

Light Brown Apple Moth Industry Update #2 for January 2011

Program Update

Trapping continues through the winter months in the following counties:

- San Luis Obispo
- San Diego
- Sacramento
- Alameda
- San Jose
- Los Angeles
- Yolo
- Solano
- Monterey

Regulatory Nursery Inspections:

Program personnel have conducted 67 nursery inspections to date, totaling 496 acres.

Sterile Insect Technique (SIT)/Research Update

Environmental Assessment for Sterile Moth Field Evaluation Project

Closing Date – February 9

On January 7, APHIS posted for public comment the Environmental Assessment (EA) to conduct SIT field evaluation trials beginning in 2011. With this project, APHIS will evaluate how the sterile LBAM interact with the wild population under various settings.

The EA is posted on the APHIS website at the following link:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/ea/lbam.shtml

Single Light Brown Apple Moth Detected in Oregon

A single light brown apple moth (LBAM) was trapped in Polk County, Oregon in 2010. APHIS and the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) are planning additional survey and inspection activities. The moth was found in a trap located in a nursery and no additional moths were caught in the area. To ensure that the LBAM detection is an isolated incident, APHIS and ODA will place traps around the detection site beginning in the spring.

The press release from ODA is available at the following link:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/news/110118lbam.shtml>