



Eastern NC Nursery News

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Review Red-Headed Flea Beetle Scouting, Biology and Management Information

With multiple generations a year and many questions about sources of new red-headed flea beetle (RHFB) infestations, it is important to scout early to determine where we know outbreaks will be. Check out these links in blue to review RHFB resources including [Biology and Management article](#) from NCLNA Nursery and Landscape Notes and [Larval Scouting Video](#).



Prevent this damage by getting a jump on management.

Growing Degree Days for Red-Headed Flea Beetle Larvae

Monitoring growing degree days is important when scouting for RHFB larvae. It seems the window for activity in the spring may be narrow depending on site but within a wide potential range of activity. The only place I have found them has been in New Hanover County so far. Let me know if you detect larvae. Here is where we are at on GDD based on 50 degrees Fahrenheit for some locations throughout eastern NC:

- Fayetteville 409
- Wilmington 404



Scout for larvae by pulling plants from containers and looking on outside of root ball. Refer to video link in above article.

- Goldsboro 346
- Greenville 290
- Raleigh 272
- Rocky Mount-Wilson 242

- Smithfield 242
- Elizabeth City 225
- Roanoke Rapids 184.5

Azalea Leafminer Reminder

I found azalea leaf miner damage and adults in an overwintering/greenhouse house last week north of Raleigh. Refer to my alert from last year on this pest and be on the lookout for damage to start occurring when azaleas start blooming.

[Azalea Leafminer Alert!](#)



Azalea leafminer damage.

The Eastern Region Nursery and Greenhouse Program at NC Cooperative Extension is your source for research-based production information for greenhouse and nursery crops in Eastern North Carolina.

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