



Emerald Ash Borer Control Recommendations for Nebraska

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UNL Extension Entomology is not currently making specific recommendations for the control of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Nebraska. Last year, a few garden centers prematurely promoted imidacloprid (Merit) for systemic protection against EAB. Because this pest is still a considerable distance away (western Wisconsin, western Illinois, and eastern Missouri), we believe this promotion was inappropriate and wasteful.

Our position continues to stress the importance of monitoring EAB activity in and around Nebraska. If and when infestations are confirmed nearby, say in western Iowa, we will immediately mobilize our publicity and educational campaign with news bulletins and articles on EAB and its management. At that time, Extension educators, state and local officials, nurserymen, and landscape professionals will be provided with the latest information on EAB biology, distribution, and management. For now, however, our focus remains on staying abreast of on-going EAB research in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and other states, and keeping the public informed on the status of EAB in the Midwest.