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News

- Virginia Boxwood Blight Task Force met on Friday, January 27, revisiting the [seven Best Management Practices \(BMPs\) and other educational materials](#) published a few years ago, discussing recent research advancements and innovations, and planning to incorporate them into the BMPs and other materials.
- USDA allocates nearly [\\$1 million to survey and protect American boxwood from box tree moth](#) in 2023.

Latest Research

- Yoder, K. S., Dunn, R. A., Saunders, J. B., Mays, T. E., Yanny, M. D., Hong, C. X., and Scoggins, H. L. 2022. Field performance of *Buxus* cultivars and selections against boxwood leafminer and boxwood blight. *Journal of Environmental Horticulture* 40(4): 129-142 ([open access](#)).
- Kong, P., Daughtrey, M. L., and Hong, C. X. 2023. Differential adaptation has resulted in aggressiveness variation of *Calonectria pseudonaviculata* on hosts *Buxus*, *Pachysandra* and *Sarcococca*. *Journal of Fungi* 9(2), 181 ([open access](#)).

Upcoming Event

- BBIG Team including Project Directors, Associates, and Advisory Panel to hold a 2-day annual meeting at Oregon State University's North Willamette Research and Extension Center in Aurora, Oregon from February 15 to 16, 2023. The Willamette Valley is in the heart of boxwood country where over 19% of the nation's boxwood are produced. The Team will tour three nurseries to take a close look and learn local boxwood production practices firsthand on February 15, and discuss the state of the project and plan for the coming year on February 16.

Online Resources

- Follow us at <https://twitter.com/boxwoodhealth> for the latest news and research publications.
- [Boxwood Blight Knowledge Center](#).
- [Boxwood Blight Infection Risk Model](#) to help time fungicide treatment.

BBIG Membership

Membership is open to everyone who is interested in fighting against boxwood blight. You can join by sending an email to boxwood-advocate-g+subscribe@vt.edu or chhong2@vt.edu.

Call for Submission

If you have news items to share with the BBIG community, please send to chhong2@vt.edu.

Together we can save boxwood crops and plantings.

