



DATCP Hosts Open House Meetings On Gypsy Moth Treatment Plans

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MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has scheduled a series of open house meetings March 11-14 to present this year’s gypsy moth aerial treatment plans.

“The gypsy moth is a serious invasive pest that threatens our forests and urban trees. It can have a negative impact on Wisconsin’s timber, paper, nursery and tourism industries,” said Christopher Foelker, coordinator of DATCP’s gypsy moth program.

Beginning in May and continuing through July, DATCP plans to treat selected areas in western Wisconsin using low-flying planes. A total of about 116,618 acres at 49 sites in 16 counties are scheduled for treatment. These areas have been identified as having increasing populations of gypsy moth, a destructive non-native insect with an appetite for hundreds of different species of trees and shrubs.

The open house schedule is:

Monroe: Monday, March 11, 4-6 p.m.; Monroe Public Library, 925 16th Ave.

Onalaska: Tuesday, March 12, 4-6 p.m.; Onalaska Public Library, 741 Oak Ave.

Menomonie: Wednesday, March 13, 5-7 p.m.; Menomonie Public Library, 600 Wolske Bay Road

Spooner: Thursday, March 14, 10 am-noon; Spooner Fish Hatchery, 951 W. Maple St.

Counties scheduled to receive aerial treatments are: Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Crawford, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Grant, Green, Iowa, La Crosse, Lafayette, Pepin, Vernon and Washburn.

Gypsy moth program staff will present information regarding treatment plans at these sessions. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with staff, learn more about the gypsy moth, and view maps of treatment areas.

For more information, visit: datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/GypsyMoth.aspx

County	Acres to be Treated (Estimate)
Barron	655
Buffalo	5,183
Burnett	34,613
Chippewa	1,420
Crawford	2,171
Douglas	2,411
Dunn	6,158
Eau Claire	508

County	Acres to be Treated (Estimate)
Grant	17,897
Green	104
Iowa	551
La Crosse	20,344
Lafayette	3,684
Pepin	32
Vernon	17,414
Washburn	3,444

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