

Note from the editor

Well, it's time to say goodbye. This is the final *Nursery and Landscape Research Projects and Educational Programs* bulletin that I will be editing. It hardly seems possible that this is the fifth one – the time has literally flown by. For me, it's a bittersweet moment. It has been a lot of work, but I've enjoyed collecting and presenting this information on behalf of the Nursery and Landscape Area of Expertise (AoE) subgroup members and others to share with you. There is a tremendous amount of research being done by campus specialists and other researchers in the area of emerald ash borer, one of the state's most serious pest problems. We've included a number of projects presented at the Emerald Ash Borer Research and Technology Development Meeting in October 2004, sponsored by the USDA Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team.



There is also a substantial amount of work being done by Michigan State University researchers looking at technical feasibility and associated costs of alternatives to methyl bromide, a soil fumigant used to manage nematodes, weeds and diseases in field production of herbaceous perennials, tree and shrub seedlings. Methyl bromide use is being phased out, and it is important to find alternatives that will be effective and cost-efficient to keep field production costs manageable.

In this publication, there is information that will be useful to you whatever your interest in the green industry: green roofs, herbicide and insecticide evaluation, Christmas tree production, marketing, disease management, plant evaluation and much more. To help you to get to know the Nursery and Landscape AoE subgroup team better, we've included a profile of each team member. This year, we've included the previous four year's summaries and combined them with 2004 projects to produce one information-packed CD. We hope that you find this new format easy to use and that the information is helpful.