

## OFFICE OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER



### **Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM)** Quarantine Zone – Fact Sheet/DOs and DON'Ts

Your help is needed to keep Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) from spreading within Sonoma County and to other uninfested parts of California. If your home, business, or travel activities occur within the boundaries of a Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) quarantine zone, the following restrictions apply to the movement of all fresh plant materials on which LBAM is known to feed.

#### **RESTRICTIONS**

Host materials (see list below) cannot be moved within or from the area under quarantine except:

- With a certificate issued by an authorized agricultural official stating the host materials came from a place apparently free of LBAM, or, have been inspected or treated properly, and are free from any life stage of LBAM.
- If purchased at a retail sales location and with a sales receipt.

Potential Carriers of LBAM (see list below) cannot be moved within or from the area under quarantine except if cleaned to the satisfaction of CDFA or the Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

#### **HOST MATERIALS**

- All nursery plants.
- All fresh green waste material and cuttings from any plants.
- All fresh garlands, wreaths, cut flowers and greens produced within the quarantine area.
- All harvested fruits and vegetables produced within the quarantine area.
- Potential carriers of LBAM include: all machinery and equipment used in the growing, harvesting, processing, and hauling of host plants and parts.
- The following articles are exempt from the quarantine regulations: seed removed from fruit; dormant leafless nursery stock (all leaf litter and any weeds must be removed from containers); and privately-owned indoor decorative houseplants.

#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Q&A)**

Q: How do I know if I'm in a quarantine area?

A: Visit our website at <http://www.sonoma-county.org/agcomm/index.htm> and click on Light Brown Apple Moth in the "Quick Links". Go to "Maps of Quarantine Areas in Sonoma County".

Q: Will there be aerial spraying to control LBAM in Sonoma County or in California?

A: The California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) stated the following in a letter to Assemblymember Noreen Evans on March 23, 2009: "Aerial applications for Light Brown Apple Moth pheromone mating disruption are not being applied in California. Aerial applications of pheromone mating disruption techniques will only be utilized in forested or inaccessible areas, which the department has not identified at this time."

Q: Where are LBAM traps placed in the county?

A: LBAM traps are placed throughout the rural/residential area of the county by the Agricultural Commissioner's Office and CDFA.

If you have any other questions, please call our office at (707) 565-2371.