

MASSACHUSETTS  
Insect and Disease Conditions  
1993

Gypsy Moth populations declined 88,684 acres. the expected defoliation in 1994 will be heaviest in the south shore area. The cape is starting to increase.

Oak Leaf Tier populations remained low. No defoliation was noted and to catches were recorded in the pheromone traps.

Oak Leaf Skeletonizer populations are increasing in Worcester County.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid continues to spread. Eleven new infestation have been found. No new counties are involved. D9, 5 Counties?

Hemlock Looper no new defoliation was recorded.

Larch Sawfly populations remain stable, 25 acres of defoliation were reported.

Pitch Pine Looper populations continue to increase in Plymouth and Barnstable Counties with scattered heavy defoliation. One private camp conducted a control operation.

Winter Injure on Red Spruce 1,501 acres were recorded in Berkshire County.

Salt Spray Injury was recorded on the outer cape, 7000 acres were mapped.

Fall Webworm continues to cause heavy defoliation statewide.

Eastern Tent Caterpillar populations remain heavy in Middlesex County.

Pear Thrips trap catches increased put no damage was noted.

White Ash decline was noted statewide, the trees do not exhibit the signs of ash yellows. The problem is believed to be water related.

Anthracnose was prevalent in Berkshire County on sycamore, white oak and ash.

Tar Spot has increased in central and northern Berkshire County in some cases causing premature leaf drop.