

## Notice Of Public Meetings

The Department of Agricultural Resources (The Department) is proposing to issue an order to ban and/or phase-out the importation and sale of more than 140 plants identified as either noxious and/or invasive in the Commonwealth. The Department is seeking comments from the public prior to issuing its order. The Department derives its authority to take this action under Massachusetts General Law including, but not limited to, Chapter 128 Section 2 and Sections 16 through 31A.

A list of species proposed for ban/phase-out can be found at:  
[http://mass.gov/agr/farmproducts/proposed\\_prohibited\\_plant\\_list.htm](http://mass.gov/agr/farmproducts/proposed_prohibited_plant_list.htm)

Or may be obtained in printed version by calling 617.626.1775.

An initial detailed notice of such proposed action can be found at:  
[http://www.mass.gov/agr/farmproducts/proposed\\_prohibited\\_plant\\_list\\_release.htm](http://www.mass.gov/agr/farmproducts/proposed_prohibited_plant_list_release.htm)

The proposed order will in no way impact existing plantings of any of the listed species, but is limited to the importation, sale, trade, distribution and related activities, of these plants.

The following locations and times have been chosen for the public meetings:

***Tuesday September 13, 2005 (10-12 PM)***  
***Waltham Field Station (Auditorium)***  
***240 Beaver Street Waltham, Massachusetts***

***Thursday September 15, 2005 (1-3PM)***  
***Notch Visitors Center***  
***1500 West Street Amherst, Massachusetts***

The Department will be accepting written comments until close-of-business on September 30, 2005. Written comments should be submitted to

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