

Several state counties high gypsy moth risk areas

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Risk designation changes in areas regulated to prevent the artificial spread of the destructive gypsy moth have been announced by plant health officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Greg Rohwer, staff director of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said the changes reflect new distribution patterns of the leaf-eating caterpillars that stripped 5.1 million acres of forest, shade and ornamental trees in 1980.

Under federal regulations, Rohwer said, infested areas are divided into high-risk, heavily infested areas and low-risk, more lightly infested areas.

"Risk," he said, "is defined in terms of the possibility of artificial spread of the moth occurring when egg masses or other life stages hitchhike via the movement of people or goods."

Rohwer said regulated articles may move freely between high-risk areas and low-risk areas or

between low-risk areas and unregulated areas. When moving from high-risk areas to or through unregulated areas, however, they must first be inspected and treated, if necessary and receive "pest-free" certification.

High-risk areas now include most of eastern and southern Maine, all of New Hampshire except Coos County; western and southern Vermont; all of Massachusetts; all of Rhode Island; all of Connecticut; eastern New York and southern New York as far west as Tompkins and Tioga Counties plus parts of Chemung, Monroe and Oneida Counties; all of New Jersey except Hudson County; eastern and central Pennsylvania as far west as Bradford, Clearfield and Cambria and Franklin Counties; part of northeastern and north-central Maryland; and parts of Isabella County in Michigan.

Low-Risk areas include parts of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Penn-

sylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Previously regulated areas in Maryland, Michigan, New York and Ohio have been released from regulations following treatment to eliminate moth populations and surveys to confirm that the treatment was effective.

Five major classes of articles governed by the regulations are trees and woody shrubs with roots attached (unless grown indoors, year-round) logs and pulpwood (unless going to approved mills); firewood; mobile homes and associated equipment, such as awnings or trailer skirts; and recreational vehicles moving from

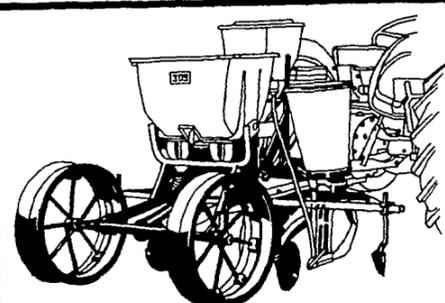
certain campgrounds.

Other items, such as outdoor furniture, also may be restricted if they are likely to spread the pest.

Changes in the designations took effect upon publication in the April 9 Federal Register. Copies are available from USDA-APHIS, rm. 302E, Administration Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20250.

These are emergency measures needed to prevent spread of the gypsy moth, said Rohwer. The public is invited to comment on the regulations until June 8.

Written comments should be sent to USDA-APHIS, rm. 635, Federal Bldg., Hyattsville, Md 20782.



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Even though taking care of his bees and a few head of livestock keep the retired bee inspector busy on his farm, he takes a vacation each year to Florida — a working vacation, of course, since he is helping friend Paul Zeigler

transport bee hives to the orange groves.

Brossman explained the bees would become dormant if they remained in Berks County over winter, but in Florida they keep active and stay in shape. They travel south in hives strapped shut and loaded on a truck, making the trip in October and returning in time for the apple blossoms in Pennsylvania sometime in March.

His first trip to Florida in 1938 took 30 hours to drive, he recalled. Now with the better highway systems, the trip is faster and more enjoyable.

Brossman, like his bees, has been a hard worker all his life, keeping the family farm, purchased by his father in 1921, in production. As a dedicated beekeeper, Brossman stresses the tremendous value of bees.

"Bees are important to everyone. The most important thing they do is pollination. Without them, what would we have? We'd have no fruit, no food, nothing," he concluded, as he watched his winged 'factory' workers slip inside the hive and shut down for the night.



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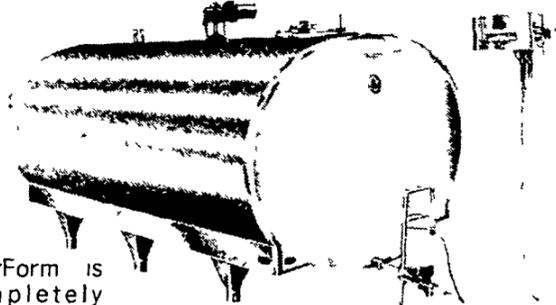
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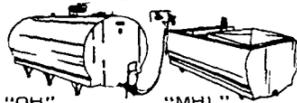
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