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Second Light Brown Apple Moth Detected in Davis

(Woodland, CA) – A second Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) has been trapped in Davis, indicating an incipient infestation of this serious pest. The first LBAM found in Davis was detected in early April. Detection of a second LBAM invokes both a federal and a state interior quarantine in Yolo County. The quarantine is necessary to prevent the artificial spread of LBAM and is critical due to the significant potential consequences to state, national and international agriculture and the environment. The quarantine will impact production and retail nurseries, fruit and vegetable producers, green waste producers and receivers, community gardens and farmer's markets.

The LBAM is native to Australia and is found in New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Hawaii. The range of host plants is broad with more than 2,000 plant species known to be susceptible to attack by this pest, and more than 250 crops. The LBAM threatens California's environment by destroying, stunting or deforming young seedlings and damaging new growth in the forest canopy. The moth also feeds on host plants and damages or spoils the appearance of ornamental plants, citrus, grapes and deciduous fruit tree crops. For more information on the LBAM visit www.cdfa.ca.gov/lbam.

“This moth is a generalist feeder; it attacks a wide range of hosts”, said Yolo County Agriculture Commissioner Rick Landon. “As a non-native species it does not have natural enemies. It will impact native plants, ornamental plants, backyard fruit and nut trees and agricultural crops. Its host range is so broad that the quarantine lists those crops that are exempt rather than those that are quarantined. Aerial applications to control LBAM are not currently an option.”

For more information, contact Yolo County Agriculture Commissioner Rick Landon (530) 666-8154 or Chief Deputy Ag Commissioner Dennis Chambers (530) 666-8140.

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