

Spotted Lanternfly: Where it is, Where it Might be Going, and How to Detect it



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Spotted Lanternfly

- Invasive species from East Asia
- Detected in Connecticut in 2020
- Loves Tree of Heaven
 - Plant stressor



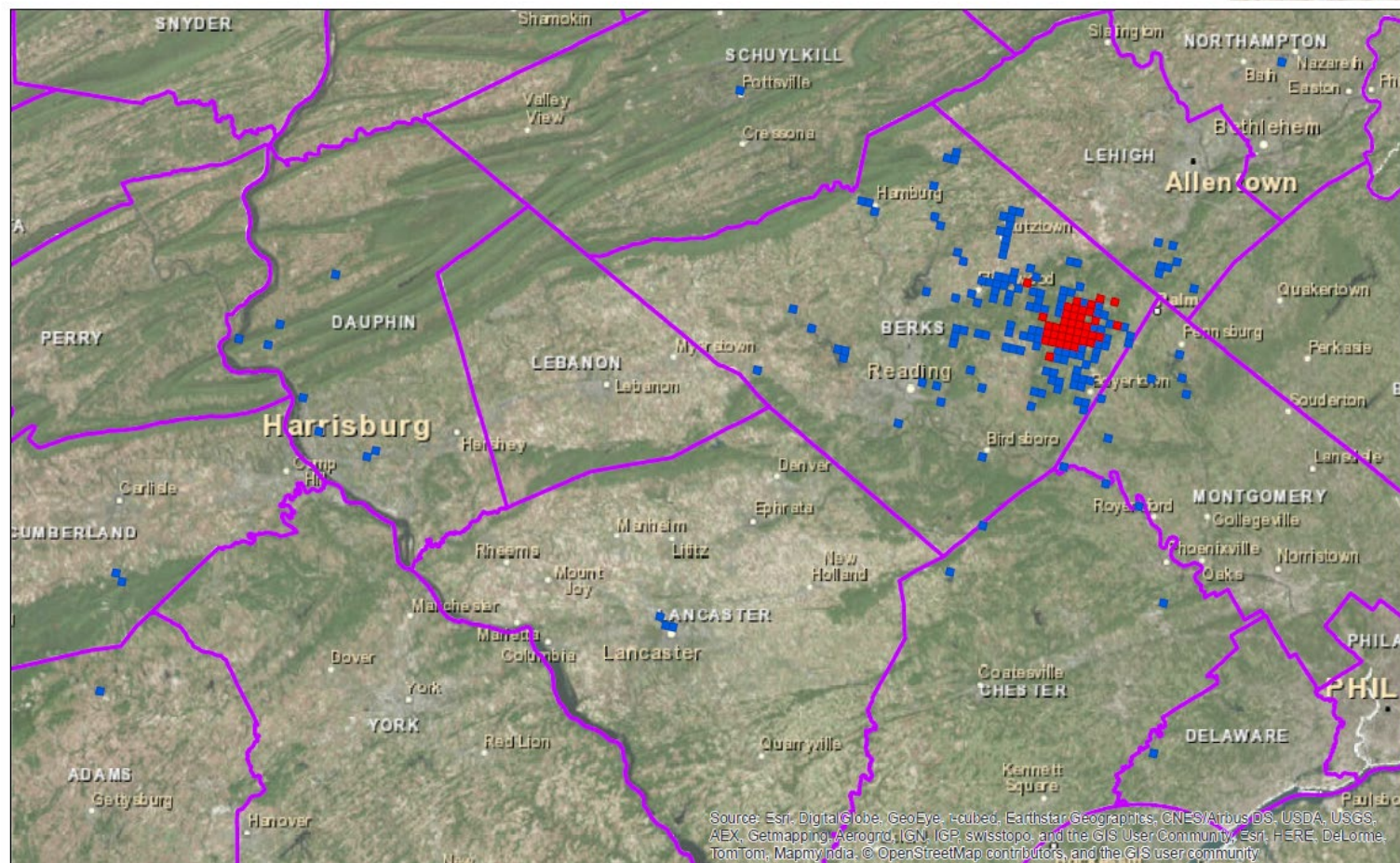


Lycorma Detection Survey

Results Through 15 December 2014



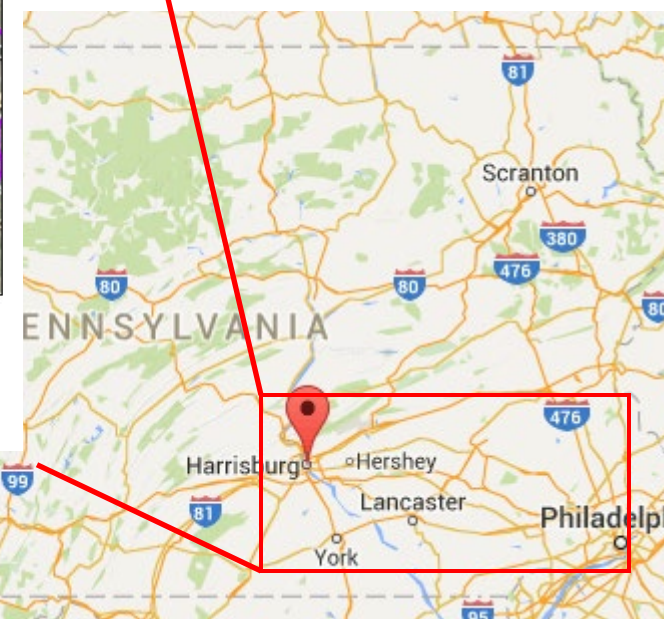
First Detection of
Spotted Lanternfly:
Berks County, PA
Late 2014



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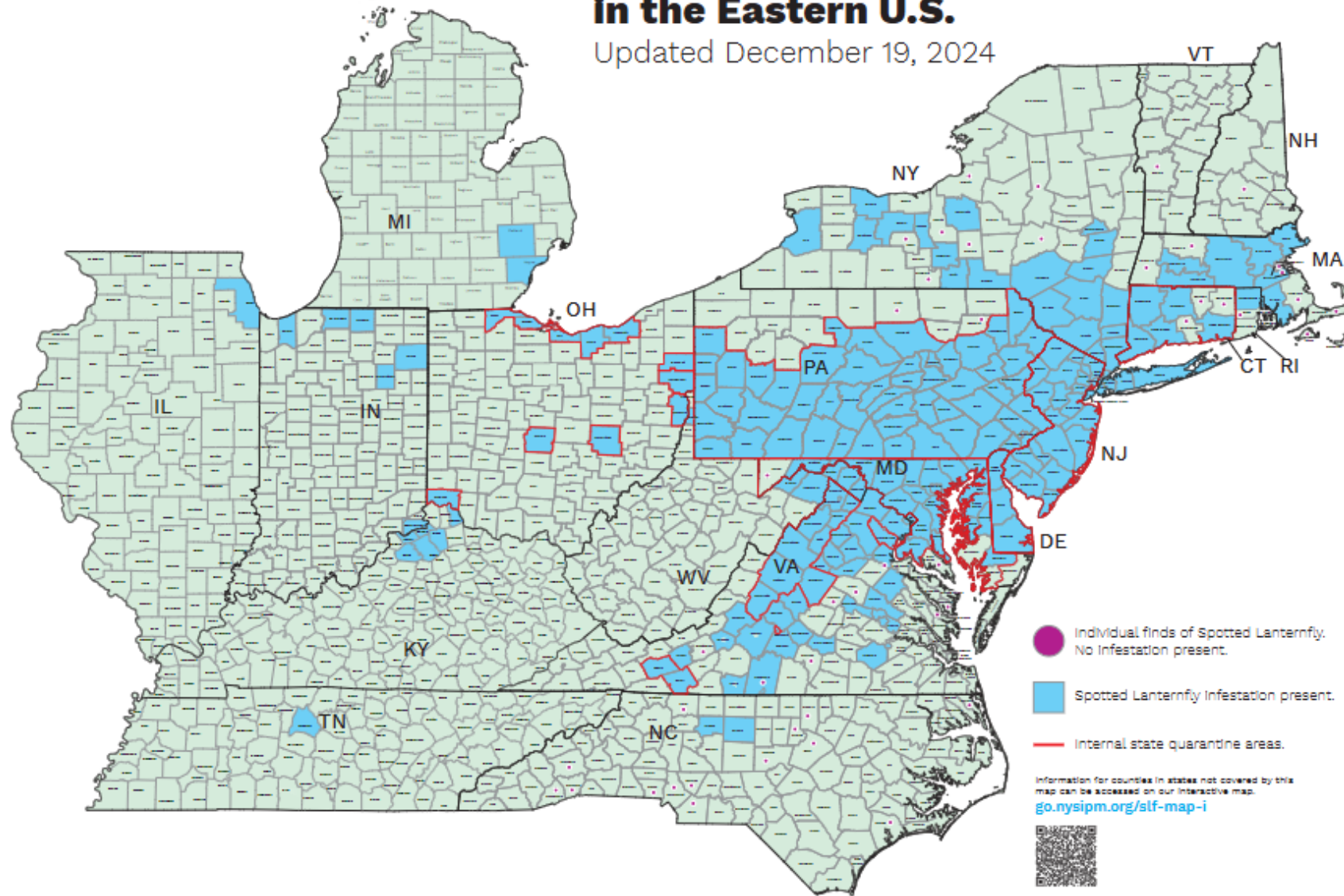
Survey Grids

- Surveyed - Positive
- Surveyed - Not Found



Spotted Lanternfly Reported Distribution in the Eastern U.S.

Updated December 19, 2024



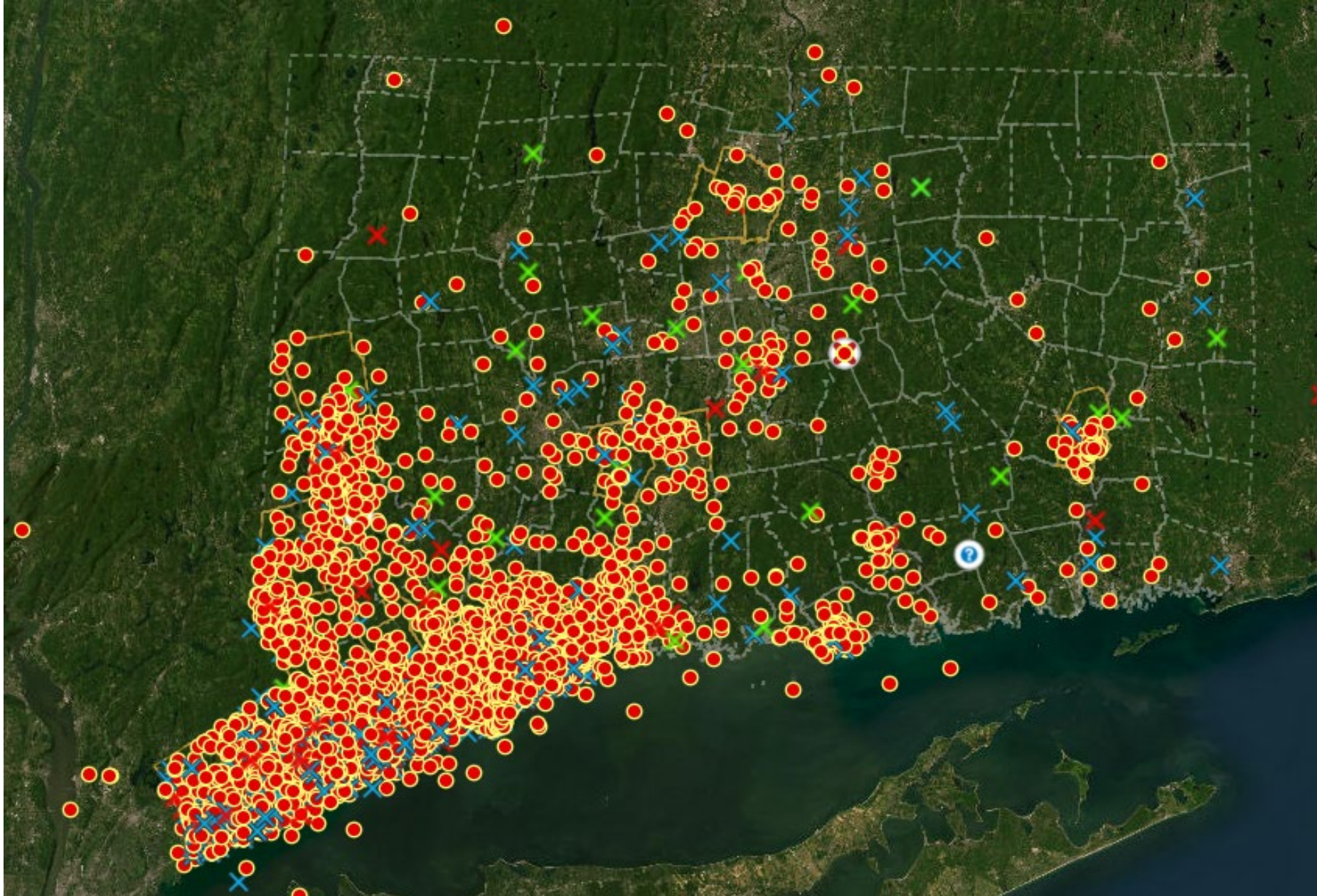
SLF Reporting Portal

- Online portal for citizen reports
- Report address, GIS, life stage, ‘what did you notice them on’, comments
- 2024 – 11,137 reports [94 with no location data]
- Things to keep in mind
 - Density of reports will depend, in part, on population density
 - User error: mistaken identity, incomplete info, incorrect GIS
- What we can tell
 - Where and how many people are noticing SLF
 - Indication of developmental stage
 - Info on interesting details, like SLF washing up on beaches



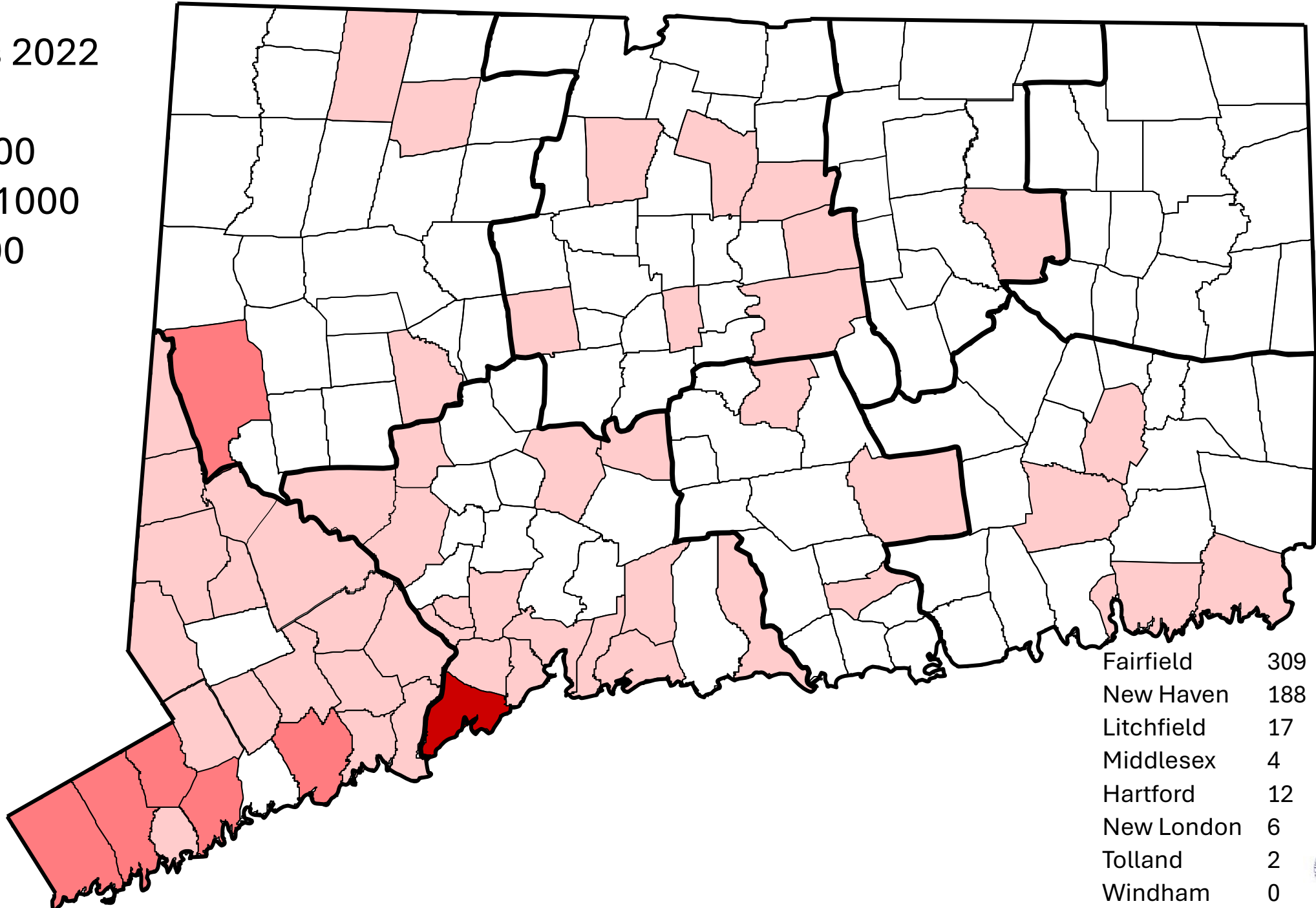
<https://portal.ct.gov/caes/caps/caps/spotted-lanternfly---slf>

SLF Reports – all years



Reports 2022

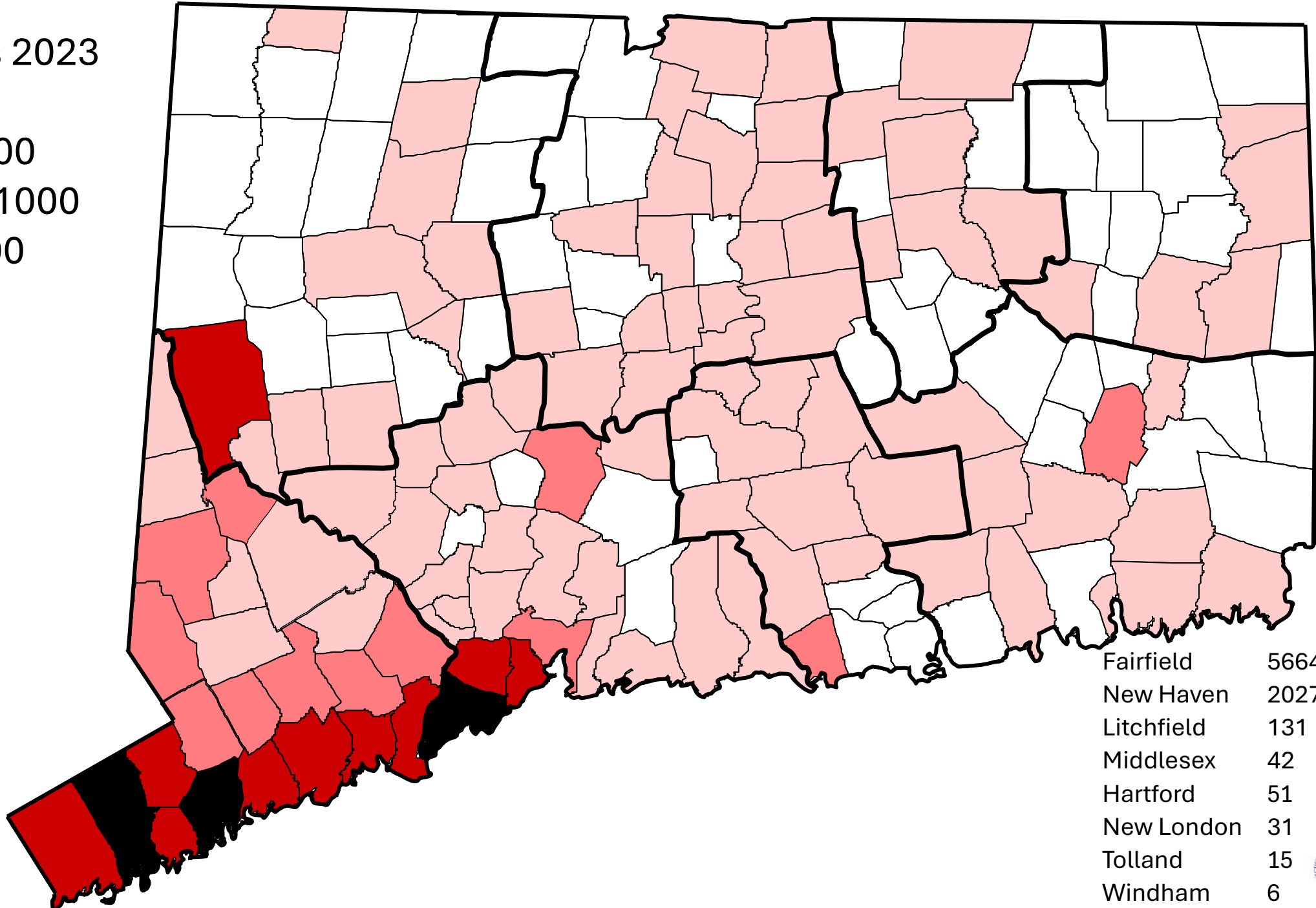
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Fairfield	309
New Haven	188
Litchfield	17
Middlesex	4
Hartford	12
New London	6
Tolland	2
Windham	0

Reports 2023

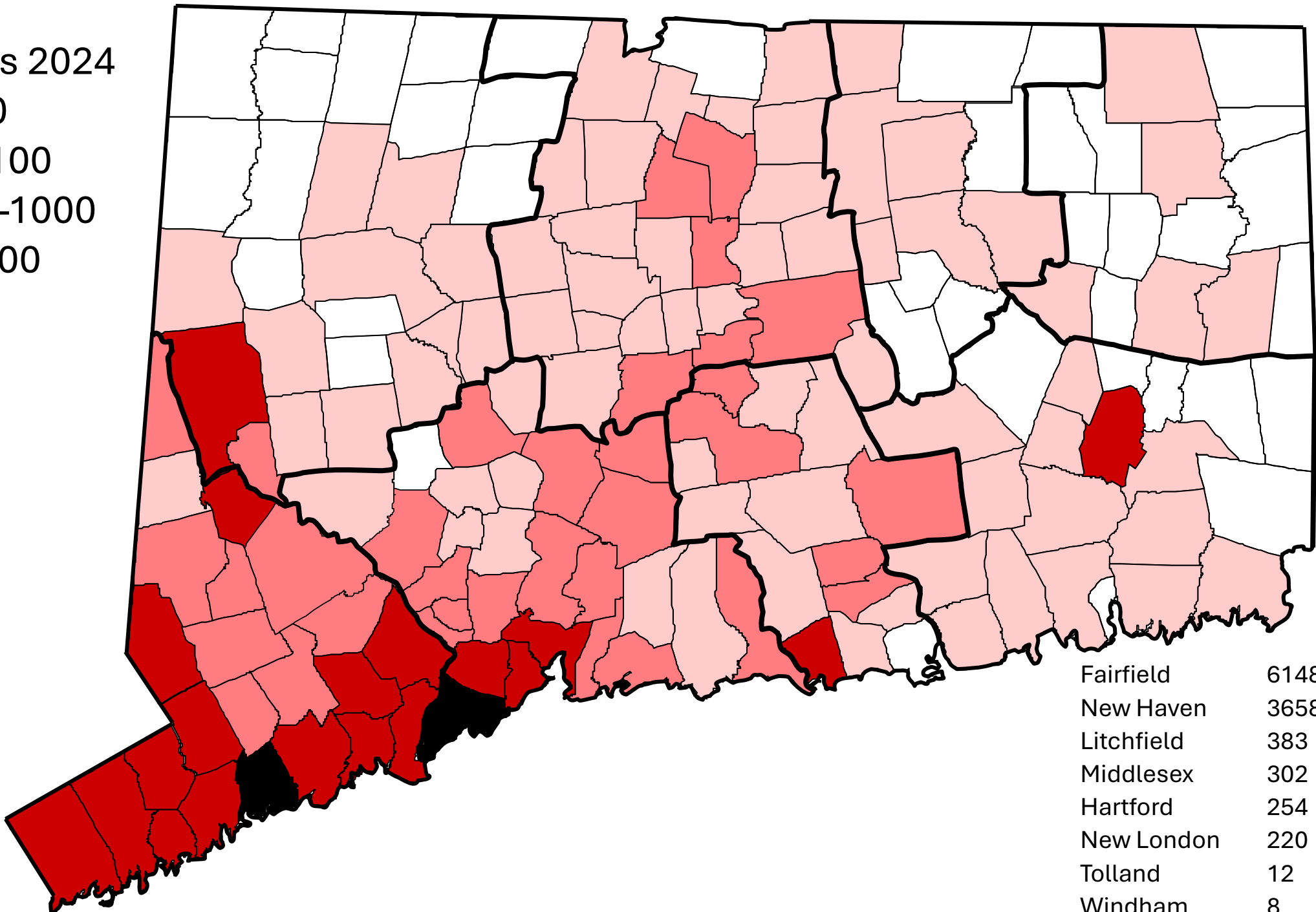
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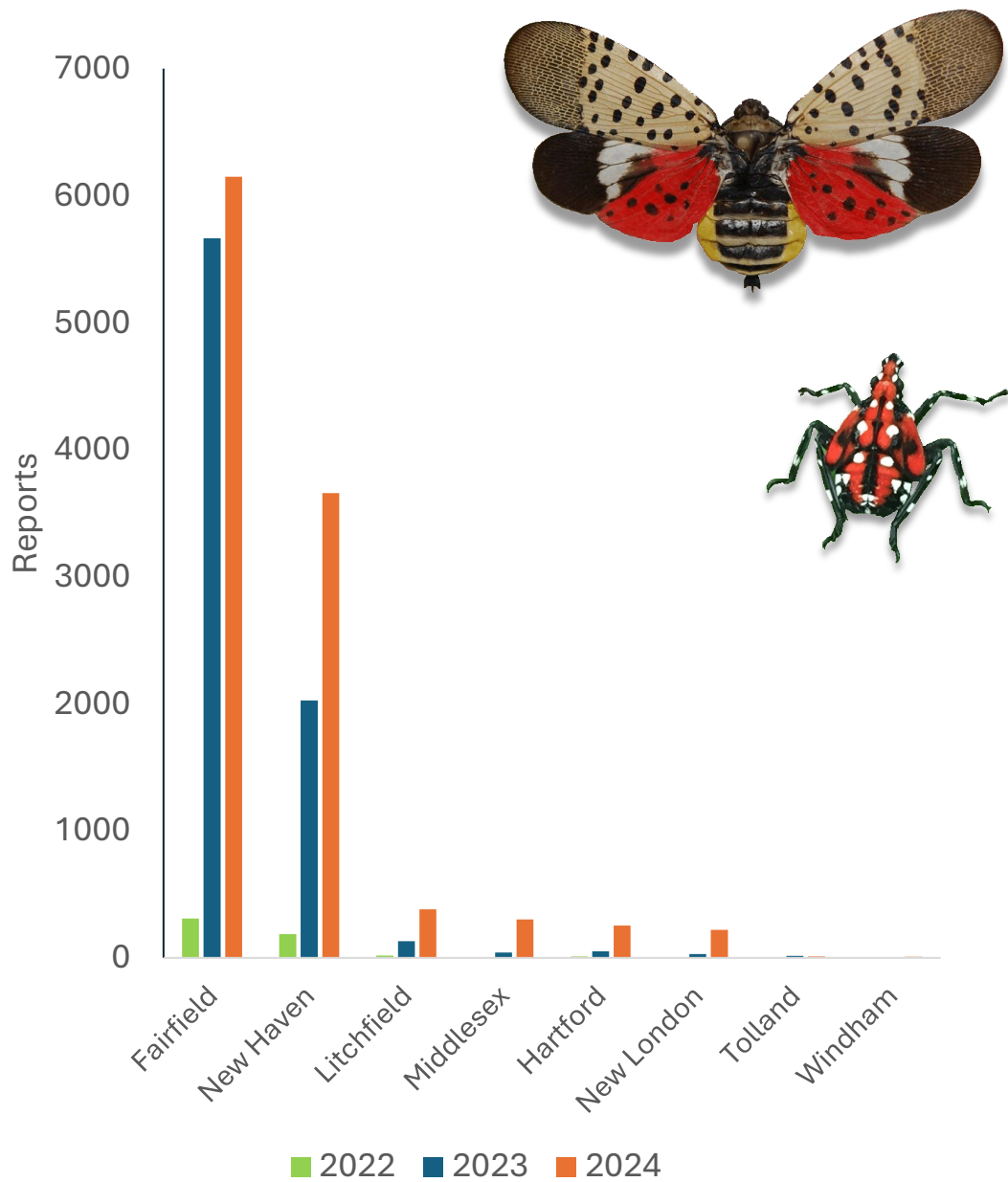


Fairfield	5664
New Haven	2027
Litchfield	131
Middlesex	42
Hartford	51
New London	31
Tolland	15
Windham	6

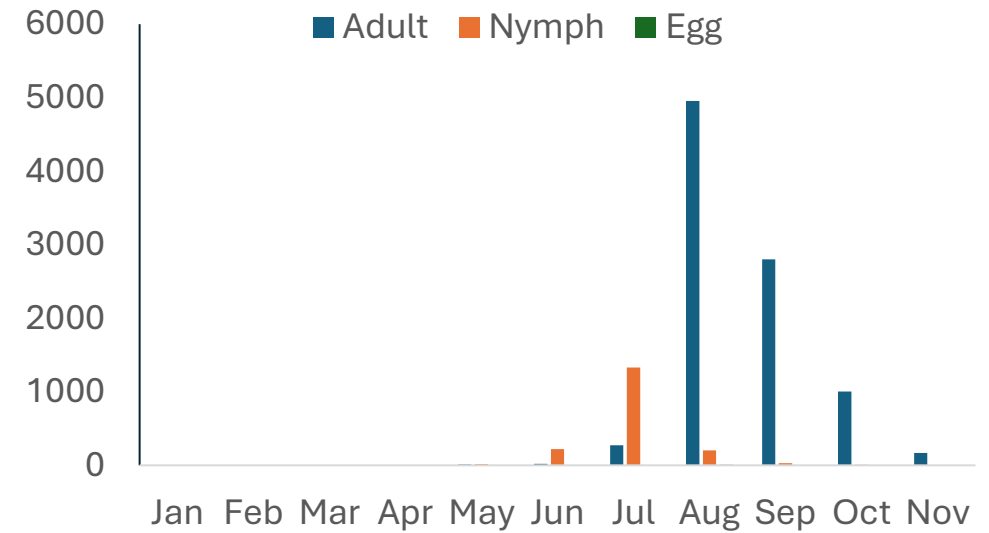
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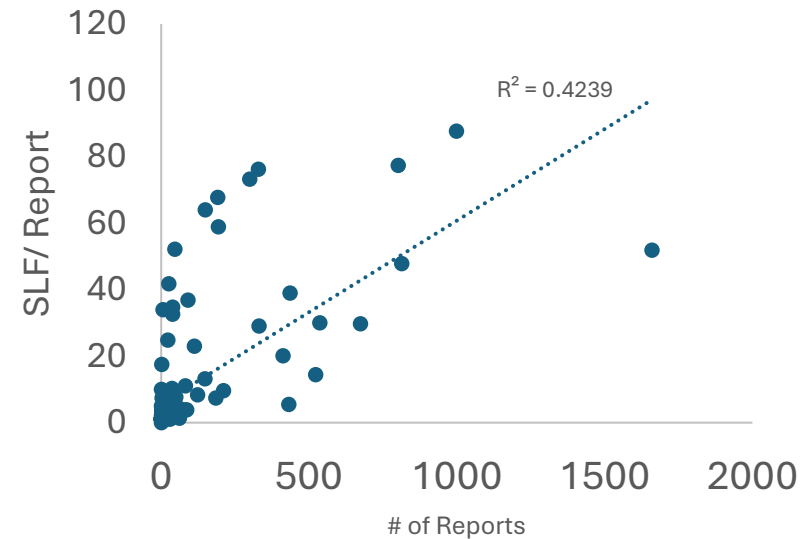




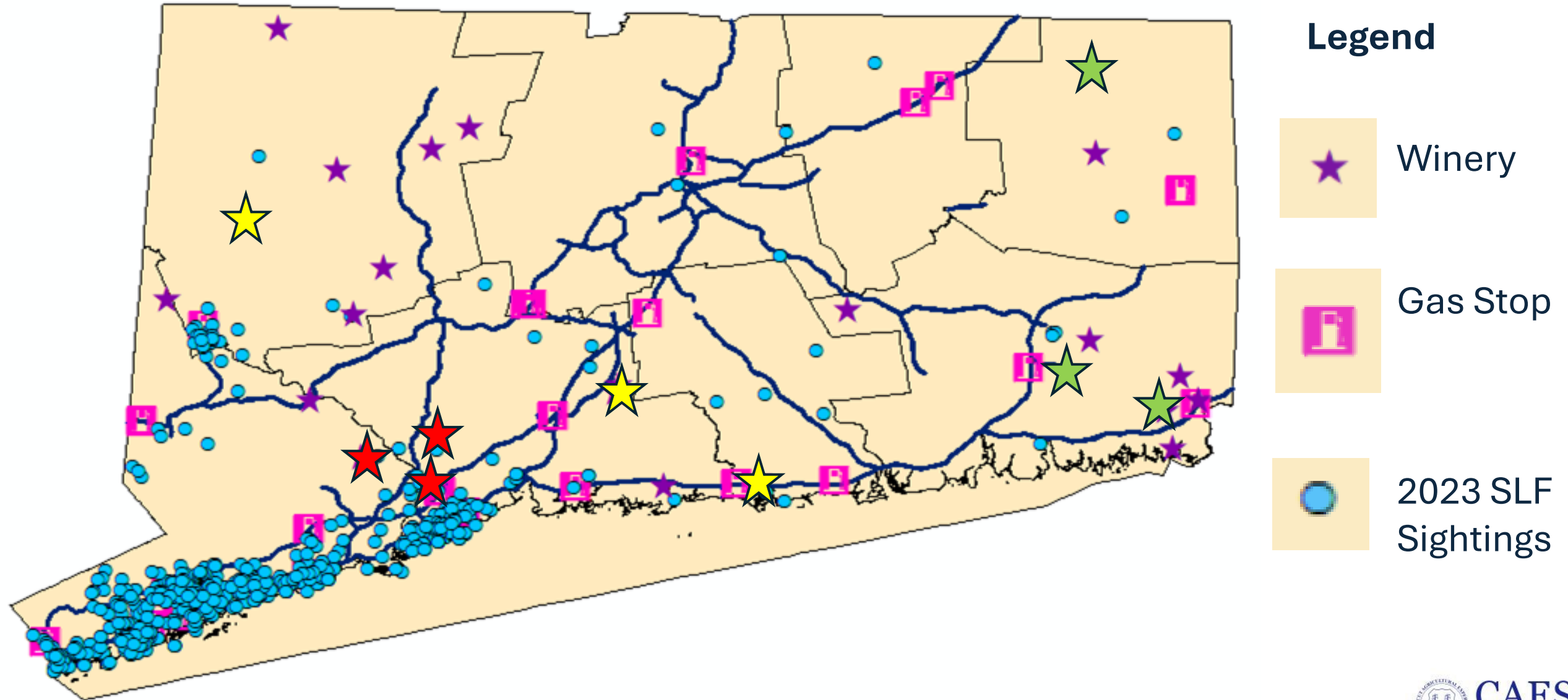
Reports by Month in 2024



SLF/report 2024



Predicting Risk for Vineyards



Monitoring Tool

The Lamp Shade Trap

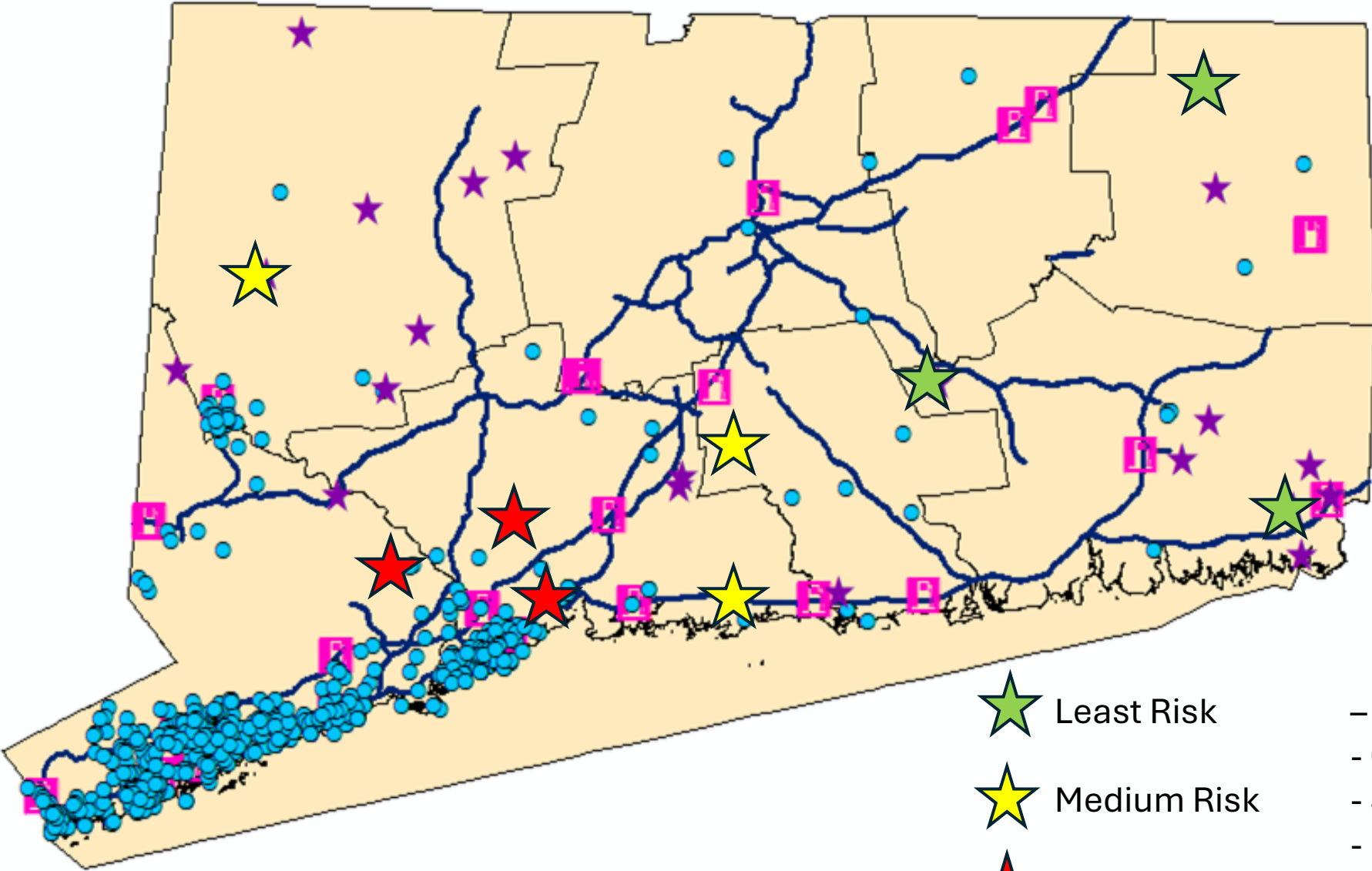
- Entirely roofing material
- Provides rough surface for oviposition
- Provides shelter
- Exploits negative geo-taxis of SLF
- Tight juncture at top between material and tree
- Deployed on trellis posts



Egg Masses on Trap

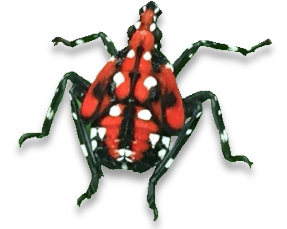


Map of 2023 Sightings



- ★ Least Risk
 - 0 SLF Seen
 - 0 Eggs on Traps
- ★ Medium Risk
 - SLF seen at one site
 - 0 Eggs on Traps
- ★ High Risk
 - SLF seen at two sites
 - 2 Eggs on Traps

Conclusions



- Citizen reporting an important tool in understanding spread
- Showing typical pattern of satellite populations growing and merging
- Coastal Fairfield, Southwestern New Haven merging
- Clinton, Norwich and New Milford are smaller hot spots
- Our predictions based on gas stations and nearest sightings did pretty well, but we failed to predict Clinton
- Egg traps are a great monitoring tool, but not as effective on trellis posts as on trees
- Keep reporting!

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