

## **Light Brown Apple Moth Industry Update #2 for April 2011**

### **National Program Update**

APHIS presented updates on the LBAM program during the annual Eastern and Southern Plant Board Meetings, which were held in April.

### **California Program Update**

#### *Regulatory*

Beginning in May, the LBAM program will conduct regulatory reviews of nurseries located in San Joaquin and San Luis Obispo counties. This month, the program will also conduct workshops for county and industry personnel located in Yolo County to discuss program requirements and address any questions.

#### *Nursery Inspections:*

To date in fiscal year 2011, program personnel conducted 714 nursery inspections, totaling 5,657 acres.

#### *Survey*

LBAM detections continue within the regulated areas of San Luis Obispo, San Diego, and Los Angeles Counties.

### Sterile Insect Technique (SIT)/Research Update

#### *Sterile Moth Releases in Long Beach, California*

Beginning in May, PPQ will initiate sterile moth releases in the LBAM population established in the Long Beach area. The purpose of the releases is to evaluate the interaction between sterile LBAM and wild populations under various settings. In addition, PPQ needs to better understand how SIT will interact with other program tools, such as the pheromone dispensers. This information will help determine how SIT could be used in the program.

### **APHIS Light Brown Apple Moth Website**

The APHIS website has been redesigned for easier access to program documents including monthly situation reports and industry updates. The website is available at the following link:  
[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\\_health/plant\\_pest\\_info/lba\\_moth/index.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/lba_moth/index.shtml)