

# First Detector Training



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First Detector Training Workshop – Sept 21, 2018

# Agenda

- **9:00 am: Welcome (Lori Spears, USU)**
- **9:15 am: Partner agencies and their roles (Dawn Holzer, USDA APHIS PPQ)**
- **9:30 am: Emerald ash borer (Ryan Davis, USU)**
- **10:15 am: Break**
- **10:30 am: Japanese beetle (Joey Caputo, UDAF)**
- **11:00 am: Brown marmorated stink bug (Cody Holthouse, Zach Schumm, USU)**
- **11:40 am Spotted lanternfly (Lori Spears, USU)**
- **12:00 pm: Lunch**
- **1:00 pm: Backyard beekeeping (JayDee Gunnell, USU)**

# First Detector Swag Bags

## Guides

- First Detector Guide to Invasive Insects
- Invasive Fruit Pest Guide for Utah
- Common Ornamental Pests of Utah



# Utah's First Detector Program is a response to the constant and growing threat of invasive species

Gypsy Moth



...and the list goes on and on.

Japanese Beetle



...and the list goes on and on.

**Spotted wing drosophila**



**Velvet longhorned beetle**



...and the list goes on and on.

Brown marmorated stink bug



...and the list goes on and on.

Elm seed bug



...and the list goes on and on.

Small hive beetle



...and the list goes on and on.



**Balsam woolly adelgid**

# Waiting in the wings...

Emerald ash borer



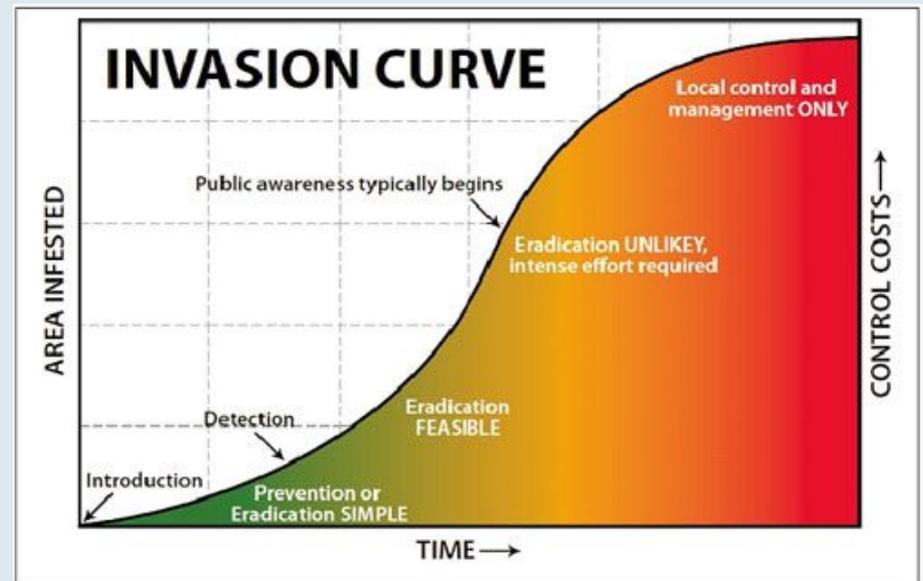
# Waiting in the wings...

Spotted lanternfly



# What is an Invasive Species?

- An organism that is not native to the local environment and is capable of harming the economy, environment or human health.
- The term “invasive” is reserved for the most aggressive and destructive non-native species.

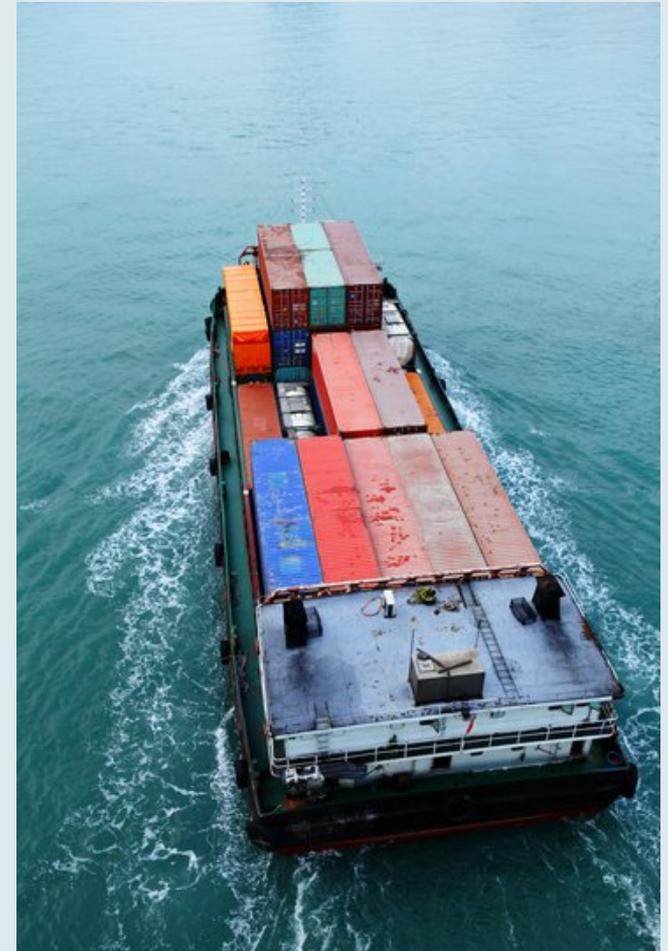


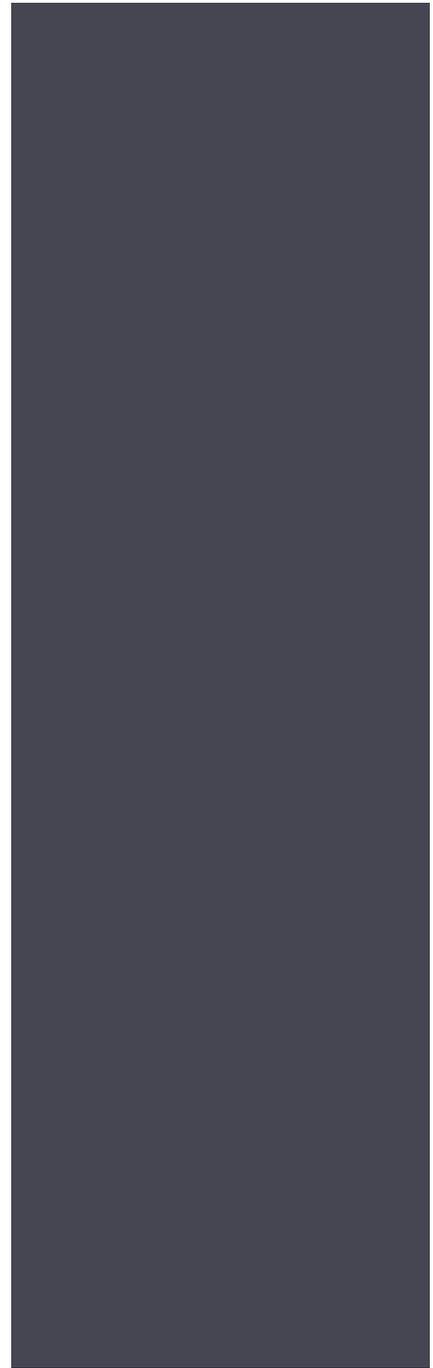
\*One estimate of cost: \$120 billion per year in the U.S.  
Pimentel et al. 2015

Invasive species can be introduced either accidentally or intentionally



# Focus on Early Stages of Invasion







# How Invasive Species Spread

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE? WHEN ESTABLISHED, INVASIVE SPECIES CAN: REDUCE CROP YIELD, QUALITY, AND INCOME • INCREASE MANAGEMENT COSTS AND PESTICIDE USE



## OUTDOOR GEAR:

Clean outdoor gear before transport to a new location; noxious weed seeds and other pests can hide in soil and crevices on equipment.



## WOOD PRODUCTS:

Don't transport wood across state lines or quarantine areas. Buy firewood from local sources and burn it where you buy it.



## PASSENGER BAGGAGE:

Follow USDA plant inspection regulations when transporting fruits, vegetables, and plants. For international travel, declare all agricultural items to U.S. Customs and Border Protection to prevent introduction of invasive species.



## PLANT MATERIAL:

Purchase and promote non-invasive, environmentally safe species. Remove invasive species from your property and replace with non-invasive species suited to your region.



## TRANSPORTATION MODES:

Thoroughly inspect and wash personal and recreational vehicles (e.g., boat) to avoid transport of invasive species.

Invasive organisms are non-native, and capable of harming the economy, environment, and human health.

The term "invasive" applies to aggressive exotic species. Invasive species can spread naturally and by human-transport. Understanding how invasive species are spread is crucial to their prevention.

INCREASE NUISANCE PROBLEMS • INCREASE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS • LOWER BIODIVERSITY AND LAND VALUE • DISRUPT ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (E.G., POLLINATION, BIOCONTROL)

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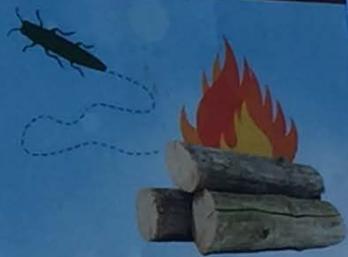


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can hitchhike in firewood



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# Our goal is to create a group of well-trained, committed volunteer leaders

- Increase public awareness about the threats of invasive species to Utah's resources
- Collect samples or pictures, else pass on information for the UPPDL or UDAF to collect sample(s)
- Help coordinate local volunteer efforts, etc.



# First Detector Responsibilities

- First Detectors never announce the arrival of a new pest.
- All information regarding potentially new, invasive pests must be treated as confidential.



# Contact Us

## INTRODUCTION

### ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

In order to become a First Detector, individuals must have a working email address and phone number, attend a First Detector training workshop, and fill out and sign a First Detector Confidentiality Form (to be handed out during the workshop). In addition, First Detectors must agree to the following terms:

- *First Detectors never announce the arrival of a new pest.* All information regarding potentially new, invasive pests must be treated as confidential. First Detectors should immediately notify the UPPDL regarding suspected symptoms or collection of life stages. The UPPDL will then communicate that information to the appropriate agencies. This protocol is required to avoid premature and incorrect reports, as significant unintended consequences may result from hasty, inaccurate communications.
- *First Detectors do not have the authority to enter private property without permission.* If you do receive permission to enter private property, it is recommended that the property owner accompany you.
- *Being a First Detector is voluntary.* First Detectors will not be financially compensated or reimbursed for time and/or travel. However, Continuing Education Units (CEUs) may be available for pesticide applicators and certified arborists. Master Gardeners may also be able to use volunteer time as a First Detector toward Master Gardener service hours.

### SUBMITTING SAMPLES

The UPPDL is a service of USU Extension and the Department of Biology at USU. The UPPDL is staffed with highly skilled and experienced professionals that provide rapid and accurate identification of pest-related problems. First Detectors can submit suspect samples (digital images and/or physical samples) directly to the UPPDL. If possible, send digital images to the USU CAPS Coordinator ([caps@usu.edu](mailto:caps@usu.edu)) for screening prior to submitting physical samples to the UPPDL.

#### *Submitting Digital Images*

Send high-resolution images as an email attachment to one of the labs listed on the next page. Images should be in focus and well-lighted, contain a ruler or other object for scale, and contain different parts/views of the insect and/or plant symptoms.

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### *Submitting Physical Samples*

Live insects can escape from containers; therefore, it is very important that you kill (do not squish) the insect before submitting it to the UPPDL. Place the insect into a spill-proof jar or vial containing rubbing alcohol (hand sanitizer or white vinegar are suitable alternatives). You can also freeze the insect before placing it into a sealable crush-proof container. If submitting plant material, handle it as if it contains a live pest (i.e., secure plant material so that an emerging pest could not escape). Wrap plant material in paper bags or newspaper. Secure samples using packing material to avoid breakage/damage. Samples containing plant material should be overnighted.

Include with your submission, the date, collection location, email address, phone number, and physical address in case we have follow-up questions. Mail sample(s) to one of the labs listed below, and as soon as possible to prevent drying or deterioration of the insect or plant material.

**Utah Plant Pest Diagnostic Laboratory**  
Utah State University  
5305 Old Main Hill  
Logan, UT 84322  
Phone: 435-797-2435  
Email: [caps@usu.edu](mailto:caps@usu.edu)  
Website: <http://utahpests.usu.edu/upddl/>



**Utah Department of Agriculture and Food**  
Plant Industry and Conservation Division  
350 N. Redwood Road  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114  
Phone: 801-538-7184  
Email: [agriculture@utah.gov](mailto:agriculture@utah.gov)  
Website: <http://ag.utah.gov/plants-pests.html>



# utahpests.usu.edu

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**PLANT PEST ISSUES**  
THAT CONCERN UTAH CITIZENS EVERY DAY



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-  **IPM** Integrated Pest Management
-  School Integrated Pest Management
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-  Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey

### Latest News



#### In Search of Soybeans Resistant to the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

The invasive brown marmorated stink bug "will eat almost anything." Among its targets is soybean, the number-two crop in the United States. Researchers at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service are working to identify soybean breeds that exhibit resistance to the pest.

[Read More](#)

# Powerpoint slides shown today will be available on the Utah Pests CAPS site soon

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### FACT SHEETS

#### Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Fact Sheet



A fact sheet that focuses on the monitoring and management of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) in fruit and vegetable crops in Utah. BMSB was accidentally introduced into the eastern U.S. from Asia in the late 1990s. It was first detected in Utah in 2012 and since 2017 has caused damage to fruits in vegetables in some Northern Utah counties. .

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#### Small Hive Beetle Fact Sheet



A fact sheet containing many facts about Small Hive Beetle (SHB). SHB is an exotic pest of honey and bumble bee colonies that is native to Africa. SHB feeds on pollen and honey, kills bee brood and workers, and causes honey to discolor and ferment. This pest is now found throughout much of the U.S. with highest infestations occurring in the Southeast. It was first detected in Utah in 2016 and is now confirmed in Washington and Davis counties. Infestations can be prevented by early detection, using good husbandry techniques, maintaining a high ratio of bees to comb, and keeping hives in partial to full sun. Chemical control options for SHB are limited due to toxicity to bees.

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