

European Grapevine Moth (EGVM) Program – 2015

Highlights from Industry Call – March 17, 2015

- EGVM trap deployment began in mid-February, with a goal of all traps out by early March. CDFA eradication treatments in non-commercial area will begin in late April.
- CDFA assured the counties that traps and lures are in sufficient supply, just not overly stockpiled.
- Napa County has deployed over 11,000 traps. They have begun servicing the traps in the high risk areas, with no detections.
- Report of the EGVM Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting was posted to the APHIS EGVM website in January. A trap inspection quality control program is being implemented by CDFA this year to ensure that all negative traps are true negatives.
- Phytosanitary Issues Management (PIM) provided update on new Canadian requirements, primarily affecting re-export of fruit from EGVM-infested countries
- PPQ Risk Management provided an update of the EGVM situation in Chile
- A working group was formed to develop a post-eradication plan. The purpose of the plan is to provide recommendations to EGVM Cooperative Program managers for post eradication monitoring, outreach and, in the event of a reintroduction of the pest, a treatment action plan. This plan will also provide guidance 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.
- Question was posed if there were TWG recommendations that were not being implemented? No, all TWG recommendations are being implemented.

Detections to date: 0

Highlights from Industry Call – April 21, 2015

- CDFA reported that State-wide detection trapping continues, as well as eradication work within 500meters of previous finds (2013 finds). We are past the peak of 1st flight by the degree-day model. Bt applications in non-commercial areas are underway, 3 Bt applications will be applied during the 1st generation time. In approximately 2 weeks they will begin flower/grape cluster removal in those non-commercial areas where that method has been requested.
- Napa reported that spray application verification is ongoing. Applications are made after dark to minimize harm to pollinators. They are working with the PPQ GIS Specialist to ensure optimum trap deployment.
- Other counties were encouraged to work with the PPQ GIS Specialist to ensure optimum trap placement and also to have trap data QC'ed before entering it into IPHIS (Integrated Plant Health Information System) database, some are already doing that.

- The post-eradication plan working group met for the first time earlier in April. Their goal is to have a draft plan by 6/30/2015.

Detections to date: 0

Highlights from Industry Call – May 19, 2015

- CDFA reported that eradication activities of non-commercial areas were on schedule.
- APHIS Trade Representative reported that we are still waiting for Canadian Food Inspection Agency to finish their EGVM Draft Directive, an important concern is re-export of commodities from EGVM-infested countries. A bilateral DVC is scheduled for June.
- APHIS Field Operations – The “1st flight” season has concluded. Napa County performed treatment verifications on grower applications. University of California Cooperative Extension Service predicts the end of June for the next round of treatments, based on the degree-day model.

Detections to date: 0

Highlights from Industry Call – June 16, 2015

- CDFA reported all is going well in the state-wide survey. CDFA will conduct treatment for non-commercial grapes will begin the week of June 22nd. Grower treatment of conventionally grown grapes for 2nd flight has begun, Organic grape treatments will begin week of June 29th.
- Napa County reported that they have deployed 11,700 traps. Treatment verifications for second flight began June 16th.
- APHIS discussed the *Lobesia* situation in Chile. EGVM continues to increase in Chile in spite of their control efforts and increase in control budget. It appears that wine grapes are contributing significantly to the problem. Relying on Mating Disruption (pheromone dispensers) as a standalone control for EGVM in urban areas and production areas may be a major reason for the increase in pest populations. Another possible reason for the increase is that other chemical products used in control are not effective or are not properly applied. Chile found EGVM larvae in cherries in the field in the last season. The season before that (2013-2014), EGVM larvae were apparently found in plums by Mexican inspectors doing pre-clearance in Chile. APHIS continues to monitor commodities from Chile and will take action if interceptions occur in pre-clearance or at U.S. ports of entry.
- The next call will be Tuesday, July 21, 2015 @ 1pm(PT), 2pm(MT), 3pm (CT), 4pm(ET)

Detections to date: 0

Highlights from Industry Call – July 21, 2015

- Commercial growers have wrapped up the last treatment of the season.
- 96% of treatments during 1st flight were verified
- 85% of treatments during 2nd flight were verified
- The next call will be Tuesday, August 18, 2015 @ 1pm(PT), 2pm(MT), 3pm (CT), 4pm(ET)

Detections to date: 0

Highlights from Industry Call – August 18, 2015

- CDFA reported that all non-vineyard treatments were complete for the year. Trapping will continue in the Quarantine area until the beginning of October. In the Central Valley, they have started to take traps down.
- Napa County reported that they are in mid-harvest. They have scheduled the end of season growers' meetings.
- APHIS-PPQ reported on the bilateral technical meeting with the delegation from Chile. Chile has updated their strategic plan for eradication of *Lobesia* in key areas. The PPQ staff will continue to monitor their progress.
- APHIS-PPQ is working on scheduling the annual Technical Working Group (TWG) conference call/meeting. The end of October/beginning of November is the timeframe. A notice will go out to all on the monthly conference call list when the exact date/time is decided

Detections to date: 0

Highlights from Industry Call – September 15, 2015

- Napa County will take traps down for the year beginning October 1st.
- APHIS-PPQ reported the *ad hoc* working group continues to work on the eradication plan. The plan will provide guidance on triggers, response-level trapping, cost, and outreach.
- APHIS-PPQ is preparing for the annual Technical Working Group (TWG) conference call/meeting. The event will occur on Monday, November 2nd at 0900(PT)/1000(MT)/1100(CT)/1200(ET). Questions for the TWG should be submitted to PPQ by 15 October.

Detections to date: 0

Highlights from Industry Call – October 20, 2015

Call cancelled in lieu of upcoming TWG Meeting

Technical Working Group Meeting with Industry – November 2, 2015