

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: Additional Expansion of the Nevada County Quarantine Area in California for European Grapevine Moth, *Lobesia botrana*

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is expanding the Nevada County quarantine area for the European Grapevine Moth (EGVM), effective immediately, to include the Nevada City area. This area is located further north and east from the previous Grass Valley quarantine area.

On May 12, 2011, two moths were detected in the Grass Valley area, thus triggering a quarantine area in the southern portion of Nevada County. A single, third moth was also detected in Nevada City, approximately six miles from the Grass Valley detections. EGVM traps were deployed at protocol levels around these new EGVM detection sites. A fourth detection of an EGVM moth was found approximately 100 feet from the third on June 1. As a result, this additional detection will initiate a quarantine area that will consolidate both the Grass Valley and Nevada City areas into a larger and contiguous quarantine area of approximately 200 square miles.

APHIS is actively working with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and stakeholders to survey and gather information on EGVM. APHIS is conducting a trace back investigation to determine the source of these new detections. APHIS, in partnership with CDFA and the affected Counties, is working closely with industry, the University of California, and other stakeholders to control this pest.

The February 10, 2011 Federal Order outlines the safeguarding measures required for the interstate movement of regulated articles from quarantine areas. The state's interior quarantine for EGVM is parallel to the Federal Order. Further information can be found at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/eg_moth/index.shtml

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.

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

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