

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: Expansion of the 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 quarantine area, effective immediately, to include portions of Nevada County in California for the European Grapevine Moth (EGVM).

On May 12, 2011, APHIS confirmed the detection of three adult EGVM in a wine-producing area of Nevada County, California. Two of the moths were detected in the Grass Valley area, thus triggering a new quarantine area. The third moth was detected in Nevada City which is approximately six miles from the Grass Valley detections, and as a single detection that is more than three miles from the Grass Valley detections, this detection does not meet the trigger requirement for a quarantine area. APHIS is actively working with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and stakeholders to survey and gather information on EGVM. EGVM traps are being deployed at protocol levels as part of an extensive delimitation survey being conducted around all new EGVM detection sites. 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 in 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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