



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the following rules below. These rules have been reviewed in accordance with the requirements of the Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code and have been proposed as follows:

Ohio Administrative Code Rule 901:5-43-01 declares white pine blister rust disease as a plant pest pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 927.52. The rule prohibits the ownership, sale, or transport of the plant variety known as European black currant in or into this state to prevent its artificial spread in order to protect Ohio's forest, timber and wildlife resources from this destructive disease. However, the rule does allow for the ownership, sale, or transport of varieties of European black currant which are known to be immune or highly resistant to white pine blister rust disease. The rule is being amended to make stylistic changes to the rule that will help in comprehension and understanding. proposed amendments made to rule 901:6-1-01 of the Administrative Code.

Ohio Administrative Code Rule 901:5-55-01 declares that the insect *Platyptilia pica*, more commonly known as the geranium plume moth and the plant pathogen *Puccinia pelargonii-zonalis*, more commonly known as geranium rust as plant pests pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §§ 927.52 and 927.71. The rule establishes a quarantine which prohibits the movement of geranium plants and cuttings from California and prohibits geranium plants being offered for sale in Ohio unless certain conditions are met. This Ohio Department of Agriculture (Department) is hereby proposing that this rule be **rescinded**.

The hearing will be held on:

October 8, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

**Ohio Department of Agriculture
Bromfield Administration Building
Hearing Room 129 (Seminar "A")
8995 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399.**

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the no change rule package may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both, may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the no change rule package, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.



To obtain copies of these rules, please visit the Register of Ohio at www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

Any person who wishes to present his position, arguments, or contentions in writing, other than at the public hearing, may do so by either mailing his or her written comments to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, c/o Legal Section, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068; by email at ecomments@agri.ohio.gov, or by transmitting by facsimile at (614) 995-4585. Written comments sent by mail shall be postmarked no later than the day of the hearing. Written comments transmitted by facsimile shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

