

# Farm Bill Accomplishment Report Template

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<b>Year:</b>	2012-2013
<b>State:</b>	Maine
<b>Cooperative Agreement Name:</b>	Forest Pest Outreach and Survey Project
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<b>Project Report:</b>	<b>Farm Bill FPOSP Midyear Report</b>
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Quarterly Report	<input type="checkbox"/>
Semi-Annual Accomplishment Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Annual Accomplishment Report	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 1. Approach

### a. Describe specific activities and accomplishments...

For the 2012-2013 funding year, ME FPOSP is concentrating its efforts on training individuals in more remote and underserved areas of the state, e.g. Aroostook and Washington counties. We continue to reach out to school groups and provide resources and training to educators when requested. We made efforts to promote National Invasive Species Awareness Week by scheduling outreach events and trainings that week, as well as writing a press release. Details of accomplishments below...

#### i. Tie in to National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW; March 3-8, 2013)

- Wrote a press release (**attachment 1**) that was also made available on the [Maine Invasive Species Network \(MISN\) website](#).
- Provided a TTT training in Presque Isle during that week.
- Provided FPOSP tabling at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Maine Milfoil Summit, and the Portland Flower Show.
- Gave presentations on invasive forest pests at the MELNA workshop, the Arborists Association annual meeting, a state park's education day, etc.
- Promoted the newly finished mini-documentary we produced with the previous year's grant "[Foes of the Forests: Maine's Trees at Risk from Invasive Insects](#)".

#### ii. Conduct TTT sessions

- By the end of the midyear reporting period (March 30, 2013), we provided one half-day TTT session to a remote area of the state – Presque Isle (Aroostook County). Turnout was excellent (33). Three more TTTs were planned and will be conducted by the end of June.

#### iii. Reach out to Educators and active community members

- Last year's TTT sessions yielded some active young educators who developed their own presentations and provided outreach to K-6 school groups and classrooms. FPOSP provided technical assistance, outreach materials, and incentive items to the volunteers.
- Gave talks to retirement communities, Lion's club, forestry students, etc.

#### iv. Tabling at various events

- Conservation fairs, agricultural fairs, trades shows, etc.

#### v. Social media outreach

- Maintain the [Maine Bug Watch facebook page](#) – 92 posts made during the reporting period. Currently have 108 "friends".
- Volunteer network promotes invasive forest pest info on their webpages and facebook pages (e.g. [Saco River Recreational Council](#)).

### b. Data to be collected and maintained (and reported!)

- If formal surveys are conducted, data will include (but not be limited to) GPS information on high risk site location, numbers and species of host trees inspected, and inspection results.
- For Train the Trainer sessions include list of the dates, locations, organizations (if applicable) and the number of people trained.

Date	Location	Organization 1	Organization 2	Organization 3	Organization 4	# trained
3/8/2013	Presque Isle	ME Dept. of Ag, Cons., & For.	University of Maine, PI	Soil&Water Cons. Dist. (var.)		33

- A list of outreach activities, who staffed or otherwise ran each event (i.e., cooperator staff, trained volunteers, contracted staff, etc) and a realistic number of targeted participants for each event. These should be maintained for all the outreach activities. **(attachment 2)**
- Describe progress you made in developing and using an electronic list of citizen volunteers.

A database of all trained volunteers from 2009 to the present was created in 2009 and is updated frequently. Also included are names and contacts of people that have expressed interest in receiving information and updates. Currently, there are 180 names on the list. The FPOSP volunteer coordinator, Lorraine Taft, sends bimonthly emails of program updates, upcoming events, solicitation of feedback, words of encouragement, etc. to all the contacts in the database.

## 2. Quantitative Reporting

Number of volunteers added to program each month: *(Start with your number from last year and fill in for each month)*

# FY11	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
191	0	0	0	0	0	0	33							

Number of outreach events for each month. First row is # outreach events; second row is # people reached via these events.

Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
5	7	12	3	1	2	9							
7876	1430	716	2600	1000	55	1713							

Approved and signed by

  
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Cooperator

Date: \_\_\_5/13/13\_\_\_\_\_

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Date:

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## National Invasive Species Awareness Week – Maine Events

National Invasive Species Awareness Week for 2013 will be March 3-8

- [Download info sheet \(PDF\)](#) with some of the national highlights planned for 2013
- Let us know events that you are planning for this year and we will post them here (email [caleb.slemmons@maine.edu](mailto:caleb.slemmons@maine.edu))

National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW), now in its fourth year, is an awareness week that will be marked by national, state and local events, including a major conference in Washington D.C., a public meeting by the National Invasive Species Council, Capitol Hill briefings on aquatic invasive species, and updates by federal agencies on important invasive species issues and initiatives. While the State of Maine is not recognizing the week formally, a number of activities related to invasive species and available to the public are taking place during the week. Here are 8 events and activities to observe NISAW in Maine:

1. The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Maine Milfoil Summit will be held on Friday, March 1, at the Lewiston-Auburn campus of the University of Southern Maine, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The summit is free and open to the public. To register, please email [lakes@leamaine.org](mailto:lakes@leamaine.org) and give your name and lake/organization affiliation. Please register early, since the meeting room can only hold 200 people. <http://mainelakes.org>
2. Maine Landscape and Nursery Association Certification Workshop, March 4, Portland; Department staff will be presenting on browntail moth, winter moth, and other tree pest problems.
3. “Foes of the Forests: Maine’s Trees at Risk from Invasive Insects” is a new documentary highlighting the threats from invasive forest pests on the state’s forest related industries and natural resources. Featured insects are the emerald ash borer, hemlock woolly adelgid, and Asian longhorned beetle. It is available at <http://www.youtube.com>

Forester Harold Burnett being interviewed for the Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry video “[Foes of the Forest](#)”



4. Portland Flower Show, March 6-10, Portland Company Complex; the Department and its volunteers trained through the Invasive Forest Insect Volunteer Training Program, will be participating with the Children's Discovery Garden, teaching about invasive forest pests. <http://portlandcompany.com/flower/>
5. Maine Conservation Corps Trail Training program, March 8, Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park; Maine Conservation Corps and Bureau of Parks and Lands; tree I.D. and Invasive Insects education day.
6. Invasive Forest Insect Outreach Volunteer Training; Friday, March 8, 12:00 – 4:30 PM, University of Maine-Presque Isle; Department staff will train people to recognize, report and to spread awareness about the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB), the emerald ash borer (EAB), brown spruce longhorned beetle (BSLB) and hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA).
7. Maine Arborists Association annual meeting; March 8, Portland; Department staff will be presenting on winter moth: a new invasive forest insect in Maine.
8. Winter Moth Training Session, March 11, 1:00-3:00 PM, Maine Forest Service Bolton Hill Facility; a training session about winter moth for people who provide information to the public about trees or who manage public land

For more information about National Invasive Species Awareness Week, go to:

<http://www.nisaw.org/>

For more information about invasive species, go to:

- <http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/index.shtml>
- <http://www.maine.gov/forestpests>
- <http://www.maine.gov/invasivepests>
- <http://umaine.edu/invasivespecies>

# Maine - FPOSP 2012-2013 1st Half Report

Who	Date	Event / Opportunity	Town	Presentation Display		Media Cvr	Hand outs	Number impacted
<b><u>MDA</u></b>								
	9/26/2012	Volunteer Gathering and Re-Training	Ellsworth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15
	9/27/2012	Conservation Fair	Union	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	215
	10/23/2012	Grow Smart with Project Canopy	Augusta	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	200
	11/9/2012	Readfield School Presentation	Readfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	93
	11/15/2012	Sebasticook Middle School	Newport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	103
<b><u>MDA/MFS</u></b>								
	3/8/2013	FPOSP Training	Presque Isle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	33
<b><u>MDA/MFS/Volunteer(s)</u></b>								
	9/21/2012	Common Ground Fair	Unity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7500
<b><u>MDA/Volunteer(s)</u></b>								
	10/4/2012	Fryeburg Fair	Fryeburg	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1000
	11/5/2012	Lion's Club	Gardiner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17
	1/8/2013	Agricultural Trades Show	Augusta	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1000
	3/23/2013	Maine Maple Sunday	Gorham	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	600
	3/27/2013	Retirement Home Presentation	Falmouth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50
<b><u>Volunteer(s)</u></b>								
	9/26/2012	Acadia National Park Ranger outreac	Winter Harbor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	46
	9/27/2012	Invasive Forest Pest Talk	Yarmouth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100
	10/3/2012	Acadia National Park Ranger outreac	Winter Harbor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	46
	10/6/2012	Saco River Invasive Aquatics	Saco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0
	10/12/2012	Leavitt H.S. student education	Turner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50
	10/24/2012	Acadia National Park Ranger outreac	Winter Harbor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	64
	10/25/2012	Winthrop Elementary	Winthrop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	70
	11/1/2012	Harrison Lyseth Elementary	Portland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	83
	11/2/2012	Mabel Wilson School	Cumberland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	145
	11/6/2012	Riverton School	Portland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	52
	11/7/2012	Harrison Lyseth Elementary	Portland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	52
	11/14/2012	Wardwell Neighborhood	Saco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15
	11/15/2012	Ocean Ave Elementary	Portland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	44
	11/16/2012	East End Comm School	Portland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100
	11/18/2012	Quarry Quest Adventure Walk	Biddeford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12
	11/19/2012	Don't Move Firewood posting		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	12/9/2012	Winter Moth posting		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200
	12/11/2012	Winter Moth posting		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	400
	12/31/2012	FB posting of HWA	Bar Harbor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2000
	2/11/2013	Maine Conservation Corp	Augusta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15

Who	Date	Event / Opportunity	Town	Presentation Display		Media Cvrg	Hand outs	Number impacted
	2/15/2013	Weeds, Bugs and Mugs	Bar Harbor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40
	3/1/2013	Milfoil Summit	Lewiston	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	250
	3/8/2013	Portland Flower Show	Portland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	400
	3/12/2013	USM Job Fair	Portland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	150
	3/22/2013	River Valley Healthy Communities Co	South Paris	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	150
	3/23/2013	Agri-Business Trade Fair	Presque Isle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	70
	3/27/2013	Forest 101 Class	Farmington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10

Total Impact: 15,390

MDA = Maine Department of Agriculture  
MFS = Maine Forest Service