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2019 Emerald Ash Borer Update

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Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was first detected in Georgia in 2013 in DeKalb and Fulton Counties and has now been found in 32 counties in Georgia. As of August 2019, there are infestations in 35 states and five Canadian provinces. Both the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the Georgia Forestry Commission have followed federal guidelines and restricted the movement of ash materials out of the quarantine area since 2013. Both agencies worked closely with forest landowners, loggers, wood using mills, firewood producers, nurseries, municipalities and others during this time to ensure commerce could continue while safeguards were in place to prevent ash borer movement. In December of 2017, the state of Georgia moved from a regional to a statewide quarantine of ash materials, which is still in place.

In 2019, GFC foresters hung 79 purple prism traps across the state. From these traps, 13 traps in six new counties came back with positive confirmation of emerald ash borer. These counties are: Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Gordon, Jackson and Paulding (see map below). These additional counties bring the total number of positive counties in Georgia to 32. The Georgia Forestry Commission will continue to monitor the spread of emerald ash borer across the state. If you have any questions about this or the quarantine, please contact your local forester or visit the GFC website at <http://www.gfc.state.ga.us/forest-management/forest-health/eab/index.cfm>.

Emerald Ash Borer Traps 2019

79 Traps

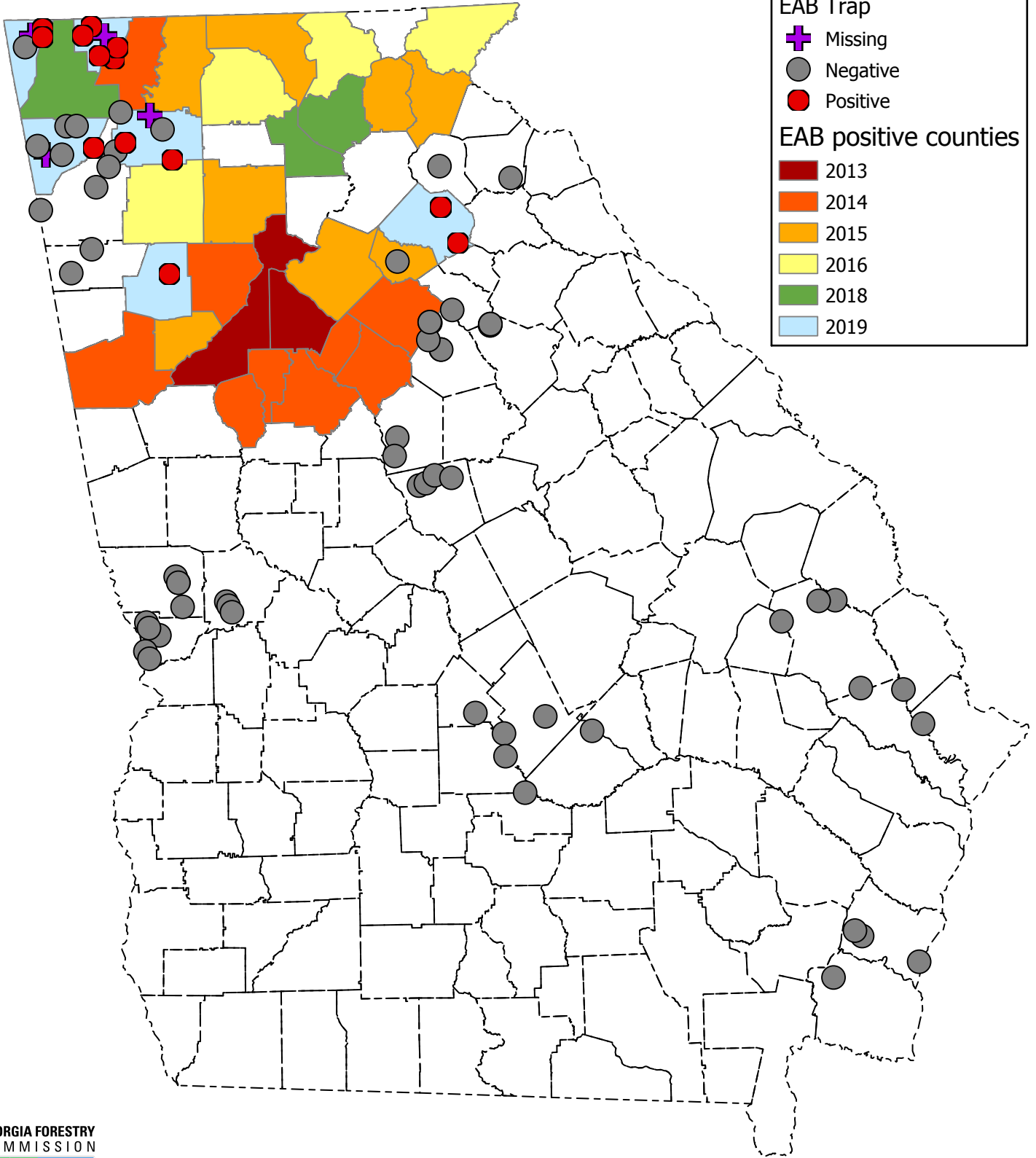
Legend

EAB Trap

- Missing (purple plus sign)
- Negative (grey circle)
- Positive (red circle)

EAB positive counties

- 2013 (dark red)
- 2014 (orange)
- 2015 (light orange)
- 2016 (yellow)
- 2018 (green)
- 2019 (light blue)



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0 5 10 20 30 40 50
Miles

Map created by: lwomack
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