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EMERGENCY QUARANTINE FOR ROSEAU CANE SCALE

Baton Rouge, La. (March 27, 2018) – Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., has signed an emergency quarantine for Roseau cane scale. The scale, native to China and Japan, is an insect that destroys Roseau cane which is vegetation that helps protect Louisiana's coast.

According to the emergency declaration, Roseau cane scale poses a threat to the health and welfare of Louisiana's wetlands, and possibly sorghum, sugarcane and rice industries.

"Following an extensive survey conducted by the LSU AgCenter, it has been determined that efforts should be made to limit the spread of Roseau cane scale. Therefore, a quarantine is now in effect," said Strain.

Quarantine areas in the state include all areas south of Louisiana Highway 10 beginning at the Mississippi state line moving west until intersecting at Highway 171 in Vernon Parish. Also, moving south on Highway 171 to Highway 190 in DeRidder and turning west onto Highway 190 and continuing on Highway 190 until it reaches the Sabine River.

Quarantine areas in the state include portions of the following parishes south of Louisiana Highway 10: Allen, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Pointe Coupee, St. Landry, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Vernon, Washington and West Feliciana.

These entire parishes are quarantined: Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Terrebonne, Vermillion and West Baton Rouge.

Clean nursery stock may be moved within quarantined areas under a special permit issued by the LDAF. Limited movement of Roseau cane by boat is allowed by waterfowl hunters as long as the Roseau cane material is moved no more than one-quarter mile from its original location and remains within the quarantine area.

The quarantine went into effect March 26, 2018. It will be in effect until further notice.

For more information on Roseau cane, go to <http://www.lsuagcenter.com/roseaucane>.

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