Md. quarantines corn cyst nematode area

(MDA) Wayne A. Cawley, Jr., has announced the imposition of a quarantine on parts of Cecil, Harford, Kent and Queen Anne's counties to control or retard the spread of the corn cyst nematode.

The quarantine has been imposed to avoid spread of the pest until more positive information

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Sec. of the concerning its danger can be Md. Department of Agriculture acquired. It will remain in effect until the nematode has been controlled in the quarantine area. or has been determined not to be a serious plant pest.

Since 1981, scientists with MDA's Office of Plant Industries and Pest Management have been conducting surveys in an effort to determine the total area of infestation. To date 2,765 fields in 15 counties containing 75,373 acres have been sampled. Twenty-five farms in four counties containing 2,522 acres have been found to be infested.

The pest is spread primarily through the movement of infested soil. The quarantine will therefore restrict or prohibit the transportation of soil and soil bearing

plant materials, machinery, equipment, etc., from the quarantine area until such items are inspected and found to be free of the nematode or until they have been cleaned and treated in a manner to ensure destruction of infestations. Once this is done MDA will issue a certificate permitting the movement of regulated articles.

The quarantine area includes those portions of Harford and Cecil counties south of U.S. Route #1 and the Pennsylvania State Line and those portions of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties west of U.S. Route #301 and north of Maryland Route

For additional information contact the Plant Protection Section of MDA at 841-5920.

Lawrence will get **USDA** post

WASHINGTON, D.C. Secretary Agriculture John R. Block reports he intends to appoint Kathleen Lawrence as deputy under secretary of agriculture for small community and rural development.

Lawrence, who had been deputy director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development Policy, would succeed James H. Johnson who will leave the administration for a position in the private sector.

"As deputy under secretary, Kathleen Lawrence will bring to this position not only an excellent grasp of the rural policy problems facing us today, but the kind of management background we need," "As Block said. someone who knows the workings of Washington and government, she has a reputation for getting things done."

As deputy under secretary, Lawrence would share responsiblility for general oversight and policy development of the Farmers Home Administration, Rural Electrification Administration, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and Office of Rural Development Policy.

Lawrence also would serve as Block's representative to the Basin Pacific Development Council, which is charged with planning and assisting with the development of the United States' Pacific territories.

Prior to joining USDA, Lawrence served as president ofthe Lawrence Company, management consulting firm. Her previous government experience includes four years in the White House Office of Public Liaison.



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