

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION  
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Subject: APHIS Eradicates European Grapevine Moth (*Lobesia botrana*) from Multiple Areas in California.

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective August 27, 2014, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) are reducing the overall regulated area for the European grapevine moth (EGVM). The areas being released are Solano County and portions of Sonoma and Napa Counties. Extensive surveys, regulatory, and control efforts have occurred to eradicate EGVM from these areas. After reviewing program data, the EGVM Technical Working Group recommended that APHIS release these areas from quarantine. APHIS and CDFA support this recommendation.

This action reduces the area of the EGVM quarantine from 686 square miles to 446 square miles, a 35 percent reduction. Portions of Napa County and Sonoma County remain under quarantine. A map of the revised regulated area can be found under “Quarantine Information” at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-health/egm>

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. Since then, APHIS has partnered with CDFA and the affected counties to work closely with industry, the University of California, and other stakeholders to eliminate EGVM within California.

For additional information on the EGVM program, you may call National Policy Manager Richard Johnson at 301-851-2109.

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