

STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

EMERGENCY BOARD ORDER AND QUARANTINE

THOUSAND CANKERS DISEASE

Thousand cankers disease is a destructive insect-fungal pathogen pest complex that is lethal to walnut (*Juglans spp.*) trees. It has been detected in at least eight (8) western states and was recently confirmed in Tennessee, the first report of the pest found within the native range of black walnut trees. Black walnut trees appear in 63 counties of Oklahoma; if thousand cankers disease spreads Oklahoma within the region of native black walnut trees, it will cause economic, ecological, and sociological effects by posing a serious threat to walnut timber and nut production, walnuts as a landscape species, and the native ecosystem. Walnut is currently moving from known infested states by multiple means, including forest products trade, nursery stock, wood crafter hobbyist exchange, research, and firewood. It is imperative for the protection of black walnut in Oklahoma and its native range to immediately suspend movement of walnut from infested areas. In the past three (3) months, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Minnesota, and Iowa have stopped movement of walnut products from the eight (8) western states listed below.

Pursuant to the authority conferred in 2 O. S. §§ 1-3(12), 2-4(A)(8), and 3-32.9, the State Board of Agriculture does hereby establish a quarantine hereinafter setting forth the name of the pest against which the quarantine is established, the quarantined areas, regulated products, and conditions governing shipment.

PEST: Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut Exterior Quarantine

QUARANTINED AREAS: The entire states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and any other state or foreign country known to be infested.

REGULATED PRODUCTS:

1. All plant and plant parts of the genus *Juglans* including but not limited to nursery stock, budwood, scionwood, green lumber, and other living, dead, cut, or fallen, including logs, boards, firewood, stumps, burls, roots, branches, bark, mulch, chips, and lumber for wood packing material.
2. All life states of the walnut twig beetle (*Pityophthorus juglandis*).
3. The fungal pathogen *Geosmithia morbida sp. nov.*

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS:

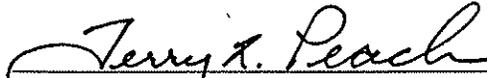
1. All regulated articles originating from quarantined areas are prohibited entry into or transition through the State of Oklahoma unless accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate from the state of origin declaring, "The article was officially inspected after harvest and found free of the fungus *Geosmithia*, the walnut twig beetle, and bark, and

*the articles were stored in such a manner to remain free of the walnut twig beetle in storage and transit."*

2. Regulated articles originating in an area not known to have thousand cankers disease but in transit through an area known to have thousand cankers disease shall be regulated articles.
3. Regulated articles to be used for research purposes may move under a compliance agreement with ODAFF Plant Protection Section.
4. Interstate and intrastate movement of regulated articles and all living stages of the walnut twig beetle (*Pityophthorus juglandis*) and the thousand canker disease fungal pathogen, *Geosmithia morbida sp. nov.* for scientific or experimental purposes may move under compliance agreement and scientific permit.

**PENALTIES:** Pursuant to 2 O.S. § 2-18, any person who violates this Order of the State Board of Agriculture shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to an administrative penalty of \$100.00 up to \$10,000.00 per violation. Each animal, each action, or each day a violation continues may constitute a separate and distinct violation.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2010.

  
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Terry L. Peach, President  
State Board of Agriculture