

Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
New Haven, Connecticut

The Japanese Beetle Quarantine

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Late in the summer, Federal scouts discovered a rather general infestation of the Japanese beetle, *Popillia japonica* Newman, on the western end of Long Island, and at several points in Westchester County, New York. One of these was at Port Chester near the Connecticut border. The scouts were then sent into the southwestern corner of Connecticut and proceeded as far as

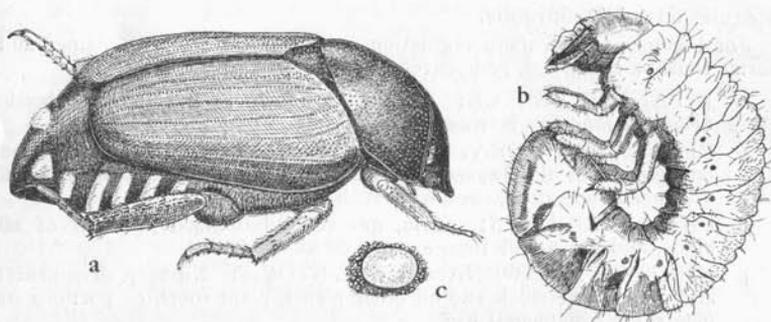


FIG. 1. The Japanese Beetle *Popillia japonica* Newman. a, adult beetle; b, grub or larva; c, egg. All enlarged about five times.

Norwalk. In the center of the city of Stamford, on Broad Street, several adult Japanese beetles were discovered on rose bushes and other shrubs and flowers, eighteen in all being taken over a period of about two weeks. On account of the spread of the Japanese beetle, not only in New York and Connecticut but also in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, it seemed necessary to revise the Federal quarantine, and a hearing was held in Washington September 25; a revised quarantine order was afterward issued, effective October 11. As the Federal quarantine applies only to interstate shipments, and as it seemed best to issue regulations governing possible shipments from Greenwich and Stamford to other points in Connecticut, notice of a hearing was distributed and published, as provided by law. The hearing was held at the Station October 19, and no one appeared in opposition. The quarantine order No. 11, effective November 10, is as follows:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

QUARANTINE ORDER No. 11
JAPANESE BEETLE QUARANTINE

The fact has been established by the Agricultural Experiment Station that an injurious insect known as the Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*) exists in the town of Stamford, Conn., and in Port Chester, N. Y.

Now, therefore, I, Director of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 107, Public Acts of 1925, do hereby proclaim the towns of Stamford and Greenwich to be under State quarantine, and that it shall be unlawful to move from these towns to other points within the State (1) farm, garden, and orchard products of all kinds; (2) grain and forage crops of all kinds; (3) nursery, ornamental, and greenhouse stock, and all other plants; and (4) sand, soil, earth, peat, compost, and manure, except under the conditions prescribed in the following rules and regulations supplemental to this quarantine.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Regulation 1.—Definitions.

For the purpose of these regulations, the following words, names and terms shall be construed, respectively, to mean:

1. JAPANESE BEETLE: The insect known as the Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica* Newman) in any stage of its life cycle.
2. REGULATED AREA: Those portions of the State quarantined on account of the Japanese beetle and designated as being infested or immediately threatened with such infestation.
3. FARM PRODUCTS: Farm, garden and orchard products of all kinds, and grain and forage crops of all kinds.
4. NURSERY AND ORNAMENTAL STOCK: Nursery, ornamental and greenhouse stock and all other plants, plant roots, or portions of plants for ornamental use.
5. SAND, SOIL, EARTH, PEAT, COMPOST AND MANURE: Sand, soil, earth, peat, compost and manure of any kind, and as to either bulk movement or in connection with farm products or nursery and ornamental stock.
6. INSPECTOR: An inspector of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station or the United States Department of Agriculture.

Regulation 2.—Regulated Area.

The towns of Stamford and Greenwich, in Fairfield County, and including any cities or borough within their limits.

Regulation 3.—Extension or Reduction of Regulated Area.

The area designated in Regulation 2 may be extended or reduced, as found necessary by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. Due notice of any extension or reduction of the areas affected thereby will be given in writing to the transportation companies doing business in the areas, and by publication in newspapers selected by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

Regulation 4.—Regulation of Movement of Farm Products.

Regulation 5.—Regulation of Movement of Nursery and Ornamental Stock.

All movement of nursery and ornamental stock from the regulated area to other points outside such area, but within the State, shall be subject to the details of regulation and control indicated in the Appendix of Federal Quarantine No. 48 (Fifth Revision), and shall be permitted only upon full compliance with Regulations 6, 7 and 8 of this order: Provided, that such movement of nursery stock originating within or being transported through the regulated area during the period June 15 to October 15, inclusive, is prohibited to points outside such area within the State, unless protected from possible infestation in a manner or by a method approved by the inspector. All movement of nursery stock within the regulated area shall be subject to the details of regulation and control indicated in the Appendix of Federal Quarantine No. 48 (Fifth Revision).

Regulation 6.—Regulation of Movement of Sand, Soil, Earth, Peat, Compost and Manure.

(1) As a condition of certification of sand, soil, earth, peat, compost or manure for shipment both within the regulated area and from the regulated area to other points within the State, all such movements of such articles shall be subject to the details of regulation and control indicated in the Appendix of Federal Quarantine No. 48 (Fifth Revision).

(2) The movement of any sand, soil, earth, peat, compost and manure originating within, or being transported through the regulated area to other points outside such area within the State, during the period June 15 to October 15, inclusive, is prohibited unless protected from possible infestation in a manner or by a method approved by the inspector.

Regulation 7.—Inspection, Certification and Marking a Condition of Transportation.

Each car, vehicle, box, basket, or other container of any of the articles, in process of any movement which is restricted by Regulations 4, 5 and 6, shall be plainly marked with the name and address of both consignor and consignee, and shall bear a certificate stating that the contents have been certified by the inspector, as free from the Japanese beetle: Provided, that in case of such article moved in carload or other bulk shipments the certificate shall accompany the way-bills, conductors' manifests, memoranda, or bills of lading, or in case of truck or other road vehicles, the certificate shall accompany the vehicle. Any certificate, provided for in this act, which is forged, counterfeited, altered or defaced shall be considered as invalid and any person who shall forge, counterfeit, alter or deface such certificate shall be deemed guilty of violating the requirements of the order of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station applying to the Japanese beetle and shall be liable to the penalty as outlined in Chapter 107, Public Acts of 1925.

Regulation 8.—Conditions Governing Inspection and Issuance of Certificate.

Whenever it is intended to move any of the articles or materials restricted by this quarantine order from the regulated area to points outside such area within the State, application for inspection and certification shall be made as far as possible in advance of the probable date of shipment, specifying the article and quantity to be shipped, method of shipment, and the names and addresses of both consignor and consignee.

Applicants will be required to assemble the articles and materials at such points as the inspector shall designate and to place them so that they may be readily inspected. All charges for storage, cartage, and labor incident to inspection other than the services of the inspector shall be paid by the shipper.

In case of any of the articles enumerated, where absolute freedom from infestation cannot be determined by the inspector, certification will be refused.

Regulation 9.—Cleaning of Cars, Trucks, Boats, Wagons and Other Vehicles.

Railway cars, trucks, boats, wagons, and other vehicles which have been used in transporting any article covered by this quarantine within the regulated area, must be thoroughly swept and cleaned before they will be allowed to move in transportation to other points outside the regulated area within the State.

Regulation 10.—Moving or Receiving Articles in Violation of Regulations.

No person shall move or direct any other person to move any article in violation of these regulations. No person shall receive or direct any other person to receive any article moved in violation of these regulations.

Regulation 11.—Carrying or Transporting Living Japanese Beetles outside the Regulated Area.

No person shall move or carry, or direct any other person to move or carry a living Japanese beetle to any point outside the regulated area.

This order shall take effect November 10, 1926.

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Experiment Station*

Approved:

JOHN H. TRUMBULL,
Governor

PENALTY

Chapter 107, Public Acts of 1925, provides that "Any person interfering with the performance of such duty or violating the quarantine regulations established under this act shall be fined not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars."

APPENDIX

Copies of the Appendix to Federal Quarantine No. 48 (Fifth Revision), which relates specifically to shipments of nursery or ornamental stock, and sand, soil, manure, etc., may be obtained by applying to any of the following:

Japanese Beetle Office, 42 West First Street, Mount Vernon,
N. Y.

Japanese Beetle Laboratory, Riverton, N. J.
Federal Horticultural Board, Washington, D. C.

APPLICATIONS FOR INSPECTIONS

Applications for inspections and certificates or permits to move nursery or ornamental stock, sand, soil, manure, etc., should be made to the Japanese Beetle Office, 42 West First Street, Mount Vernon, N. Y.