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Latest News

Secretary of Agriculture Shares Scary Thought

Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding shared some scary thoughts while reminding Pennsylvanians to be vigilant against the Spotted Lanternfly as the bugs begin laying eggs on flat surfaces to hatch in the spring.

"Every Spotted Lanternfly egg mass not scraped and destroyed now is up to 50 more of these invasive, destructive bugs we can expect to hatch next spring," said Redding. "We need every Pennsylvanian to hunt for egg masses this fall and winter and destroy them – or we're in for a scary spring."

Spotted Lanternfly [egg masses](#) are a light gray wax-like substance that take on the appearance of mud and include 30-50 eggs. Egg masses can be found on many flat surfaces including trees, rocks, and outside objects such as picnic tables, playground equipment, grills, and sidings of homes.

Property owners can [scrape egg masses](#) whenever encountered using a hard or rigid tool such as a credit card, putty knife, or a stick. Research has not yet confirmed whether egg masses can survive if scraped onto the ground, so it is best to scrape the egg masses in a downward motion into a container or bag with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer. [Click here](#) for more.

Today in History.....

On October 29, 1929, Black Tuesday hits Wall Street as investors trade 16,410,030 shares on the New York Stock Exchange in a single day. Billions of dollars were lost, wiping out thousands of investors, and stock tickers ran hours behind because

the machinery could not handle the tremendous volume of trading. In the aftermath of Black Tuesday, America and the rest of the industrialized world spiraled downward into the Great Depression.

During the 1920s, the U.S. stock market underwent rapid expansion, reaching its peak in August 1929, a period of wild speculation. By then, production had already declined and unemployment had risen, leaving stocks in great excess of their real value. Among the other causes of the eventual market collapse were low wages, the proliferation of debt, a weak agriculture, and an excess of large bank loans that could not be liquidated.

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Emergency Management Fall Exercise Forum

This full-day class is designed for everyone responsible for your municipality's emergency management program, including elected officials, municipal managers, road crew/public works personnel, and, most importantly, local emergency management coordinators (EMCs).



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