

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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Subject: APHIS Adds Boone and Winnebago Counties, Illinois to the Gypsy Moth
(*Lymantria dispar*) Quarantine Area

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is adding Boone and Winnebago Counties in Illinois to the list of quarantine areas for gypsy moth (GM). The moth populations in these counties have reached the threshold to trigger the quarantine expansion.

To prevent further spread of GM, the attached Federal Order establishes Boone and Winnebago Counties in Illinois as quarantine areas. Effective immediately, all interstate movement of GM-regulated articles from Boone and Winnebago Counties must be handled in accordance with the attached Federal Order. Illinois was establishing a parallel state quarantine.

GM is a highly destructive insect of approximately 300 species of trees and shrubs. The GM program prescribes conditions for the interstate movement of regulated articles from GM quarantine areas. The federal and state partnership limits the establishment of the moth outside the quarantine area that would result from human-assisted movement of the pest. We appreciate the cooperative relationship with Illinois in the effort to limit the spread of this pest.

The full list of quarantine areas due to the continuing spread of GM are designated in the federal regulations located in the *Code of Federal Regulations* (C.F.R.) at 7 C.F.R. § 301.45-3 and the Federal Orders at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-health/gypsy-moth-quarantine>

For more information about the GM program and Federal GM regulations, please contact National Policy Manager, Kathryn Bronsky, at (301) 851-2147.



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Attachment: Federal Order

**United States Department of Agriculture
Animal Plant Health Inspection Service
Plant Protection and Quarantine**

Federal Order

**Domestic Quarantine of Boone and Winnebago Counties, Illinois for Gypsy Moth
(*Lymantria dispar*)**

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This Federal Order expands the list of quarantine areas for gypsy moth (GM) to include Boone and Winnebago Counties in Illinois.

This Federal Order is issued in accordance with the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412(a), 7 U.S.C. 7712(a). The Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or article, if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States. This Federal Order is also issued pursuant to the regulations implemented under the Plant Protection Act found at 7 C.F.R. § 301.45.

Effective immediately, this Federal Order adds Boone and Winnebago Counties in Illinois to the quarantine areas for GM. The GM populations in Boone and Winnebago Counties have reached the threshold to trigger the regulated area. Accordingly, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) finds it necessary to quarantine these counties to prevent the spread of GM. All interstate movement of GM-regulated articles from Boone and Winnebago Counties must be done in accordance with the regulations implemented pursuant to the Plant Protection Act found at 7 C.F.R. § 301.45 et seq. and any applicable provisions of this Federal Order.

APHIS has confirmed GM infestations in various areas of the United States, for which the Administrator has determined that quarantine areas are necessary to prevent the spread of the moth. The areas quarantined due to the continuing spread of GM are designated in the Federal regulations located at 7 C.F.R. § 301.45-3. The full list of quarantine areas due to the continuing spread of GM are designated in the federal regulations located in the *Code of Federal Regulations* (C.F.R.) at 7 C.F.R. § 301.45-3 and the Federal Orders at:

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Section 7 C.F.R. § 301.45-2(a) allows the designation of less than an entire state as a GM quarantine area only when the APHIS Administrator has determined—as in this case—that the designation of less than an entire state as a quarantined-GM area is adequate to prevent the interstate spread of infestations of GM. In addition, 7 C.F.R. § 301.45-2(b) requires that the state enforce an intrastate GM quarantine equivalent to the federal GM regulations. The state plant

regulatory official for Illinois has confirmed the establishment of an intrastate quarantine for the regulated area that mirrors the Federal Regulatory requirements as specified in 7 C.F.R. § 301.45.

Section 7 C.F.R. § 301.45-2(c) provides the temporary designation of new quarantined areas pending publication of a rule to add counties to the list shown in 7 C.F.R. § 301.45-3(a). Section 7 C.F.R. § 301.45-2(c) further requires written notification to the owner or person who possesses a newly quarantined area. This is the responsibility of the federal and/or state regulatory personnel responsible for the GM program in the affected state.

Previous Federal Orders pertaining to the expansion of quarantine areas in the domestic GM regulations have been necessary due to the continuing spread of the moth. This Federal Order further expands the quarantine areas as described in the previous Federal Orders.

If you wish for more details on the Federal GM regulatory program, please contact National Policy Manager, Kathryn Bronsky, at (301) 851-2147. For information on regulatory requirements for the movement of articles out of quarantined areas in Illinois, please call Illinois State Plant Health Director, Greg Rentschler at (847) 699-2422.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with Illinois in our effort to prevent the spread of GM.