

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

### **Program Update**

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

##### *Environmental Assessment for Sterile Moth Field Evaluation Project*

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the final Environmental Assessment for Sterile Moth Field Evaluation trials was posted on the APHIS website. APHIS received two comments both supporting the continued development of SIT for LBAM.

The environmental assessment is available at the following link:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\\_health/ea/lbam.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/ea/lbam.shtml)

### **APHIS Response to Public Comments**

In 2010, APHIS published in the Federal Register a notice of the availability for public comment on the APHIS draft response to petitions requesting the reclassification of LBAM from actionable to nonactionable.

APHIS responded to more than 100 comments on the draft response to the petitions. The final version of the APHIS Response to the Petitions and to the public comments will be published shortly in the Federal Register.

### **LBAM National Surveys**

In 2008 and 2009, LBAM was not detected outside of California. In 2010, a single moth was detected from more than 8,837 traps placed in states at high risk from the introduction of LBAM. The moth was found in Oregon but subsequent trapping of the location did not detect additional LBAM.

### **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)