

Many Come and Learn About Potential Insect Pest

Seventy-seven (77) people were in attendance at the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) Workshop on Friday, February 23, 2018, at the Shade Mt. Winery north of Middleburg. The informational session, hosted by the Snyder County Conservation District, was targeted towards the invasive and destructive pest that is threatening local fruit crops. Currently a quarantine is in place for thirteen (13) southeastern Pennsylvania counties to try to stop the movement of the Spotted Lanternfly. Currently the nearest county to in the quarantine to Snyder County is Schuylkill.



Spotted lanternfly adult (left) and nymph (right). Photos courtesy of Lawrence Barringer, Entomologist, PDA

Participants from fifteen (15) counties learned that this destructive insect, a native of China, Vietnam and India, feeds on a variety of trees and crops including grapes, apples, peaches, ailanthus, select hardwoods, willow, hops and certain ornamental plants.

Two speakers educated the attendees on biology, lifecycle, damage, economically important hosts in PA, what to do if you find a SLF, prevention, and management. Sven-Erik Spichiger, Entomology Program Manager, Bureau of Plant Industry, PA Department of Agriculture (PDA) and Anna Busch, Field and Forage Crops Educator, Penn State Extension, offered a wealth of information and answered many questions about this invasive pest.

Additional information on the Spotted Lanternfly may be obtained by contacting PDA or your local Penn State Extension office. You can also check out these website links below.

http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted_lanternfly/quarantine/Pages/default.aspx

<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>

