

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Announces Eradication of European Grapevine Moth (*Lobesia botrana*) from Solano County, California.

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective August 24, 2012, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is declaring eradication of the European Grapevine Moth (EGVM) in Solano County, California thereby releasing it from the EGVM regulated area. This release is based on the EGVM Technical Working Group recommendation to release the county if no EGVM are detected after trapping for multiple generations. Portions of Solano County, which are within 3 miles of an EGVM find site in Napa County, remain regulated because of their proximity to 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

This split action allows for the unrestricted movement of grapes and other host commodities from designated areas of Solano County and continues the quarantine restrictions in other small specified areas. Through August 2012, APHIS has released five of the ten regulated areas and declared them free of EGVM.

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, in partnership with the California Department of Food and Agriculture and affected counties, has worked closely with industry, the University of California, and other stakeholders to control this pest within California.

For additional information on the EGVM program, you may contact Eileen Smith, APHIS National Emergency Response Coordinator at (301) 851-2155 or Andrea Simao, National Program Manager at (301) 851-2067.

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