

# WINDOW ON AGRICULTURE

## Office of the Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner

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### **Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) Update**

From January through October, our staff inspected 2,994 shipments of nursery stock coming from GWSS infested counties. In the months of April through October, 435 GWSS urban traps were deployed in urban areas, with a total of 6,080 servicings. We placed 91 traps in the 56 nurseries that receive plant material from infested counties throughout the year. All traps are serviced every two weeks.

Thirty-one urban landscapes were visually inspected for life stages of GWSS. These areas had recently been landscaped with plants that were GWSS host material. Forty-five nurseries that receive GWSS host plants on a regular basis were inspected for evidence of any life stages of GWSS.

In July 2004, due to the budget we had to let go all our extra-help staff. Permanent staffs were assigned to inspect all incoming plant shipments. Project coordinator Priscilla Lane reports that three plant material shipments were rejected and returned to their origin this year because GWSS life stages were found.



### **Acreage Statistics Update**

Agricultural Program Assistant April Golterman has begun calling large growers and vineyard management companies to set up appointments to review their acreage records. Ms. Golterman and professional staff will also be reviewing acreage records with growers when they come into our office to renew their pesticide permits. Growers should be prepared to spend a few minutes with our staff to update these records.

Individual grower acreage information is kept confidential. Our office uses the acreage information to compile our annual crop report. During the year, we also receive request for acreage information from local media and growers' associations. Biologist Cree Morgan created our own database of acreage information in 2002. With our own database available, we are now able to answer public requests for acreage totals in a timely manner.

Copies of our crop reports are available on line at <http://www.sonoma-county.org/agcomm>.

### **What is that Smell?**

This time of year our office receives many calls from the public complaining about odors from agricultural properties. Most of these calls are a result of the odor of certain herbicides. If you have received complaints from neighbors in the past regarding these types of odors, you might want to ask your dealer about low odor alternatives.

## Bruce McArthur Promoted

Bruce McArthur was promoted to Deputy Agricultural Commissioner for our North District on November 9th. Bruce fills the position that was left vacant, when Stefan Parnay was promoted to Chief Deputy Agricultural Commissioner. Since 2002, Bruce has been Senior Agricultural Biologist for the North district.

Bruce has been with our department since February 1981. Since 1994, Bruce has been part of the North District team. In his nearly 24 years with the department, Bruce has been lead biologist on several programs.

Those programs include: weed management, apiary inspection, Africanized Honey Bee, structural pest control, and general detection. Bruce has also worked in insect detection, exclusion, egg inspection, acreage and crop statistics, nursery inspection, and pesticide use enforcement.

Bruce grew up in Modesto, California. He graduated in 1971 with a degree in biology from the University of California, San Diego. He also did graduate study at Sonoma State University.

Congratulations to Bruce on his promotion.

*Happy Holidays*





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Mobile Animal Center  
Spay/Neuter Clinic Schedule

December 16<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)  
Lakewood Pets  
9084 Brooks Rd. Windsor

February 17<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)  
Debbie's Pet Boutique  
10333 Old Red Hwy X Starr Rd, Windsor

January 6<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)  
Southwest Roseland Comm Park  
Hearn Ave x Stony Pt, Santa Rosa

March 3<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday)  
Julliard Park  
Santa Rosa Ave x Julliard Park Dr

January 13<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)  
Sonoma County Animal Shelter  
Century Court (off Airport Blvd)

March 17<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)  
Guerneville Safeway  
Hwy 116 x Mill St

January 18<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)  
Martin Luther King Jr. Park  
Hendley Street (near fairgrounds)

March 30<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)  
Southwest Roseland Comm Park  
Hearn Ave x Stony Pt, Santa Rosa

January 25<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)  
Guerneville Safeway  
Hwy 116 x Mill Street

April 6<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)  
Martin Luther King Park  
Hendley Street (near fairgrounds)

February 3<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday)  
Southwest Roseland Comm Park  
Hearn Ave X Stony Pt, Santa Rosa

April 20<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)  
Cloverdale Train Depot  
Citrus Fair Dr X Asti Rd

February 8<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)  
Northwest Community Park  
W. Steele Ln x Marlow, Santa Rosa

**Please call 579-SPAY for information regarding spay/neuter vouchers that are available to low-income dog and cat owners. Vouchers are not accepted at MAC events.**

**Schedule MAC event:**

**If you would like to schedule a S/N, Mobile Adoption or Educational event in your neighborhood please contact Cathy Fenn, Shelter Supervisor, at 565-7109.**