 3-5 year cycle



#### **2018 Survey Sites**



# **Emerald Ash Borer Survey**

To determine whether EAB is present in areas where it is not known to occur in order to provide information in support of regulatory decisions.



90 high risk sites in and between urban centers of Northern Ontario OUTSIDE of the regulated area

- High risk areas
- Urban grids



#### Asian Longhorned Beetle, Anoplophora glabripennis



- Spread: Infested wood packaging and palettes from Asia, natural dispersal and hitch-hiking
- Attacks and kills a wide range of deciduous tree species
- Since 1996, several populations discovered in North America and Europe
- First detected in Canada in 2003 in an industrial area of Toronto-Vaughan
- Eradication declared in 2013 based on 5 years of negative surveys

#### Asian Longhorned Beetle: Mississauga

- Call from citizen on 13 August 2013 that a beetle was found on car in an industrial area of Mississauga
- Photo sent via e-mail
- Toronto inspectors conducted a site visit and collected insect
- Insect confirmed as ALHB...





#### **Monitoring Survey**



Year 4 of winter monitoring surveys completed. Eradication could be declared in year 6 if no further evidence of ALHB is detected.

#### **Asian longhorned beetle National Survey**

- Grid-based survey designed to ensure high probability of detecting ALHB or CLHB infestations with a radius of 750 m or greater in the target cities
- Inspection focusing on major urban centers on a 5-year rotation
- 30 maple trees inspected at each point for signs and symptoms of ALHB



# **Signs and Symptoms**





#### **2018 Target Areas**





# Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA)

- HWA can cause defoliation, twig dieback and mortality
- Naturally spread by wind, birds and mammals
- Long distance dispersal via infected nursery stock
- First reported in western NA in BC in 1919 and eastern NA in Virginia in 1951
- Eastern and western NA populations genetically distinct
  - Potential impacts of eastern strain on western hosts unknown
- Usually killed by winter temperatures above -18°C, but has become more cold tolerant as it migrates northward (-30 to -35°C)



#### Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Survey

Early detection of HWA where it is not known to be established in support of D-07-05 to prevent introduction and spread.



### Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Detections in Ontario

- Small localized populations detected in ON
  - Etobicoke residence in 2012, Niagara gorge in 2013
- Infested trees removed through collaborative effort at both locations and follow-up surveys ongoing
- Following the initial detection an interagency task force travelled to the US as a knowledge transfer initiative
- New incursions assessed on individual basis



#### **2018 Results**



2018: 70 Sites

#### Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Technical Advisory Committee

- Coordinate multi-government information-sharing and actions associated with the detection and management of hemlock woolly adelgid in eastern Canada
- Make recommendations
- Pool expertise and resources
- Facilitate and support research advancements
- Provide scientific and/or technical contributions towards the management of HWA



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### **HWA TAC Members**



#### Oak Wilt, Bretziella fagacearum (syn:Ceratocystis fagacearum)

- Regulated pest not known to occur in Canada
- Only reported from the US, now present in 27 states
- First detected in 1942, but likely present since the 1890's
  - Overall slow spread, periodic and localized outbreaks
- Serious threat to oak trees, red oaks most susceptible
- Fungus develops on the outer sapwood, causing host production of gums which block transport within xylem
- Symptoms appear quickly after infection and tree dies shortly after infection



# **Oak Wilt Response Plan**

- Comprehensive measures that may be implemented to address oak wilt detections
- Collaborative framework to mitigate risks and protect the oak resource





#### **Oak Wilt Technical Advisory Committee**

- Coordinate multi-government information-sharing and actions associated with the detection and management of OW in Canada.
- Facilitate and support research advancements related to surveillance and management of OW
- Provide scientific and/or technical contributions to the Oak Wilt Response Plan for Canada



### Oak Wilt Survey July-mid August

Early detection survey in support of policy D-99-03, Phytosanitary Measures to Prevent the Entry of Oak Wilt Disease from the Continental United States

#### 40 sites:

- Areas adjacent to US infestations
- Campgrounds
- Mills or facilities importing oak logs
- Border crossings with firewood disposal bins



- Visual inspection of 50 oak trees for signs and symptoms
- Stand-level assessment for pockets of dead or declining trees
- Pole pruners used to obtain suspect samples from the canopy

#### **2018 Results**



#### **Oak wilt distribution : USA**

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# **Gypsy Moth**

# Detection surveys to inform regulatory decisions.

#### Molecular analysis of specimens collected from high risk ports for detection of Asian subspecies.



#### **2018 Results**



#### **Invasive Plant Surveys** Detection of Regulated Invasive Plants



### **Invasive Plants: Facility Survey**

#### Early Summer (June 1 - 30)

- Aegilops cylindrica Jointed Goatgrass
- Alopecurus myosuroides
   Slender Foxtail
- Crupina vulgaris
  Common Crupina
- Nassella trichotoma Serrated Tussock

#### Late Summer

#### (Aug 1 – Sept 10)

- Centaurea solstitialis Yellow Star-Thistle
- Centaurea iberica
  Iberian Star-Thistle
- Eriochloa villosa
  Woolly Cupgrass
- Paspalum dilatatum
  Dallis Grass
- Solanum elaeagnifolium Silverleaf Nighshade



- Early detection of plants at facilities where imported seed and grain is stored, handled, cleaned and processed.
- 100 m radius surrounding facility including rail tracks, ditches, wastelands, disposal areas

# Kudzu

Early detection in areas where kudzu is not known to occur, focusing on areas surrounding the known population in southern ON



- Native to eastern Asia
- Spread: Intentional plantings, contaminated soil or equipment
- Aggressive, rapid growing; damages ecosystems and structures
- Population discovered in Learnington, ON in 2009 under eradication
- Visual ground surveys relying on trace out information

#### **Research: UAV Applications**



- Topographical survey analysis
  - Land vs UAV
- Multispectral assessments
  - Species
    differentiation
  - Stress
- Monitor

#### **Collaborative Outreach and Education**



#### **Expanding our Capacity Through Partnerships**



gypsy moth

Lymantria dispar (Linnaeus)

#### Forest Invasives @forestinvasives · Dec 13

EDDMaps Ontario has been updated to include federal regulation information for invasive species in Ontario. Be sure to report the sightings!



#### Invasive Species Ctr @InvSp - Sep 24

Emerald ash borer is now present in FIVE Canadian provinces. In 2018, EAB 1 spread to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Visit the ISC "Report a Sightings" to learn about resources near you, ow/y/DKBt30/WMH6



#### York Region 오 @YorkRegionGovt - Feb 28

York Region & @Inv5p are cohosting an Oak Wilt Ambassador Workshop to help increase #OakWilt awareness & help prevent its introduction and spread in Ontarie. @CFIA\_Canada @ONresources @MichiganDNR #InvSpWik



Invasive Species Ctr @InvSp · 16 Jun 2017 Yesterday, the ISC & @CFIA\_Canada signed a 5-year Memorandum of Understanding! Read the full media release here invasivespeciescentre.ca/WHAT-WE-DO/Med...





# QUESTIONS?

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