

## **LBAM Monthly Stakeholder Conference Call – 2015**

### **March 10, 2015**

- CDFA reviewed current activity/new detection of LBAM within quarantined counties.
- CDFA reviewed status of PEA 43-2014, LBAM Nursery Stock Enforcement Improvements and answered questions about it. Implementation begins 1 April 2015.
- CDFA has developed a communication plan to provide timely notification to the Strawberry Commission regarding future cooler detections.
- PPQ PIM – Canadian Food Inspection Agency is still reviewing changes/updates to cut flower protocol, no decisions yet.
- PPQ-PM/ CDFA – The request to add wine grapes to the exempt commodities list will be reviewed and forwarded to PPQ Pest Epidemiology and Risk Analysis Laboratory (PERAL) for recommendation.

### **April 14, 2015**

- CDFA reviewed current activity/new detection of LBAM within quarantined counties. They are about to start a big effort to get the Rancho Santa Fe area under control. This area includes over 700 production nurseries, almost 600 of which are less than 10 acres in size.
- The LBAM Nursery Stock Enforcement Improvements has been tabled for now and referred to the LBAM Working Group for further review.
- PPQ PIM - There was nothing new from the Trade Directors on actions by Canadian Food Inspection Agency.
- PPQ Policy Management – the revised Federal Order to remove Mendocino County from quarantine is at the Office of General Counsel. The request to add wine grapes to the exempt commodity list has been sent to PPQ Pest Epidemiology and Risk Analysis Laboratory (PERAL) for review/recommendation.

## **May 12, 2015**

- CDFA reported that their LBAM Working Group has begun a shift in focus from commodities to nursery stock.
- APHIS Trade Representative reported that there had been no movement on the proposals sent to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) regarding LBAM issues. A DVC between APHIS and CFIA is scheduled for June.
- San Luis Obispo County had questions about greenhouse/nursery protocol that they will follow-up on with CDFA.
- Next monthly conference call will be Tuesday, June 9, 2015 @ 1pm PT/2pm MT/3pm CT/4pm ET.

## **June 9, 2015**

- CDFA reported that they are busy with detection and delimitation trapping and treatment. In the Rancho Santa Fe area of San Diego County, they have deployed 94,000 twist ties on some 900 properties encompassing approximately 1,700 acres; they are about ½ done with the treatment. The Fort Bragg area of Mendocino County has had numerous finds and in conjunction with the County Agricultural Commissioner, CDFA is pursuing a course of intensive trapping.
- San Luis Obispo County inquired into the availability of additional resources from CDFA to offset increased nursery inspection costs.
- A DVC with Canada is scheduled for June 10, 2015. LBAM is on the Agenda for discussion.
- APHIS Science & Technology reported that the Wine Grape Exemption Assessment is being processed and effort is being made to complete it in a timely manner. The Cut flowers and Cacti/succulents exemption requests have been forwarded to PERAL for review. Two research proposals are being developed in conjunction with the University of California – a study of the natural enemies of LBAM in San Diego County and a study of new treatment regimens for shipping nursery stock.
- Policy Management reported that the process to reinstate the federal quarantine for Mendocino County based on multiple finds earlier this Spring is nearing completion.
- Next monthly conference call will be Tuesday, July 14, 2015 @ 1pm PT/2pm MT/3pm CT/4pm ET.

## **July 14, 2015 (information from phone call and follow-up from pending actions)**

- CDFA reported that they continue to be busy with detection and delimitation trapping and treatments in the Rancho Santa Fe area of San Diego County.

- APHIS PPQ will fund two research proposals developed in conjunction with the University of California – a study of the natural enemies of LBAM in San Diego County and a study of new treatment regimens for shipping nursery stock.
- PPQ published the federal quarantine for Mendocino County based on multiple finds earlier this Spring.
- Several counties have had new finds – San Joaquin, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Diego
- APHIS Trade Representative mentioned that consideration for alternative certification for plants for planting was submitted to Canada. They may be able act on it in the Fall.
- Next monthly conference call will be Tuesday, August 11, 2015 @ 1pm PT/2pm MT/3pm CT/4pm ET

### **August 11, 2015**

- CDFA provided an update of LBAM activity around the state, including significant new detections in areas outside in the state interior quarantine (SIQ) areas. They are wrapping up the current work plan and the new work plan should be out by the end of August.
- APHIS reported that the wine grape exemption is on the Deputy Administrator desk and should be out very soon. They also reported that a single male LBAM was found in a trap in an orchard in Oregon, near the site of a find in 2010. APHIS is conducting traceback and other trapping with no subsequent finds, to date.
- Next monthly conference call will be Tuesday, September 8, 2015 @ 1pm PT/2pm MT/3pm CT/4pm ET