LDD and SLF: Alphabet Soup

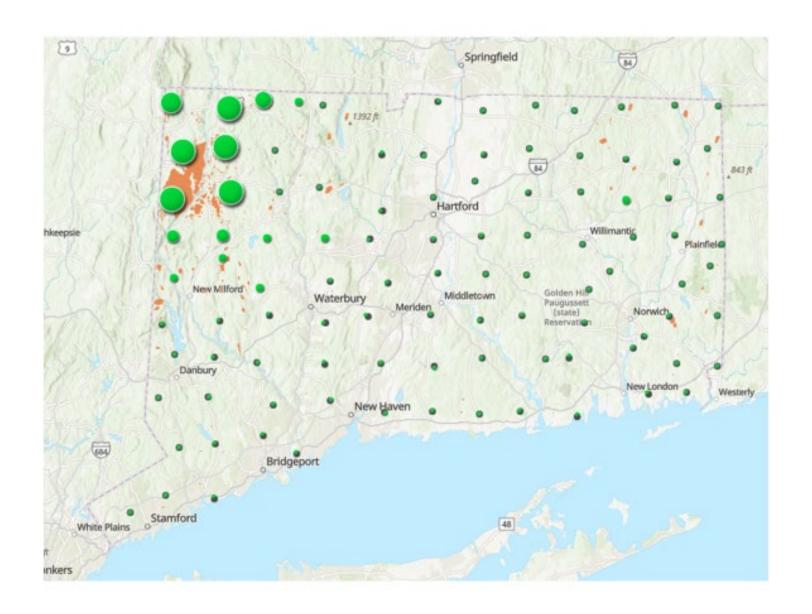
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Aerial Survey 2022:

- 6 missions completed within one week.
- 46,072 acres LDD: Litchfield County.
- 1,622 acres BLD: Fairfield County.









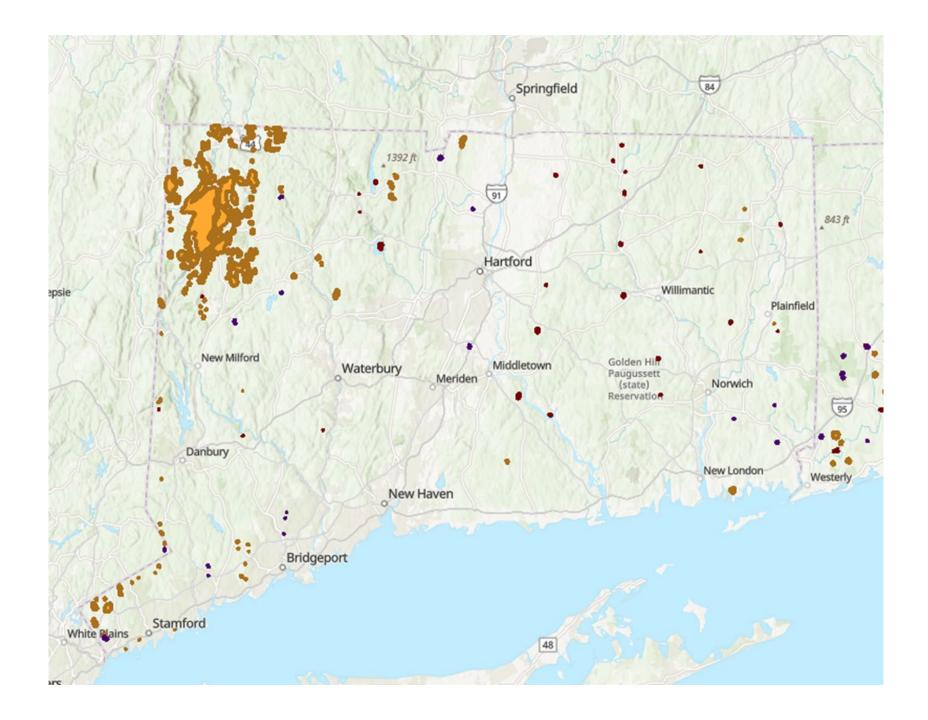












Expectations for 2023:

- Lots of egg masses.
- Easy winter (so far), not too cold or snowy.
- Hope for a wet spring!





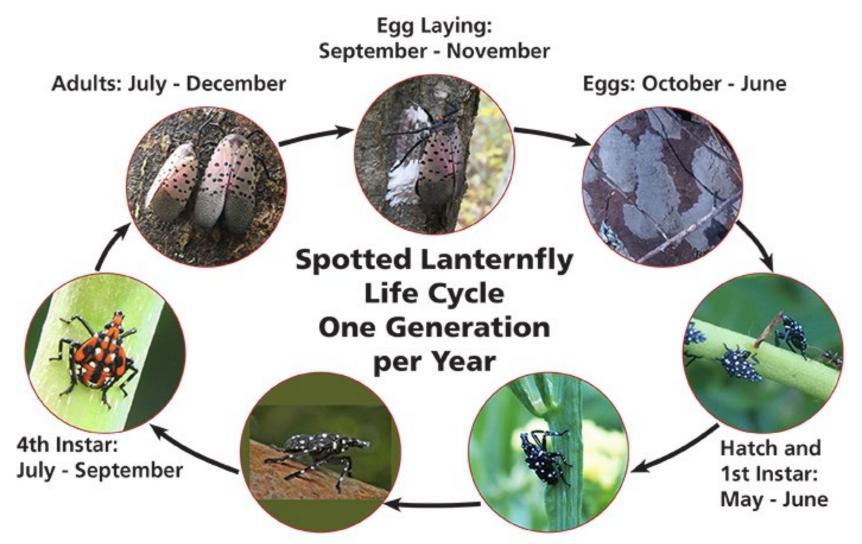
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CAES/CAPS/CAES-SLF-Management-Landscape-Professionals-Factsheet.pdf

What is spotted lanternfly (SLF)?

- Not actually a fly.
- Lycorma delicatula, an invasive planthopper.
 - Sucking insect, feeds on phloem.
- Native to Asia.
- First detected in North America in 2014 in PA.
- Has since been found in 14 states, including CT, DE, IN, MD, MA, MI, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, RI, VA, and WV.



The Obligatory Life Cycle:



3rd Instar: June - July 2nd Instar: June - July

A Brief History of SLF in CT:

- Single dead adult found in Farmington CT in 2018.
- CT resident photographed it at a gas station in Southbury CT in 2019.
- Then came 2020...when a number of populations were found.
- In 2021, emergency quarantine regulation for entire state.

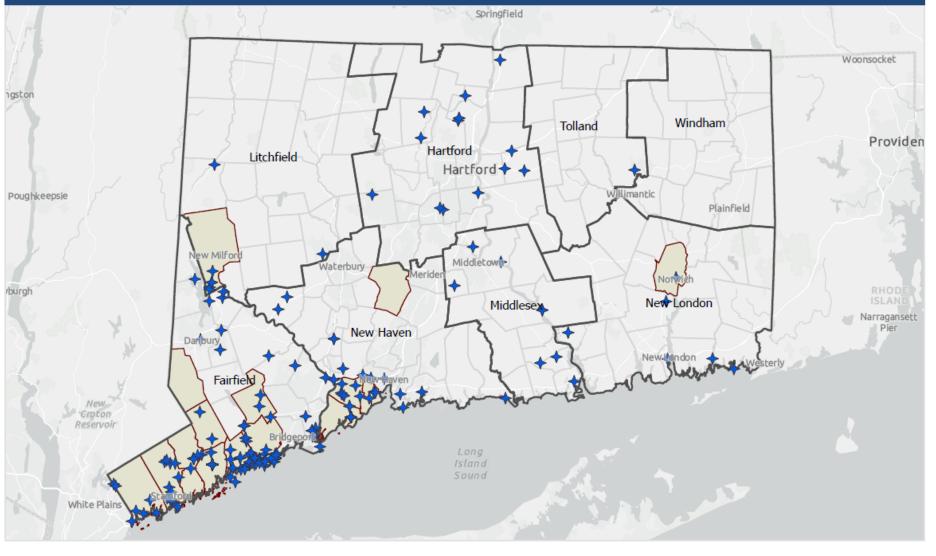


SLF Emergency Quarantine Extended in 2023 to Entire State

- Assumption: SLF has probably overspread the state. Populations found in 5 of 8 counties (Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, New Haven, New London); reports from 7 of 8 counties (none from Windham).
- STS through use of compliance agreements for movement out of state.
 - Focus on nurseries and wood products.
- Public outreach for reporting.

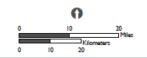






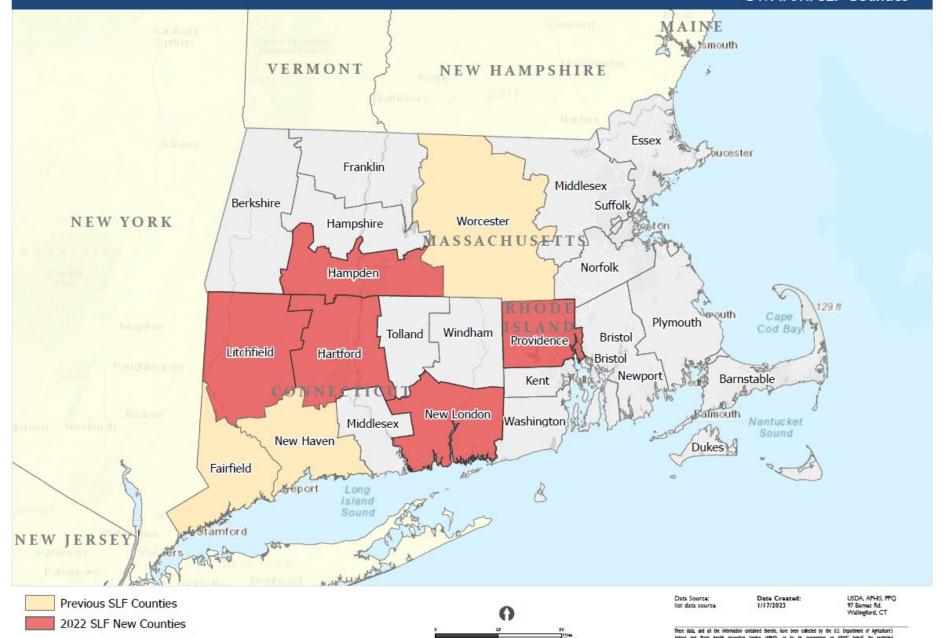






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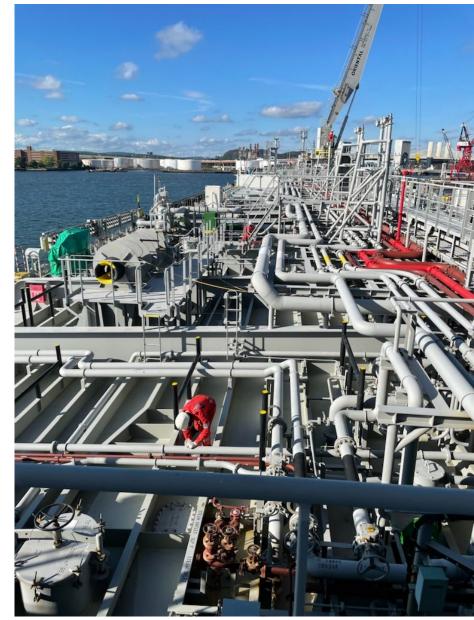


STS how?

- Over 50 reports from the CT Post Mall in Milford.
- Sheds (PA), an RV (VT), mums (DE), furniture (NJ), Amazon warehouse, Walgreens (VT), Metro North (aboard the train).
- Nursery stock (NJ).
- Fresh herbs, pumpkins.
- Gasoline tanker in New Haven Harbor.







No presidential immunity to SLF...





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