



# PEST CONDITIONS

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## Sudden Oak Death pathogen detected in nurseries in 18 states

The Sudden Oak Death (SOD) pathogen (*Phytophthora ramorum*) (pronounced Fi-TOFF-thor-ra ra-MOR-um) was recently discovered in several wholesale nurseries in southern California. These nurseries shipped potentially infected plants to retail nurseries in every U.S. State and Puerto Rico, raising concern that our eastern oak forests might be at risk. Nurseries that received the plants have been inspected. So far, *P. ramorum*-infected plants have been found in 139 facilities in 18 States including FL, GA, LA, OR, VA, and WA. Infected plants and adjacent nursery stock have been destroyed. The Forest Service and partners will survey forest environments around these nurseries to see if *P. ramorum* has spread to the forest. An eradication and containment protocol for forest and landscape environments is being developed. For more information contact Kerry Britton @ 703-605-5347 or visit Web sites [www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/news/2004/03/sod\\_ppq.html](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/news/2004/03/sod_ppq.html) and <http://www.suddenoakdeath.org> ■



Infected camellias deteriorate quickly under sprinkle irrigation.

