

Chapter Ag 25

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST

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Ag 25.01 Definition. White Pine Blister Rust (*Cronartium ribicola* Fischer) is a dangerous plant disease injurious to White (five-needled) Pine trees. All species of currant and gooseberry bushes and the European Black Currant (*Ribes nigrum* L.) are hosts of the disease. The suppression and control of such disease is necessary for the protection of White Pine plantations, White Pine nurseries and natural White Pine in this state.

Ag 25.02 Control areas. White Pine Blister Rust control areas are hereby established including:

(1) The following nurseries and such other nurseries as may be from time to time designated by the department in published regulations, and all land within 1,500 feet thereof:

- Boscobel State Nursery, Boscobel
Secs. 23 & 26, T. 8 N., R. 3 W.
- Clark County Transplant Nursery, Neillsville
Sec. 10, T. 24 N., R. 3 W.
- Gordon State Nursery, Gordon
Sec. 5, T. 43 N., R. 11 W.
- Griffith State Forest Nursery, Wisconsin Rapids
Secs. 29 & 32, T. 22 N., R. 6 E.
- Hayward State Nursery, Hayward
Secs. 28 & 33, T. 41 N., R. 9 W.
- Hugo Sauer State Nursery, Rhinelander
Sec. 2, T. 36 N., R. 8 E.
- Marathon County Transplant Nursery, Wausau
Sec. 11, T. 28 N., R. 7 E.
- McKay Nursery Co., Home Nursery, Waterloo
Sec. 8, T. 8 N., R. 13 E.
Number 7 Nursery, Waterloo
Sec. 19, T. 8 N., R. 13 E.
- Nekoosa-Edwards Paper Co., Nepco Lake Nursery, Port Edwards
Sec. 31, T. 22 N., R. 6 E.
Five Mile Creek Nursery, Port Edwards
Sec. 1, T. 21 N., R. 5 E.
- Trout Lake State Nursery, Trout Lake
Sec. 8, T. 41 N., R. 7 E.

(2) All stands of White Pine protected from Blister Rust and posted with the permission of the state entomologist, together with all lands within 900 feet thereof. No stand of less than 10 acres of well stocked White Pine shall be posted South of the north boundary of Door, Brown, Outagamie, Waupaca, Marathon, Clark, Chippewa, Dunn, and St. Croix counties unless the owners of at least 75 per cent

of the land situated in the 900 foot zone around such area shall have agreed in writing to such action. Posting shall consist of the erection and maintenance in conspicuous positions of at least one sign for each 40 acres or fraction or, for tracts of over 160 acres, of at least one sign for each $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of boundary. Each sign shall carry the warning that the pine is protected from White Pine Blister Rust and that the planting or maintenance of any currants or gooseberries within 900 feet is illegal.

Ag 25.03 Prohibitions within control areas. No currants or gooseberries shall be planted within the above described White Pine Blister Rust control areas, and all currants or gooseberries found growing in these areas shall be destroyed or removed. No compensation shall be allowed for the destruction of such bushes.

Ag 25.04 Interstate shipment permit. Anyone who desires to move or transport in or into Wisconsin any currant or gooseberry bushes, or parts thereof for propagation, shall first attach an official warning tag to be furnished by the department for intrastate shipments, or a Federal White Pine Blister Rust Control Area Permit (Form EQ-415) for interstate shipments and no such bush shall be planted except in compliance with the rules and regulations outlined above.

Ag 25.05 European black currant bushes prohibited. European Black Currant (*Ribes nigrum* L.) is hereby declared to be a host or carrier of a dangerous plant disease within the meaning of section 94.54, Wis. Stats., and all provisions of that section shall apply. European Black Currant bushes shall be eradicated from this state. No European Black Currant bushes may be transported in or into Wisconsin and none may be planted anywhere in this state. No compensation shall be allowed the owners for the destruction of such bushes.

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