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NEWS

7th Annual INLA Day of Service - Save the Date!

The fifth annual INLA Service Day will be held the week of September 11, 2017. The project's location is being planned by the INLA Board.

This will be a fun filled event with lunch provided. We had a great group of volunteers at the Iowa Arboretum in Ames last year and we would love to see even more participate this year. More details will be shared throughout the Summer.

Please feel free to call Joan O'Brien with any questions — joano@agribiz.org.



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INLA Board Meeting Moved to June 13

The INLA Board will meet next on Tuesday, June 13 from noon to 3:00 PM at the Iowa Arboretum in Madrid, IA. The board meeting will follow the ICNP testing. See page 4 for registration information.

INLA members are welcome to attend any board meeting. If you have further questions about the meetings please contact Joan O'Brien - joano@agribiz.org or by calling the office at 515-262-8323.

Next ICNP Testing Held in Madrid

The next Iowa Certified Nursery Professional (ICNP) testing will be held on June 13, 2017 at the Iowa Arboretum in Madrid, IA.

Testing time: 9AM—12PM

Any individual who did not successfully complete the ICNP examination in February are able to take a re-examination in June. If an individual passes either the plant identification or written portion of the exam, that passing score is good for one

year. This means that for re-examination, you only need to take the portion you did not pass.

Please see page 4 of this newsletter for testing and re-testing prices. To register complete the form and send with payment to Iowa Nursery & Landscape Association home office or email to joano@agribiz.org.

Click here to download registration form.

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Agricultural Property Classification for Property Tax: What It Means

Recently it has come to our attention that our members have been affected by certain property tax classifications that happened in 2017. We want to help clarify that provided a nursery meets the definitional test contained in the Iowa Code, it should be classified as agricultural property for property tax purposes.

To meet this definition, the primary use of the property must be agricultural - according to Iowa code land will be classified as agricultural property if *"its principal use is devoted to the raising and harvesting of crops or forest or fruit trees, the rearing, feeding, and management of livestock, or horticulture, all for intended profit."* Nurseries produce agricultural farm products and are defined under Iowa law as such. Keep in mind that there can only be one classification per property and properties are classified according to present use *"not according to any highest and best use."*

Please reach out to us if you have further questions about this article or details within it.

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Comment to the EPA on Synthetic Pyrethroid Insecticides

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is evaluating whether or not to further restrict uses of synthetic pyrethroid insecticides, including those used for nursery, Christmas tree, and floriculture production, and landscape management. Inappropriate or excessive regulations can significantly impact our industry's lives and livelihood.

AmericanHort together with the Pyrethroid Working Group ask if you would voice your concerns to help the EPA better understand the important role that pyrethroids serve in providing healthy plants and landscape services and protecting the public.

Pyrethroid manufacturers are concerned that EPA's screening-level risk assessments do not take into

account "the real-world use of pyrethroids, as well as the impact of the new mitigation measures," said Ann Orth, Ph.D., the senior global regulatory manager for FMC Agricultural Solutions and chair of the Pyrethroid Working Group (PWG).

In the meantime PWG is urging pest management professionals to be exceptional stewards of pyrethroids.

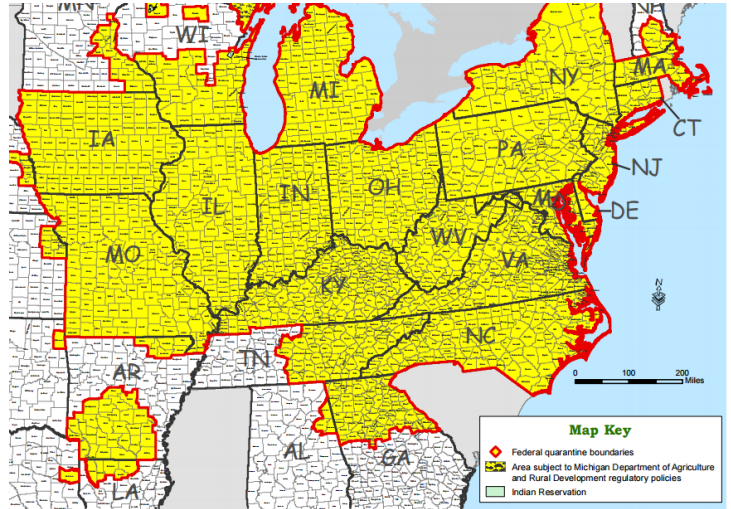
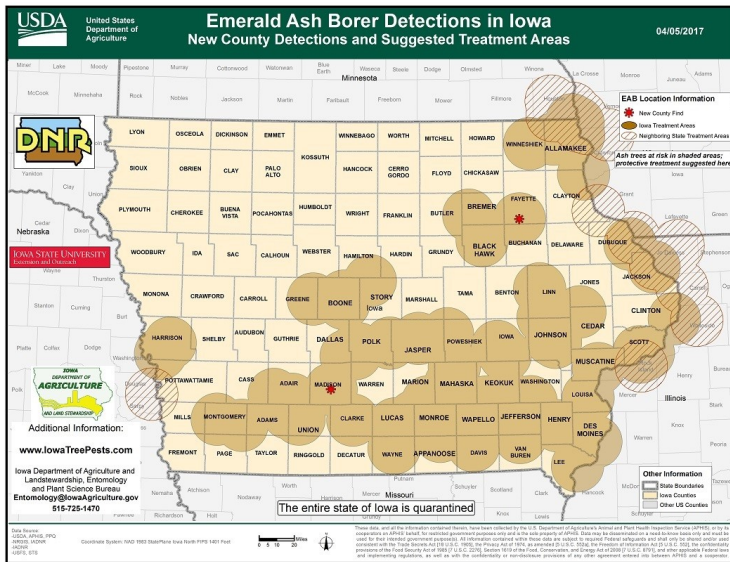
After EPA reviews feedback received during the comment period, it will issue a Proposed Interim Decision, expected in December 2017. Following another comment period, the agency will issue its final decision document in 2018.

[Click here to send comment to the EPA.](#)

Ash Tree Hardwood Movement Still Under Federal Quarantine

With recent finds in Creston, Waterloo, Waverly and Eddyville, the State of Iowa has adopted a statewide quarantine, and a statewide Federal quarantine is also active. Federal and State quarantines exist for moving emerald ash borer and related articles outside an infested area. The quarantines have been enacted in states east of and along the Mississippi River, and other

isolated areas where EAB has been found. All firewood sold in Iowa is required to have labeling that includes harvest location information of the wood. Iowa firewood vendors can find sample firewood labels, label requirements, and other helpful details by [clicking here](#). The movement of hardwood firewood, ash logs, wood chips, and ash tree nursery stock out of Iowa into non-quarantined areas of other states is restricted.



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Calendar of Events

2017

June 13

ICNP Exam 9 AM - 12 PM
INLA Board Meeting 12 PM – 3 PM
Iowa Arboretum, Madrid, IA

July 15-18

[Cultivate '17](#)
Columbus, OH

Fall

Heartland Native Plant Summit
WLNA Bus Trip

Sept

INLA Day of Service, TBD



Iowa Certified Nursery Professional Testing Registration Form

June 13, 2017 - Iowa Arboretum
9AM—12PM

Name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

ICNP Exam Fees: (Please Select One)

	Member Price	Non-Member Price
Complete Test	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00
Retest Plant ID	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00
Retest T/F Multiple Choice	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00

Re-Examination

Any individual who does not successfully complete the INLA Certified Nursery Professional examination shall have the right to take a re-examination the next time the exam is offered. If an individual passes either the plant identification or written portion of the exam, that passing score is good for one year. This means that for re-examination, you only need to take the portion you did not pass.

Payment Options: (Please select one)

☐ Invoice Me ☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Credit Card (complete form)

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