

Emerging Threats



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Invasive Tree Pests

- New damaging pest every ~2 years
- \$1.7 billion per year
- Human-assisted movement is #1
- High risk species
 - Hard to detect during transport
 - Available host & habitat
 - Frequent introductions

Spotted Lanternfly

Lycorma delicatula





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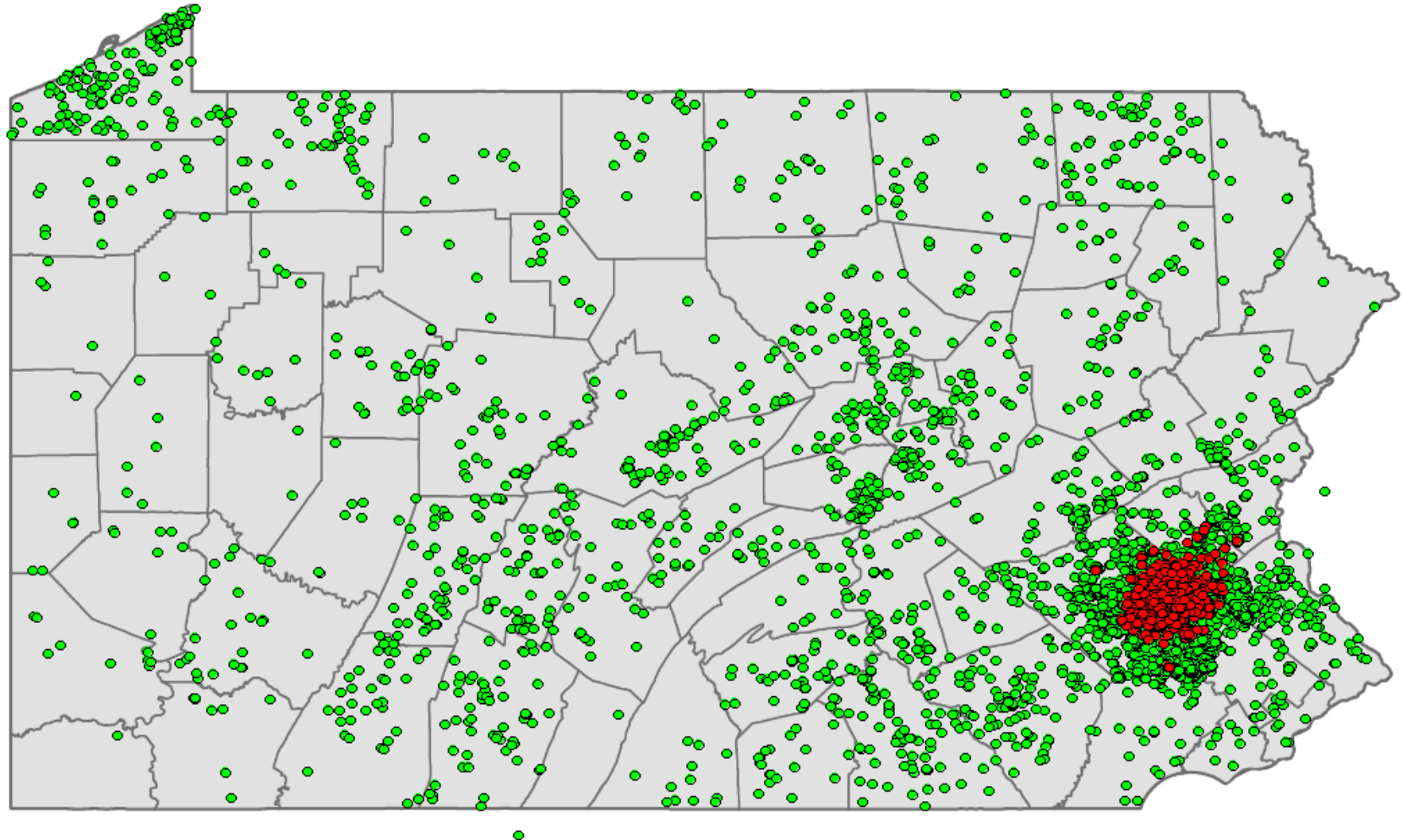
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2014 -- 2016 Lycorma Detection Survey

Results through 15 November 2016



Spotted Lanternfly Presence

- Positive
- Negative

Redbay Ambrosia Beetle

Xyleborus glabratus



Actual length: 2mm

Sassafras with Laurel Wilt

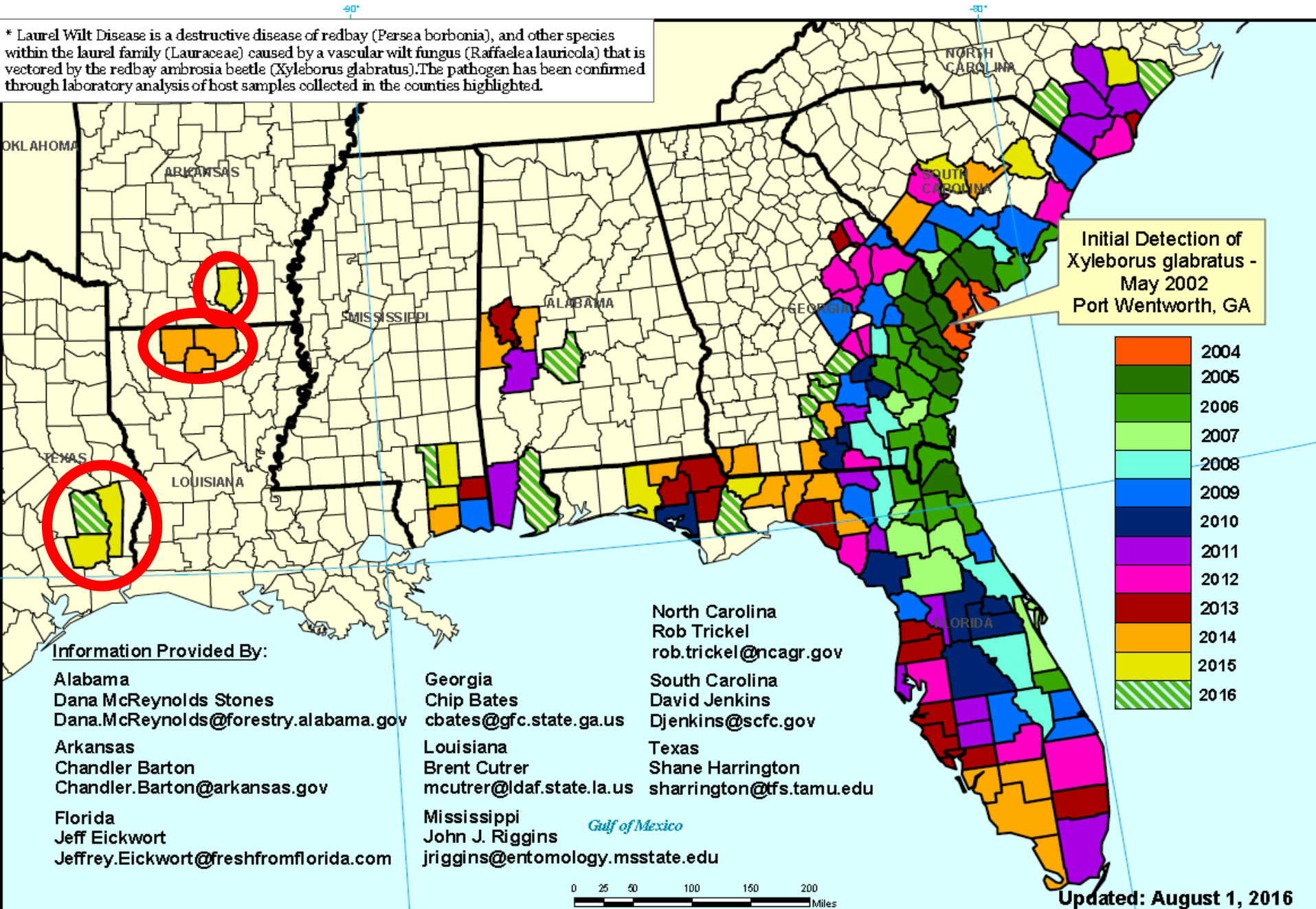




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Distribution of Counties with Laurel Wilt Disease* by year of Initial Detection

* Laurel Wilt Disease is a destructive disease of redbay (*Persea borbonia*), and other species within the laurel family (*Lauraceae*) caused by a vascular wilt fungus (*Raffaelea lauricola*) that is vectored by the redbay ambrosia beetle (*Xyleborus glabratus*). The pathogen has been confirmed through laboratory analysis of host samples collected in the counties highlighted.



Asian Longhorned Beetle

Anoplophora glabripennis





Why care about ALB?

- Can attack healthy trees
- Host trees: ≥ 12 genera
- Urban trees: ~35% loss (\$669 million)
- Eastern forests: 71 billion trees (\$2 trillion)
- Huge impacts on wetland ecosystems
- Eradication is possible but costly

Before...



...after!

ALB host trees

Preferred hosts

- Maple & boxelder (*Acer*)
- Buckeye & horsechestnut (*Aesculus*)
- Willow (*Salix*)
- Elm (*Ulmus*)

Good hosts

- Birch (*Betula*)
- Sycamore & planetree (*Platanus*)

ALB loves red maple!



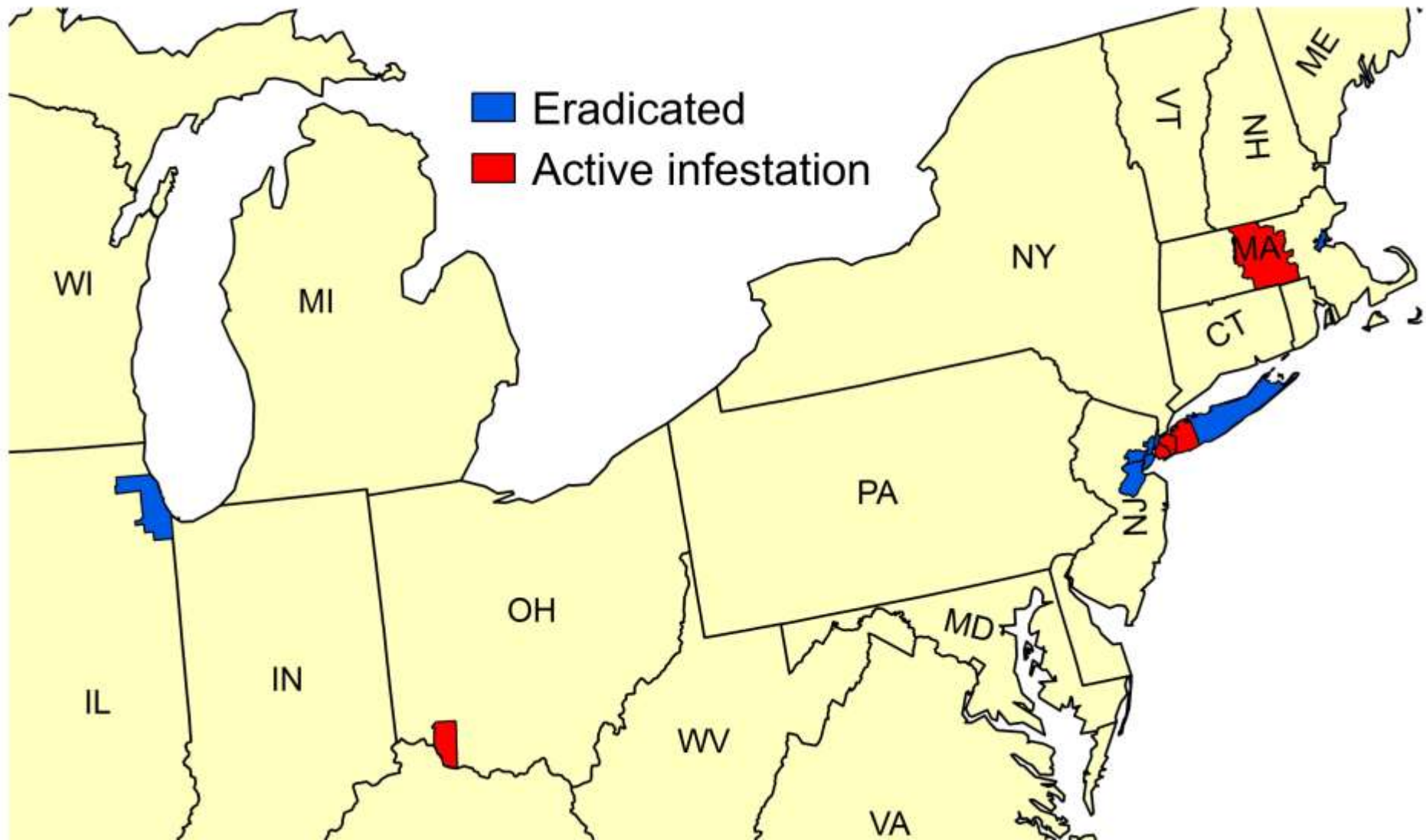
Red Maple
Acer rubrum

How does ALB move?

- Inside wood
 - Pallets
 - Crates
 - Yard waste
 - Firewood
- Can fly but prefers to walk!



Where has ALB been found?

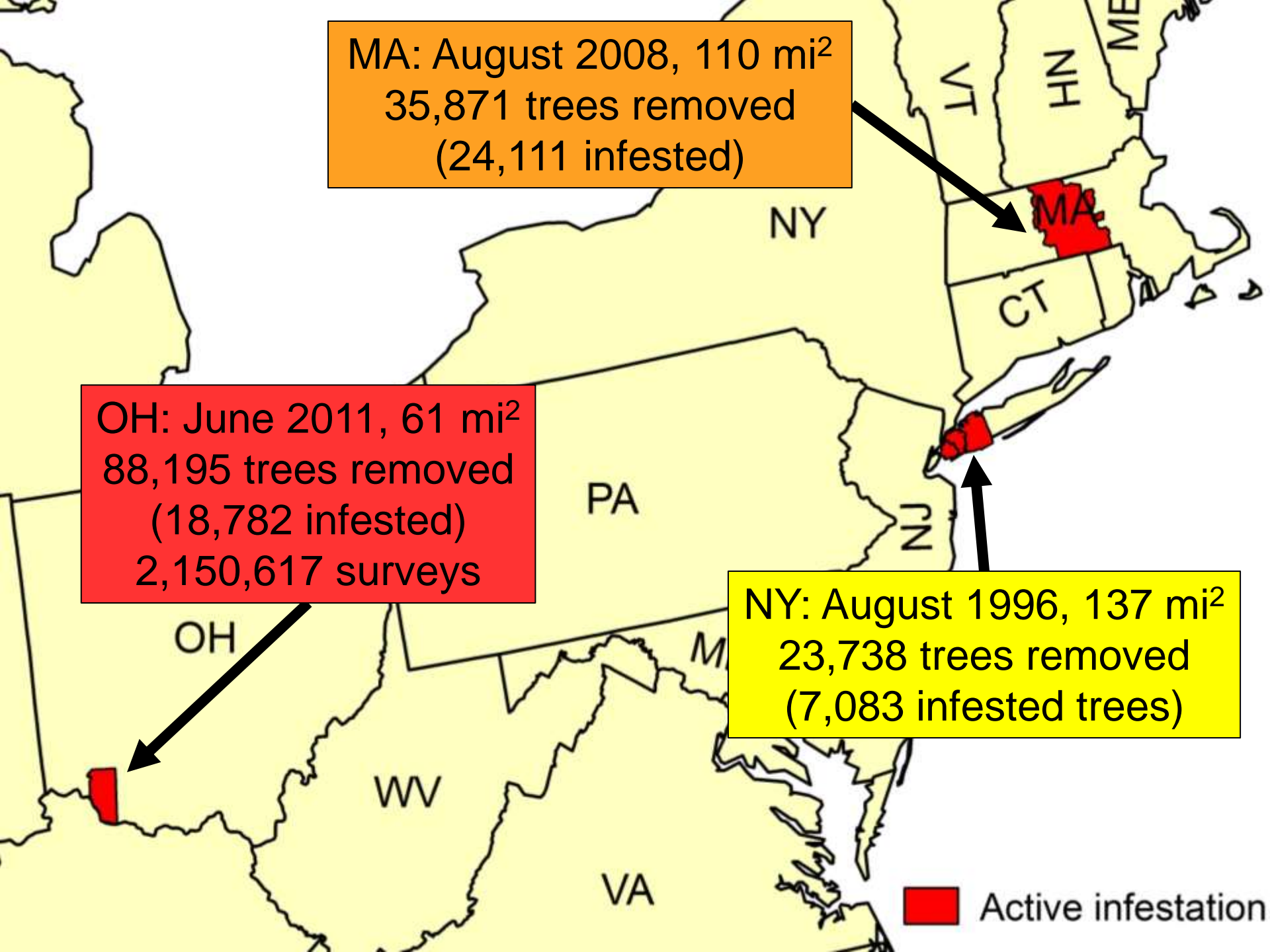


MA: August 2008, 110 mi²
35,871 trees removed
(24,111 infested)

OH: June 2011, 61 mi²
88,195 trees removed
(18,782 infested)
2,150,617 surveys

NY: August 1996, 137 mi²
23,738 trees removed
(7,083 infested trees)

 Active infestation



How does ALB kill trees?

Young larvae eat phloem tissue.



How does ALB kill trees?

Older larvae tunnel into heartwood & destroy structural integrity.



Exit holes



Exit hole



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Frass collects in branch crotches



Frass collects at the base of trees



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Females chew egg sites



Egg sites



Multiple generations of ALB infestation!



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Be on the lookout!

- New pests can arrive at any time
- Identify your trees & watch for issues
- Report abnormal tree damage
- Report unusual insects



Report invasive forest pests!

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