

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

### **California Program Update**

#### *Regulatory*

Program personnel reinspected a nursery in San Joaquin County associated with a previously positive property in San Mateo County. Shipping and receiving records were reviewed and the program will conduct follow up activities.

#### *Detection and Treatment*

- Delimitation trapping is occurring in the following counties: Madera, San Diego, Solano, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, and Yolo

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

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

To date, APHIS has completed 7 releases of sterile moths in an established LBAM population within the Long Beach area of California. Since the releases began, APHIS has released approximately 80,000 sterile moths.

The SIT releases, which are expected to continue into the fall, are to evaluate the interaction between sterile and wild, fertile LBAM populations under various settings. This study will help determine how SIT could be used in the LBAM program.

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

The APHIS website has been redesigned for easier access to program documents including current LBAM detection maps, 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)