

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: Removal of Light Brown Apple Moth Quarantine Area in Santa Barbara County, California

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has removed Santa Barbara County, California from the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) quarantine area. APHIS is taking this action because no additional moths have been detected in Santa Barbara County.

The attached Federal Order describes the revised quarantine area and the requirements for the interstate movement of LBAM-regulated articles.

LBAM is native to Australia and is established in New Zealand, Hawaii, and the United Kingdom. LBAM is an invasive pest that can attack more than 2,000 types of plants and trees, including nursery stock, cut flowers, fruits, and vegetables. It was first detected in California in March 2007.

APHIS classifies LBAM as a quarantine pest and has established a regulatory framework designed to maintain trade and interstate commerce, while protecting human health and the environment.

For further information about the LBAM program, you may contact Andrea Simao, LBAM National Program Manager, at (301) 734-0930.

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Attachment:
Federal Order