Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

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#### Eastern Hemlock

- Michigan is home to roughly 176 million hemlocks
- Functions
  - Habitat
  - Dune stabilization
  - Temperature regulation in cold water streams
  - Aesthetic



# What is Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA)?

- First introduced to the eastern US in the 1950's from Japan
- Has devastated eastern hemlock forests along the east coast and Appalachia
- Sucking insect about the size of a flake of pepper - flightless





# What is Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA)?

 IDed by its ovisacs - looks like small cotton balls on the underside of hemlock needles

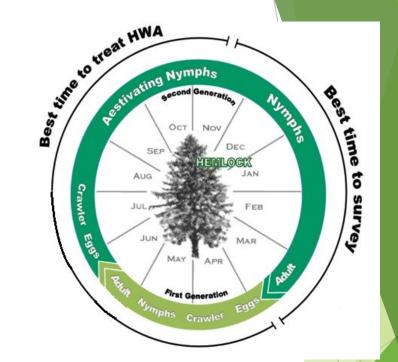
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Starves tree of nutrients



### Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

- 2 generations per year
- Crawlers are present in ~April and July
  - Mobile
  - Tiny
  - Spread easily on the wind or hitchhike unseen on birds, animals and humans.





### Elongate Hemlock Scale



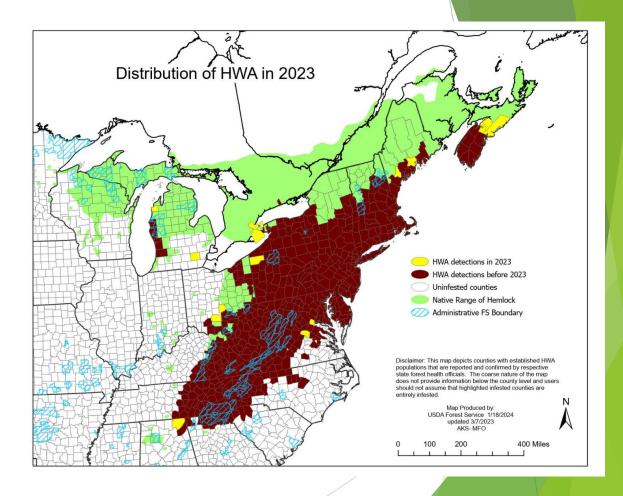
### Other Lookalikes







# Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in MI



# Current Statewide HWA Infestation

#### New Infestations in 2024

- Antrim County
- Benzie County Spread
- Sleeping Bear Dunes



# **HWA Treatment**

#### **State Land Treatment**

- State Parks
- State Game Areas
- Federal Lands



## **Treatment Options**

- Chemical
  - Imidacloprid & Dinotefuran
- Methods
  - Injections
  - Basal Bark
  - Soil Drench
  - Tablets
- OTC products
  - Chemical options
  - Insecticidal soaps and horticultural oils

#### Chemicals

- Imidacloprid
  - Slow acting, control in roughly one year
  - Lasts 5-7 years depending on treatment rates
  - Cheaper
- Dinotefuran
  - Fast acting, control in roughly two weeks
  - Lasts roughly 12-18 months
  - Expensive

#### Methods

- Injections
  - Plugged vs pluggless
  - No max application rates
- Basal Bark
  - Max application rates
- Soil Drench
  - Max application rates
- CoreTect Tablets
  - Breakdown over time, can use double max application rate
  - Easy transport

# Injections





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### **OTC Products**

- Chemical products
  - Diluted and concentrated
  - Micro-injections
- Insecticidal soaps and horticultural oils





# **Injections**

- 2 mL/DBH inch
  - ► 10% concentration
- No max application rate
- Inches/liter
  - ► 1,000 mL/2 mL
  - ► 500 inches



### **Basal Barks**

Mix rate: 16.8 oz/gal

App rate:1.5 oz/inch

Max app:1.6 pints/acre



#### Basal Bark

- Inches/gal mixture
  - ► 128 oz/1.5 oz
  - 85.33 inch/gal mixture
- Inches/acre
  - ► 1.6 pint=25.6 oz
  - 25.6 oz/16.8 oz
  - ► 1.52 gal mixture
  - ► 1.52 gal x 85.33 inch
  - ► 129.7 inch/acre/year



#### Chemical Concentration

#### LESCO® Bandit™ 2F Insecticide

For foliar and systemic insect control in turforass (including sod farms), landscape ornamentals. fruit and nut trees and interior plantscapes.

#### **ACTIVE INGREDIENT:** Imidacloprid,1-[(6-Chloro-3-pyridinyl)

methyl-N-nitro-2-imidazolidinimine . . . . . 21.4% Contains 2 pounds of imidacloprid per gallon.

SHAKE WELL BEFORE USING EPA Reg. No. 432-1312 EPA Est.No. 432-TX-1

**NET CONTENTS: 40 oz** 

STOP - Read the label before use. Keep out of reach of children.

PARA EL USUARIO: Si usted no lee o entiende inglés, no use este producto hasta que le hayan explicado completamente las instrucciones que figuran en la etiqueta.

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GROUP 3A INSECTICIDE

#### COMPARE-N-SAVE™ INDOOR/OUTDOOR INSECT CONCENTRATE

[Alternate Brand Names: HDX™ Indoor/Outdoor Insect Control; Farm General™ Indoor/Outdoor Insect Concentrate; FarmWorks® Indoor/Outdoor Insect

Concentrate; FarmWorks® Indoor/Outdoor Insect Control]

For use to control listed insect pests and mites indoors, in interiorscapes and outdoors on ornamentals and lawns in landscaped areas around residential, institutional, public, commercial, and industrial buildings, parks, recreational areas and athletic fields.

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:	By Wt.
Bifenthrin*	7.9%
OTHER INGREDIENTS:	92,1%
TOTAL:	
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FOR TREE INJECTION USE IN LIQUID LOADABLE INJECTORS

#### ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

Imidacloprid (110.7 mg/mL)	
1-[(6-Chloro-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-N-nitro-2-imidazolidinimine	10.0%
OTHER INGREDIENTS:	90.0%
Total	100.0%

#### KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION



#### Imidacloprid 2F (or 2SC)

	2F/2SC per gallon mix	water per gallon mix	Inches DBH Treated per gallon mix	A.I. oz.	Al gram s	A.I. grams per inch DBH
1.5 fl oz mix per inch DBH	16.8 fl oz	111.2 fl oz	85.33	4.2	119.1	1.4
2.0 fl oz mix per inch DBH	16.8 fl oz	111.2 fl oz	64	4.2	119.1	1.86

For trees <15" cumulative DBH apply 1.5 fl. oz. of mix per inch DBH

For trees >15" cumulative DBH apply 2.0 fl. oz. of mix per inch DBH

#### Dinotefuran 205G

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	20SG per gallon mix	gallon mix	Inches DBH Treated per gallon mix	A.I. oz.	Al gram s	A.I. grams per inch DBH
1.5 fl oz mix per inch DBH	21 oz	1	85.33	4.2	119.1	1.4
2.0 fl oz mix per inch DBH	21 oz	1	64	4.2	119.1	1.86

For trees <15" cumulative DBH apply 1.5 fl. oz. of mix per inch DBH

For trees >15" cumulative DBH apply 2.0 fl. oz. of mix per inch DBH

## Addressing a Property

- Inject all trees with a 5-inchDBH and up
- Basal bark all trees less than a 5-inch DBH
- Retreatments???



#### **Biocontrol**

- Research is ongoing and we are monitoring progress
- Michigan has not yet pursued biocontrol options

