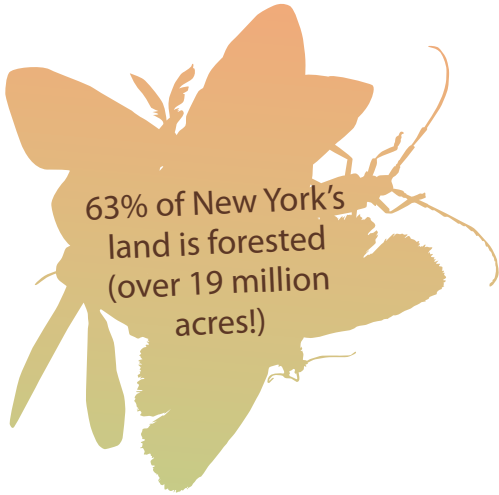


WELCOME TO NEW YORK!



“WHAT A BEAUTIFUL STATE YOU LIVE IN. I COULD JUST EAT IT UP!”

Agriculture, forestry and tourism drive New York State’s rural economy. The State is home to more than 35,000 farms producing dairy, livestock, field crops, produce, and ornamentals. New York’s natural resources feature more than 19 million acres of forests (63% of the State’s land area), and the Adirondack and Catskill parks are enjoyed by up to 12 millions visitors a year who take advantage of the recreational opportunities and beauty.

New York is also a major point of entry for passengers, cargo and mail entering the United States. The State has a highly developed transportation system boasting 13 international airports, 6 major shipping ports, 800 miles of intrastate canal, 1,674 miles of interstate highway, and extensive interstate rail systems. It also shares a 450-mile international border with Canada, with 17 border crossings. Each of these borders and transportation systems are potential sources of introduction for invasive species.

Officials of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Customs and Border Protection inspect arriving cargo, parcels, and passenger vehicles for agricultural pest risks to enforce USDA regulations and prevent pest introductions. But we also need citizens to be aware of the threat and always be observant – from New York City and Long Island to Western New York and Upstate.



Detected and at risk of spread

- Asian longhorned beetle
- Hemlock woolly adelgid **
- Boxwood blight*
- Plum pox
- Emerald ash borer
- Spotted wing drosophila**

At risk for


- Asian gypsy moth
- Light brown apple moth
- European grapevine moth
- Sudden oak death
- Khapra beetle

** State-regulated only
** Of concern, but not federally or state regulated*

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?



New York's production of apples and maple syrup are in the top 5 in the nation.

Buy Local, Burn Local. Invasive pests and larvae can hide and ride long distances in firewood. Don't give them a free ride to start a new infestation—buy firewood where you'll burn it.

Plant Carefully. Buy your plants from a reputable source and avoid using invasive plant species at all costs.

Do Not Bring or Mail fresh fruits, vegetables, or plants into your State or another State unless agricultural inspectors have cleared them beforehand.

Cooperate with any agricultural quarantine restrictions and allow authorized agricultural workers access to your property for pest or disease surveys.

Keep It Clean. Wash animals, tires, and gear between fishing, hunting, or camping trips. Clean lawn furniture when moving it from one home to another.

Learn To Identify. If you see signs of an invasive pest or disease, write down or take a picture of what you see, and then report it to your local State Plant Health Director (www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/sphd), State agriculture department (www.nationalplantboard.org/member), or local cooperative extension (www.cce.cornell.edu).

Speak Up. Declare all agricultural items to customs officials when returning from international travel. Call USDA to find out what's allowed:

- (301) 851-2046 for questions about plants
- (301) 851-3300 for questions about animals



QUARANTINE ALERT

- Asian longhorned beetle – Federal
- Emerald ash borer – State
- European gypsy moth – State



“DON'T RAT ME OUT... PLEASE!”

How to report Hungry Pests

To report potential invasive pests or diseases, call the New York State Department of Agriculture and Marketing at (518) 457-2087 or submit your report online at www.agriculture.ny.gov/casereport.html

Learn more at



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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service