

# Situation Update

## North East Australian Plague Locusts

The information contained in this update was correct when it was prepared  
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### Situation as at 12 pm Tuesday 25 November 2008

*A total of 532 sightings have been confirmed as having Australian Plague Locusts.*

*Locusts are starting to fly and may begin laying another generation of eggs that could begin hatching in mid-December. This is a very visible phase of their lifecycle and may be the first time many northern Victorians will have seen locusts this spring.*

*APL are a natural phenomenon and cannot ever be completely eradicated - despite the best combined efforts of DPI, landholders and the community to control the outbreak.*

*DPI encourages vigilance to look out for egg laying locusts to determine where any new infestations may start and report to the Locust Hotline on 1300 13 5559.*

*Landholders from all areas of Victoria are encouraged to take suspected locust samples to their local DPI centre. Staff there will arrange forwarding of the sample to the Locust ICC for identification by an entomologist.*

### Last 24 hours

*Field Teams are continuing with inspecting sites around previous egg bed locations and sites forecast to contain maturing adults in identified zones to look for renewed or increased activity.*

*Three new (unconfirmed APL) sightings were reported in Moira and Campaspe Shires.*

*Winds continue to be favourable, reducing the risk of locust migration from NSW in the short term.*

### Safety Messages

*Motorists, please note that field teams will be working on roadsides in Northern Victoria.*

*Flying locusts may constitute a driving hazard for motorists.*

*A motor safety fact sheet is available on the DPI website at [www.dpi.vic.gov.au](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au).*

To report sightings of Locusts, contact the Locust Hotline on **1300 13 5559**.

More information is available on the DPI website: [www.dpi.vic.gov.au](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au).

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This information is provided by the Department of Primary Industries. Controlling Australian Plague Locusts is a partnership between the Australian Plague Locust Commission (with all State and Commonwealth representatives), the Victorian Government, public and private landholders and the Victorian community.