

Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in Doniphan Co

(KNZA)--The Kansas Department of Agriculture along with the U.S. Department of Agriculture has confirmed the presence of emerald ash borer in Doniphan County.

According to a news release from the state Department of Agriculture, several larvae were removed by KDA staff on March 31st from an ash tree in a native stand of timber in rural Doniphan County near the town of Bendena.

Regulatory officials with USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Plant Protection and Quarantine confirmed the presence of the pest on April 4.

After confirmation, Kansas will expand the emerald ash borer quarantine, currently in place in Atchison, Douglas, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth and Wyandotte counties, to include Doniphan County to help slow the spread of the pest in Kansas.

Emerald ash borer, a pest of ash trees native to Asia, was first discovered in North America near Detroit, Michigan, in summer 2002. Since that time, the pest has killed millions of ash trees in thirty states—including Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

In cooperation with the USDA, the Kansas Forest Service and K-State Research and Extension, the state Department of Agriculture plans to host educational meetings in Doniphan County on the pest.

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