

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Eradicates European Grapevine Moth (*Lobesia botrana*) from Four Counties in California.

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is declaring eradication of the European Grapevine Moth (*Lobesia botrana*, EGVM) in Nevada, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Sonoma counties in California, thereby releasing them from quarantine. Since 2010, extensive surveys, regulatory, and control efforts have occurred in these areas to eradicate EGVM from the grape production areas in northern California.

The EGVM Technical Working Group, after an extensive review of program data, recommended that APHIS release these four counties from quarantine because they are no longer considered to be infested. APHIS and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) support this recommendation.

This action further reduces the EGVM quarantine area approximately 317,000 acres or 35 percent. All of Napa County remains under quarantine as well as portions of Solano County and Sonoma County, which are within 3 miles of an EGVM find site in Napa County. A map of the revised regulated area can be found at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/eg_moth/index.shtml

APHIS, in partnership with CDFA and all of the affected counties have been working closely with industry, the University of California, and other stakeholders to eliminate EGVM within California.

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