



LBAM Monthly Stakeholder Conference Call – 2017

(from most current)

October 10, 2017

- CDFA reported that LBAM activity was very low at this time of year.
- Counties had nothing to report.
- Industry had nothing to report.
- PPQ-California had nothing to report.
- PPQ-Oregon said that all was quiet.
- PPQ-Field Operations had nothing to report.
- PPQ-S&T was not on the call.
- PPQ-Policy Management mentioned that PERAL had accepted the project to begin the pest risk assessments to evaluate commodity exemptions for a number of leafy greens crops and “root” crops. The process could take several months to complete.
- This was the final monthly call of 2017, but if issues arise between October – March, stakeholders/participants will be advised.
- There were 11 participants on the October conference call.
- There will be the Fall/Winter pause in calls, the next call will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 1pm PT/ 2pm MT/ 3pm CT/ 4pm ET.

September 12, 2017

- CDFA commented that there is a recent quarantine expansion in Mendocino County. There was also a suspected find in organic blackberries from Ventura County that has been sent for molecular identification.
- PPQ-Oregon reported that there had been no finds of LBAM in Oregon this year.
- PPQ Science & Technology provided an update on the research being conducted on treatment of nursery stock. The work is being done to establish a better options for nurseries in the quarantine areas. Other research on comparison of northern and southern California LBAM populations has revealed that it is very difficult to find larvae in San Diego despite the presence of male moths in traps.
- There were 14 participants on the September conference call.
- The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 1pm PT/ 2pm MT/ 3pm CT/ 4pm ET

August 8, 2017

- CDFA provided a summary of state-wide LBAM activity. There has been a slowdown in specimen submission which is typical of summer. There was a question of whether



increased pest pressure was observed through the nursery inspection program; there had not.

- PPQ Science & Technology provided an update of several of the Farm Bill-funded research projects.
- PPQ Oregon provided an update on the LBAM Program in that state. There have been 0 detections this year. The final Btk application was in July and the final mating disruption application will be later in August.
- PPQ Policy Management/Field Operations mentioned that they were reworking the exempt commodities list to make it more user-friendly by making it easier to search. The question was posed of how new commodities were added to the list. The normal process is that industry makes a request of CDFA and provides justification, CDFA then reviews and forwards the request to PPQ. County Ag Commissioners' offices can also make the request to CDFA.
- There were 18 participants on the August call.
- The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 1pm PT/ 2pm MT/ 3pm CT/ 4pm ET

July 11, 2017

- CDFA provided a summary of their field and cooler finds for 2017. There have been a total of 105 finds, of which 69 were in fields and 36 were at coolers. Overall, impression was that numbers were a bit elevated from past years.
- CDFA also mentioned following the removal of the federal shield from several coolers during May and June, all had received their second 30-day inspection. As of last week the last remaining coolers had been re-instated.
- PPQ Oregon provided an update on the LBAM eradication program in Oregon.
- There were 17 participants on the July call.
- The next monthly call is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 1pm PT/ 2pm MT/ 3pm CT/ 4pm ET.

June 13, 2017

- PPQ-California provided updates on the cooler situation. PPQ-CA and CDFA are getting the cooler back on-line. They have developed a new compliance agreement which will hopefully be clearer for all parties on their responsibilities.
- Oregon Department of Agriculture provided an update on their LBAM eradication program. They will be using mating disruption and B.t.k. over an area of about 510 acres.
- Various county participants reported the program precedes as per normal with trapping and regulatory activities.
- California Strawberry Commission related that they will be hosting a meeting to review protocols and compliance. It will be held in Moss Landing later in June.



- There were 18 participants on the June call.
- The next monthly call is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 1pm PT/ 2pm MT/ 3pm CT/ 4pm ET.

May 9, 2017

- There was no May conference call.
- The next monthly call is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 1pm PT/ 2pm MT/ 3pm CT/ 4pm ET.

April 11, 2017

- PPQ Science and Technology provided updates on some of the research projects that they have in cooperation with the University of California: looking for natural enemies in both the established areas of the LBAM range as well as newer areas in San Diego County, and looking at distribution on host plants. They continue to look into regulatory treatment options akin to “treat and ship” protocols that are used for other regulatory pests such as glassy-winged sharpshooter.
- CDFA stated that there were no new quarantines and no expansions of quarantines. They are working with San Diego, San Joaquin and Ventura Counties on ending long-term delimitation trapping in areas where LBAM has been well established for years since CDFA cannot apply chemical control. Relief from quarantine requires delimitation trapping, so can be important for limited infestation where growers can still apply control measures. CDFA is receiving work plans from the Counties. LBAM Program funding is now on the state’s fiscal year cycle (1 July – 30 June) rather than on the federal fiscal year cycle (1 October – 30 September).
- The next monthly call is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 1pm PT/ 2pm MT/ 3pm CT/ 4pm ET.
- There were 19 participants on the April call.

March 14, 2017

- CDFA reported that it has been fairly quiet. The winter rains have made it difficult to access areas to begin trapping. Urban trapping has been unaffected.
- The LBAM eradication program in Oregon will begin in April, when the weather conducive to operations.
- The Pest Epidemiology and Risk Analysis Laboratory (PERAL) completed the LBAM Program Economic Analysis. It has been circulated for review and comment within APHIS. The LBAM Cross Functional Working Group is developing a communication plan for the release for review and comment among stakeholders and other interested parties.
- The next monthly call is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 1pm PT/ 2pm MT/ 3pm CT/ 4pm ET.



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- There were 18 participants on the March call.