

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: Release of Lake County from European Grapevine Moth (EGVM) (*Lobesia botrana*) Quarantine Area in California.

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is releasing Lake County, California, from the EGVM (*Lobesia botrana*) quarantine area. Portions of Lake County were established as quarantine areas after several moths were detected in northern Napa County in the spring of 2010.

The EGVM International Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting, which was conducted in December 2010, extensively reviewed program operations in California and recommended that APHIS and the California Department of Agriculture (CDFA) consider the presence of broad host-free areas, geophysical features such as mountain ranges, or other potential barriers for EGVM movement when determining quarantine boundaries.

APHIS, after discussions with CDFA, has determined that Lake County meets the criteria recommended by the TWG, and is therefore, releasing Lake County from the EGVM quarantine area in California. CDFA has also modified the state's interior quarantine boundary for EGVM to reflect this change.

EGVM is a significant pest of grapes and other specialty crops. In October 2009, APHIS confirmed the first detection of EGVM in the United States in major grape production areas of northern California. APHIS, in partnership with CDFA and all affected counties, are working closely with industry, the University of California, and other stakeholders to control this pest within California.

For additional information on the EGVM program, please contact Eileen Smith, APHIS National Emergency Response Coordinator at (301) 734-5235.

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