

## **European Grapevine Moth (EGVM) Program – 2016**

### **Highlights from Industry Call – August 16, 2016**

- CDFA reported that they had sent a request to APHIS on August 2<sup>nd</sup> to deregulate the remaining portion of the quarantine, based on the end of the theoretical second flight.
- Napa County is continuing to check the traps from the core quarantine areas and expects to be finished on/about Wednesday (8/17), for those traps that were in the field on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Sonoma County had nothing to report from their portion of the quarantine area.
- APHIS-PPQ discussed the current efforts to monitor and assist the Chilean Department of Agriculture in resolving their issues with EGVM.
- APHIS-PPQ mentioned that the Federal Order declaring eradication of EGVM and termination of the domestic quarantine has been prepared and is in the final clearance stages. A final check with Napa and Sonoma Counties, CDFA, and PPQ will take place Wednesday afternoon (8/17) before the Federal Order would be signed (8/18). The EGVM Technical Working Group met by phone to discuss the upcoming declaration of eradication and the conditions needed for it. The TWG Report will be posted to the APHIS website within a few days.
- APHIS-PPQ reminded all that the trapping program for 2016 continues until the normal end of the season (~October) timeframe, even with the declaration of eradication. The EGVM program plans to continue “post-eradication surveillance” for 3 years. Details are in the “Post-eradication Response Guidelines” which will be posted to the APHIS website in a few days.
- CDFA Public Affairs mentioned ensuring that they are coordinating public announcement with the counties and USDA.
- APHIS-PPQ mentioned that there will be an end-of-year review via webinar, as in past years. We are looking at calendars to find a best date for that in the period late October to early November.
- 20 participants

**Detections to date: 0**

### **Highlights from Industry Call – July 19, 2016**

- CDFA stated that trapping continues in more than 20 counties state-wide. Trapping Quality Control Program with Napa and Sonoma Counties has been successful.
- University of California Cooperative Extension Service maintained that the degree-day model still projects that the end of the second flight period in the Napa/Sonoma quarantine area would be during the end of July/beginning of August timeframe.

- APHIS-PPQ Field Operations affirmed that trapping will continue to the end of October, as per county work plans with CDFA.
- PPQ Science & Technology confirmed that they are working to acquire the background information on this year's trapping program for review by the members of the Technical Working Group.
- PPQ Policy Management mentioned that Program members had met with APHIS Legislative and Public Affairs personnel to update them on the progress towards eradication and begin the process of planning for any commemorative activities. Policy Management is working on preparing the documentation in anticipation of the hoped for declaration of eradication.
- 21 participants

**Detections to date: 0**

**Highlights from Industry Call – June 21, 2016**

- CDFA – No detections, no eradication treatments. Based on the model, we should be into the second flight period. There have been no issues with the trapping Quality Control program.
- Napa County – All is going well.
- APHIS/PPQ Canada Trade Director – Mark Stull is on detail for the position as Terri Dunahay will be retiring from federal service, at the end of the week.
- On June 20, 2016, CFIA released an updated timeline for implementing new import requirements for European grapevine moth (EGVM, *Lobesia botrana*) host materials as per [CFIA's directive D-13-03](#) (*Phytosanitary import requirements to prevent the introduction of Lobesia botrana, the European grapevine moth*). According to the new timeline, the import requirements for all regulated fruits (other than kiwi) will go into effect on July 4, 2016. New requirements for grapes and blueberries from all locations went into effect on April 11, 2016, and requirements for plants for planting and other regulated commodities including kiwi fruit will be delayed until the fall of 2016. For U.S. shippers, the new import requirements will primarily affect shipments of regulated host material that originate from EGVM-infested countries and are transited through or re-exported from the United States.
- APHIS/PPQ Science & Technology – University of California organized the visit of a researcher from Chile who works on spatial analysis program and grower alerts. He is currently in California and he is presenting seminars on his work. Other funded research is working on spatial analysis associated with trap density and quarantine boundaries.

- APHIS/PPQ Policy Management – Interest in the program success continues. We will continue to work with the Office of the APHIS Administrator, Office of the PPQ Deputy Administrator and the various Public Affairs staff members as the program progresses.
- Industry had nothing to report.
- 18 participants

**Detections to date: 0**

**Highlights from Industry Call – May 17, 2016**

- CDFA HQ - No moths detected. Trapping continues state wide, suspect sent in to verify, no hot suspects sent in.
- Canada's EGVM requirements for importation of grapes and blueberries went into effect April 11, 2016. The new requirements should not impact U.S. exports but can impact shipments transiting or re-exported from the U.S. to Canada from EGVM host countries. CFIA had indicated that the new requirements would go into effect for the other regulated EGVM host commodities on July 1, but they may delay this until fall; stay tuned. Current requirements are in effect until Canada notifies us otherwise.

**Detections to date: 0**

**Highlights from Industry Call – April 19, 2016**

- CDFA mentioned that state-wide trapping program was well underway. Napa – just about fully deployed (11,500 traps); Sonoma - >6,000 traps deployed, to date. Monterey about 95% deployed.
- APHIS/PPQ-Field Operations: workplans are not fully in place, but funding is available and waiting for processed paperwork to complete the execution; counties are submitting their trapping data for GIS verification/validation.
- PPQ-Phytosanitary Issues Management (PIM): Canada's (CFIA) new Lobesia directive (D-13-03) went into effect for grapes and blueberries from all locations on April 11, 2016 and for all other regulated commodities from all locations on July 1, 2016. CFIA clarified the requirements for regulated commodities re-exported or transiting the United States:
  - Re-exports: If the shipments meet Canadian entry requirements as per D-13-03 when they enter the U.S., they can be re-exported to Canada as usual, with the original PC and a U.S. re-export PC
  - Re-exports: If the shipments DON'T meet Canadian entry requirements when they enter the U.S. (i.e., from an area where fumigation is not required for entry to the U.S.), they can be fumigated in the U.S. They would need to provide the original PC from origin with the USDA Treated and Released Stamp on the host country Phytosanitary certificate, along with the U.S. re-export PC.

- Transit shipments that are fumigated in the U.S. – must have a U.S. transit permit that allows transloading. Can be fumigated in the U.S., and the APHIS ‘Treated and Released’ stamp applied to the foreign Phytosanitary Certificate.

CFIA will clarify these requirements in the directive and on the AIRS database.

CFIA also noted that they are considering updating the EGVM requirements before finalizing the document to exempt plants for planting from the EGVM requirements if they are stripped of flowers and fruit before importation. They asked APHIS for thoughts on this proposal; it is under discussion and the response is pending.

- APHIS/PPQ-Science and Technology mentioned research trials in Portugal on alternate detection methods. The research will be useful if the need should arise to detect EGVM while under mating disruption (which otherwise makes the traps ineffective). Also, the Otis lab sent marked, lab-reared specimens to CDFA for use in the trapping Quality Control program. CDFA will work with the counties in the coming weeks to implement the program.
- The Post-Eradication Guidelines has been sent to the Technical Working Group for final review and comments before sending it out for stakeholder comment. These guidelines provide options to program managers regarding the amount of resources that may be required to maintain a post eradication phase for a period of time after EGVM eradication is declared. A discussion ensued on the future of pest surveillance in the grape growing areas.

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