

Oregon’s 6 million-plus Yule trees said healthy

Just in time for the holiday season, Oregon’s Christmas tree industry has a clean bill of health.

Facing a remote but real threat from the organism that causes sudden oak death, the industry came through a comprehensive inspection and certification program with flying colors, signaling a clean start to the harvest and shipping season this fall.

Last year, Oregon sold 6.6 million Christmas trees, and approximately 81 percent were shipped out-of-state.

The leading producer of Christmas trees in the United States, Oregon can now assure its customers across the country and around the world that its trees are free from pests and diseases of concern.

Once again, Mexico is the top export market for Oregon Christmas trees. Last year, a vast majority of shipments -- 1,385 out of a total 1,470 for all countries -- made their way to Mexico. While sudden oak death was not on the radar last year, Mexican officials have been watching the issue closely this year.

The targeted inspection and certification program will help keep that important export market open for Oregon growers.

“Even though the risk of sudden oak death in our trees is minimal, we take these kinds of issues very seriously,” said Bryan Ostlund, executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association. “The industry has used this certification program to jump in front of the issue, and we are pleased with the results.”

With Oregon’s nursery industry, the state’s Christmas tree producers asked the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture (ODA) to establish a mandatory inspection, testing, and certification designed to detect the presence of Phytophthora ramorum, the fungus that causes sudden oak death. Before any tree shipments are allowed from Oregon, the growers need to complete the inspection and certification process.

During the past three months, ODA has been able to check 588 Christmas tree plantations. Using a visual inspection and laboratory analysis of random samples, ODA found no cases of P. ramorum in Oregon Christmas trees. The clean bill of health comes at the right time.

“We are confident that the Christmas trees grown in Oregon are free of the disease,” said Gary McAninch, supervisor of ODA’s Nursery and Christmas Tree Program. “This has been a very important program in that we wanted to assure our customers and ourselves that Oregon is providing Christmas trees free of sudden oak death.

“No one had been looking for the disease in Christmas tree plantations to this degree in the past.

So we felt it necessary to look at all our Christmas tree growers to show that this is not a problem here.”

ODA has always inspected trees for dangerous pests and diseases before



issuing the all-important phytosanitary certificate that allows shipment. This year’s new disease of concern is sudden oak death.

“We have to send our trees to where the customers are, and most of them are not in Oregon,” said McAninch. “It is important that those states and countries feel confident they are getting clean Christmas trees from Oregon.”



COUGAR GRID TEAM ENCOURAGED - Coach Bob Thornhill at Illinois Valley High School provided supportive comments for the Cougars’ efforts in Cave Junction Friday night, Oct. 29. I.V. faced Phoenix, ranked sixth in the state, and lost 34-0. The loss took

IVHS to 0-4 in the Skyline Conference; 0-7 overall. Ian Moore was a standout for the Cougars; carrying the ball 21 times and gaining 115 yards. I.V. will play Mazama in Klamath Falls Saturday, Nov. 6. Thornhill said that Phoenix is the best that I.V. has faced this year.

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2002 Ford Escort \$6999 P17314, 4 door, Loaded, 41k	2002 Chevrolet Cavalier \$11999 P16900, LS, 5 spd, Loaded, Sports Coupe	2004 Ford Mustang \$17999 17308, Coupe, Loaded, 100 miles
2000 Ford Focus \$8999 17267, ZX3, Coupe, 5sp, Air, Mags	2003 Ford Focus \$12999 P17237, SE Wagon, Ld'd, 9000 mi.	2001 Lincoln Car \$19999 17320, Executive, 33k, Loaded
2001 Chevrolet Malibu \$9999 P17279, 4 door, Loaded, 38k mi.	1999 Cadillac DeVille \$13999 17299, 4 door, Loaded, 60K	2001 Lincoln LS \$22999 P17271, Loaded, 40k miles
2000 Chevrolet Impala \$10999 17217, 4 door, Loaded	2003 Ford Focus ZTS \$14999 P17247, 4 dr, Leather, Moonroof	2004 Ford Mustang \$25999 17273, Mach I, Coupe, Loaded
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2000 Ford Ranger \$14999 P17213, 4x4, S.Cab, 4 dr, XLT, Ld'd	2001 Jeep \$21999 P16864, Grand Cherokee, 4x4, Ld'd	2004 Ford F-250 \$31999 17171, CrewCab, S.Duty, 4x4, XLT, Loaded
1998 Ford Expedition \$15999 17222, 4x4, XLT, Loaded	2003 Ford Ranger \$21999 P16751, S.Cab, 4x4, XLT, Loaded	2002 Ford Excursion \$31999 17117, 4x4, Limited, Loaded
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2001 Dodge Durango \$17999 P15538, SLT, 4x4, Loaded	2002 Chevrolet 1500 \$24999 P17140, 4x4, Ext.Cab, LS, Ld'd	2003 Ford F-250 \$33999 17246, SuperDuty, XLT, S.Cab, 4x4, Turbo Diesel, Loaded
1999 Ford F-250 \$18999 P17241, S.Cab, 4x4, XLT, Loaded	2003 Ford F-150 \$24999 P17165, 4x4, S.Cab, XLT, S.Box, Ld'd	2002 Chevrolet Tahoe \$33999 P17317, Sport, Moonroof, Leather, 4x4, LT, Loaded, 28k
1999 Chevrolet \$18999 P16822, Suburban, LT, 1500 Sport Utility, 4x4, Loaded	2003 Dodge 3/4 Ton \$26999 17133, 4x4, QuadCab, SLT, Ld'd	2002 Ford Excursion \$34999 P16168, 4x4, Limited, Loaded
2002 Dodge Durango \$19999 P17196, 4x4, Loaded	2004 Ford F-250 \$26999 P17277, 4x4, S.Cab, XLT, Loaded	2002 Ford F-350 \$34999 P17284, Super Duty, Turbo Diesel, CrewCab, 4x4, XLT, Loaded
2003 Ford Escape \$19999 P16964, 4x4, XLT, Loaded	2003 Ford Explorer \$27999 17292, Eddie Bauer, 4x4, Loaded	2003 Ford F-250 \$34999 17332, S.Cab, 4x4, Turbo Diesel, XLT, Ld'd
2002 Mercury \$19999 17226, Mountaineer, 4x4, Loaded	2000 Ford F-350 \$27999 P16821, Lariat, S.Duty, 4x4, CrewCab, Loaded	2004 Ford Expedition \$35999 P17255, 4x4, Eddie Bauer, Loaded
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