

**Spotted Lanternfly Monthly Update to Stakeholders**  
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**Background:** The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets (DAM), the US Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) have coordinated a multi-agency effort to prevent, detect, and respond to the threat of spotted lanternfly (SLF). First discovered in [Pennsylvania](#) in 2014, SLF established populations have since been confirmed in Virginia, New Jersey, and Delaware. To date, no SLF established populations have been confirmed in New York, although a few individual insects have been found in the state. For a description of the issues surrounding this high priority invasive species please visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/113303.html>. A Unified Incident Command System (ICS) was established in January 2018 to leverage the joint effort and organize resources and responsibilities. Since then, plans and activities have been implemented, largely focused on early detection and prevention. Raising general awareness is particularly important, with an understanding that public reporting is powerful and effective with such a unique looking pest. **Updates:**

- In September, both Albany and Yates counties had confirmed reports of a single live adult SLF. Dead insects have also been found in Delaware, Broome, and Monroe counties. Follow-up surveys did not detect established populations associated with these finds.
- **As of January 2018, an established population of SLF has not been detected.** To date, over 1901 km<sup>2</sup> grids have been surveyed for SLF in high priority areas.
- SLF established populations have been confirmed in the following states: Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, and New Jersey.
- In New York State, DAM issued an exterior quarantine that restricts the movement of certain goods brought into New York from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and counties with confirmed infestations in Delaware, and Virginia. For more information, please visit <https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AD/release.asp?ReleaseID=3821>.
- In Pennsylvania, the following counties are under quarantine: Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia and Schuylkill. For more information, please visit [Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture website](#).
- In New Jersey, the following counties are under quarantine: Warren, Hunterdon and Mercer. For more information, please visit the [State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture website](#).
- On Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, members of the NYS ICS met and conducted a “hot wash” in Albany, NY. At the meeting, ICS members reviewed the successes and challenges of 2018 in hopes of improving the system in 2019.

We request that you share this information with your membership and help us spread the word about SLF. Please report any sightings to [spottedlanternfly@dec.ny.gov](mailto:spottedlanternfly@dec.ny.gov).