

# **EAB** and Hemp



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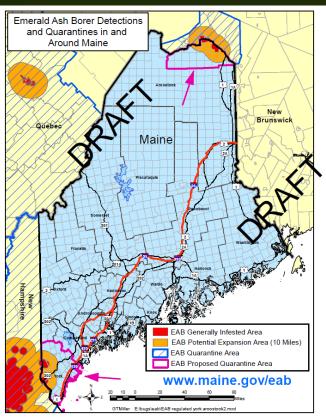




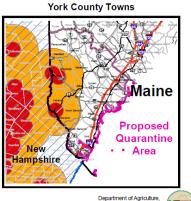
- Movement of infested ash firewood, logs and nursery stock can spread EAB much faster and further.
- Results in isolated satellite infestations hundreds of miles away.

## Quarantine

 Quarantines, outreach, and BMPs all help to reduce the long-distance movement of EAB infested materials.



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# What to look for...

#### Woodpecker Activity "blonding"

Woodpeckers fleck the outer bark looking for EAB larvae and pupae, creating a "blonding" effect.









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#### S-Shaped Tunnels

EAB larvae feed in a serpentine pattern under the bark.









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#### D-Shaped Exit Holes

Emerging adult beetles make Dshaped holes to exit the tree.







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# **Tree Decline & Mortality**

### North American ash of all sizes typically die in 3-5 years.

#### Epicormic Shoots

Sprouts grow from roots and trunks in an abnormal way.









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#### Bark Splits and Crown Dieback

Larval feeding under the bark causes the bark to split; excessive feeding causes the crown to die.









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# Maine IH program year 3

- 2018 Third year of growing hemp
  - ▶ 105 Applications
  - ▶ 82 Signed agreements
  - +- 500 acres





# 2018 grower survey (n=25)

- Challenges
  - ► Harvesting the crop
  - Short growing season
  - Unstable genetics
  - Getting seed/seedlings
  - ► Too many male plants
  - Weeds
  - ► Fungal disease
  - ▶ Wet fall
  - ▶ Drought





# 2018 grower survey (n=25)

- Crop marketed?
  - ▶ 52% yes 48% no
- Planned markets
  - ► CBD Extraction 80%
  - ▶ Bud or leaf oil 56%
  - ► Seed 40%
  - ► Terpene extraction 20%
  - Fiber 12%
  - ► Seed oil 8%
  - ► Grain (whole or as hearts) 4%





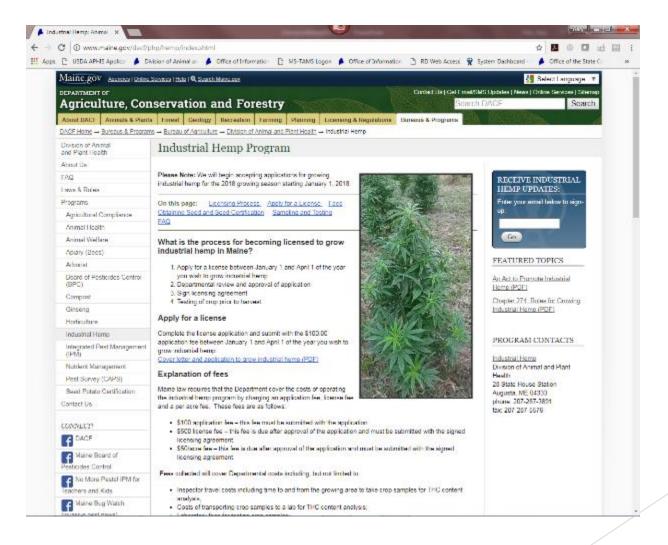
## Licensing policy interpretation

- Can I grow industrial hemp indoors or in a greenhouse?
  - No. Growers can start plants indoors, but once the seedlings are hardy enough to survive outdoors they must be grown outside without any sort of roof or covering over the top.
  - Industrial hemp seedlings are defined as nonflowering plants that are no more than 12 inches tall.
  - All seedlings started indoors must be moved outside and grown without coverings by June 1. Should the threat of frost occur after June 1, the intermittent use of a row cover or other frost protection is allowed.
- Can I grow industrial hemp from tissue culture or clones?
  - Yes, as long as you can provide appropriate third party analysis on the variety you plan to grow. If you plan to grow from tissue culture or clones, submit documentation on the plants from which the tissue culture or clones will be produced that includes the same minimum information required for those growing industrial hemp from seed.



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## Industrial hemp website



http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/hemp/index.shtml

# **Questions?**

