

Oregon Department of Agriculture

Response to Member's Questions and Requests for Information

Mediterranean Oak Borer (MOB)

[MOB Fact Sheet ODA 2023](#)

[MOB, general information](#)

[MOB in OR, Sept 2023 - OPB release](#)

In fall of 2023, MOB was confirmed in Wilsonville. The city had resources to take lead on a response of treatment and tree removal. ODA and ODF visited with city officials to visit sites, collect samples, and discuss options. The city published their own news release [MOB in Wilsonville](#).

Currently, ODA has funding from USFS to conduct statewide surveys. Using the OISC hotline, ODA/ODF are partnering on response to reports. An interagency team was formed in fall 2023 to coordinate on ground efforts. Like EAB, this approach for MOB is not eradication. Unlike EAB, options are limited as MOB is difficult to detect and not as easy to identify.

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB)

Although a nuisance and agricultural pest, BMSB is established in Oregon. ODA has been partnering with USDA-ARS to rear a biocontrol wasp in efforts to strategically control BMSB.

[BMSB, Fact Sheet ODA](#)

A biocontrol agent was found in Oregon - a minute wasp (1-2 mm) called *Trissolcus japonicus*. Female wasps seek out the egg masses of BMSB, and they lay their own eggs inside. Instead of the BMSB eggs hatching with BMSB nymphs, they instead produce a new set of wasps. They don't sting people but a clear sign of their activity are BMSB egg masses that darken to a black color. They don't sting people. BMSB is present in counties throughout Oregon, but are most prevalent in the Willamette Valley where BMSB can be locally abundant in urban, rural and natural areas. In eastern and southern Oregon, BMSB has been largely restricted to urban areas where the greatest concentration and diversity of deciduous trees are found.

[BMSB, OSU Extension](#)

Which states have border inspection stations?

California and Florida maintain agricultural inspection stations located along their borders. California maintains 16 stations and Florida maintains 23. Please refer to the links below for more information:

[CA border protection stations](#)

[FL agricultural inspection stations](#)

Which states have spotted lantern fly?

Spotted lanternfly is currently found in 17 states including: Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Nursey stock inspection process

Non-Oregon nurseries shipping nursery stock into Oregon are required to provide advanced notification to the ODA, including appropriate phytosanitary documentation, permits, and bill of lading. This is not

required for all nursery stock but is required for woody plant material and nursery stock that is covered by a quarantine which requires notification. Should the ODA choose, plant material will be held for inspection. If the department does not specify that plants be held for inspection, they are free to be moved.

Approx. what % of nursery stock is inspected?

The number of nursery stock inspections of incoming material is not recorded. Peak season for incoming nursery stock coincides with peak shipping season of outgoing material from Oregon nurseries. During the months of March – June, work priorities surround inspections for certifying material for shipment out of Oregon. There are 10 full-time nursery inspectors for ~2400 licensed nurseries.

How are those inspections paid for?

The nursery program is entirely supported through Other Funds, which are acquired through nursery license fees.