

***P. ramorum* PPA 7721 Survey 2024 Accomplishment Report Template**

Year:	2024
State:	Louisiana
Cooperative Agreement Name:	Sudden Oak Death (SOD) Survey
Cooperative Agreement Number:	AP24PPQFO000C181
Project Funding Period:	April 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
Project Report:	PPA 7721 <i>P. ramorum</i> Nursery/Environs Survey Report
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- A. Write a brief narrative of work accomplished. Compare actual accomplishments to objectives established as indicated in the work plan. When the output can be quantified, a computation of cost per unit is required when useful.

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) in 2024 to conduct a visual and water baiting survey for *Phytophthora ramorum*. LDAF conducted this survey according to survey guidelines set forth by the USDA APHIS PPQ in 2024. This PPA 7721 funded project executed by LDAF is strengthening its relationships with a statewide network of cooperators that are helping to identify exotic pest threats, determining and implementing the most effective means of preventing, detecting, and

responding to new exotic pests. LDAF is also communicating risks and needs to land management personnel, relevant industries and the public.

LDAF's Agriculture and Environmental Science (AES) division is divided into 8 districts across the state and each district was utilized to conduct this survey. LDAF began this survey in the spring of 2024 and concluded this survey in November of 2024. LDAF inspectors conducted 30 Sudden Oak Death (SOD) inspections including 6 locations where an environmental survey was performed due to their previously positive status from 2004. There have been 75 tissue samples collected and submitted to Dr. Singh's lab at Louisiana State University (LSU). Six of the 74 tissue samples tested ELISA positive. DNA was extracted from the 6 ELISA positive samples using Dneasy Plant Mini Kits by Dr. Singh and then was forwarded to Michigan State University. All ELISA positive samples were tested and found to be negative using the USDA APHIS PPQ real-time PCR protocol with all controls performing as expected.

The water baiting portion of our survey was conducted in November of 2024 when water temperatures decreased to between 46 and 71 degrees Fahrenheit. LDAF AES inspectors deployed baited traps at 5 of our larger nurseries that have retention ponds. Camellia leaves were allowed to set on the surface of the retention ponds for 10 consecutive days. 46 leaf samples were submitted (including 6 control samples) to Dr. Singh at LSU for analysis. 30 samples were determined *Phytophthora spp.* Positive and later determined negative for *Phytophthora ramorum* based on colony morphology and shape and size of sporangia.

Outreach continues to be a major objective for the Sudden Oak Death Survey and is performed prior to every inspection. LDAF AES inspectors educate each nursery grower, nursery stock dealer or property owner about *Phytophthora ramorum* and the symptoms associated with this disease, thus increasing public awareness and communication of the threat posed.

Funding Amount	Total Number of Sites	Cost Per Unit
Proposed = \$19,082	Proposed = 28	Proposed= n/a
Actual = \$18,000	Actual = 30	Actual = n/a

1. Survey dates:

	Proposed	Actual
Survey Dates:	04/01/2024 to 12/31/2024	04/01/2024 to 12/31/2024

2. Counties surveyed:

Number of Counties:	15
Counties:	Acadia, Beauregard, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Iberia, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lincoln, Ouachita, Rapides, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, West Baton Rouge.

3. Survey Results:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Split surveys by which calendar year they occurred in	Number of nurseries surveyed	Number of other sites surveyed	Number of water samples tested	Number of water samples positive	Number of soil samples tested	Number of soil samples positive	Number of plant samples tested	Number of plant samples positive
CY15	32	0	44	0	0	0	105	0
CY16	32	0	44	0	0	0	85	0
CY17	32	0	46	0	0	0	68	0
CY18	36	0	46	0	0	0	52	0
CY19	32	0	46	0	0	0	104	0
CY20	35	0	0	0	0	0	708	1
CY21	32	0	45	0	0	0	60	0
CY22	33	0	46	0	0	0	74	0
CY23	32	0	0	0	0	0	73	1
CY24	30	0	46	0	0	0	75	0

4. Database submissions:

All survey data will be entered into the IPHIS database at the conclusion of the survey by PPQ Louisiana.

B. If appropriate, explain why objectives were not met.

All objectives were achieved during this survey.

C. Where appropriate, explain any cost overruns or unobligated funds in excess of \$1,000.

The Sudden Oak Death Survey experienced cost overruns in the amount of \$7,982.28 at the conclusion of this survey. These overruns were a result of more than expected personnel, fringe benefits and travel charges.