

Light Brown Apple Moth Industry Update #1 for February 2011

Program Update

- Long Beach has continued activity
- Sacramento County has one hot spot
- San Luis Obispo has seen decreased activity

Regulatory Nursery Inspections:

Program personnel have conducted 256 nursery inspections to date, totaling 1815 acres. The program also initiated planned auditing/QC activities with the Counties inside the state interior quarantine and the results have all been positive.

Sterile Insect Technique (SIT)/Research Update

- In preparation of the SIT projects, PPQ has filed for a CDFA permit to conduct evaluation trails in San Diego and Long Beach
- Agricultural Research Service (in partnership with University of California and APHIS) will publish a research paper on commodity treatments relating to LBAM

Environmental Assessment for Sterile Moth Field Evaluation Project

APHIS received two comments on the environmental assessment to conduct SIT field evaluation trials beginning in March/April 2011. The finalized environmental assessment will be posted on the APHIS website by the end of February.

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