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European Grapevine Moth Update August 21, 2012

Trapping Update

No EGVM have been trapped in Mendocino county to-date this year. The State protocols for this year dictate that we reduce the trap numbers, starting August 15, from 25/sq.mi. to 9/sq.mi. (host equivalent density). We are currently in the process of removing the appropriate traps to accomplish this.

Quarantine

With the onset of harvest and crush, the following reiteration from the July 7th update may be helpful:

As Mendocino County has been released from the EGVM quarantine (effective March 8, 2012), all fruit grown in the county is free to move unrestricted (no tarping or slack-fill requirements). The movement of grapes from the remaining quarantined areas *into* Mendocino county is our primary concern.

For wineries that receive grapes originating from EGVM quarantine areas, it is critical to verify that the grower and the hauler have a valid Compliance Agreement on file with the Ag. Commissioners' office in their county. This can be checked at the following link: http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pe/interiorExclusion/egvm_quarantine.html. The EGVM quarantine areas for California can also be viewed at the above link (Google Earth, a free download, is required). Scroll down to the last link under "Quarantine Maps." Wineries receiving quarantine-area fruit need to have a Compliance Agreement on file with us with a 1269 D-2 exhibit attached. Quarantine area fruit can only be sent to wineries having this paperwork on file. Our office needs to be notified at least 24 hours prior to delivery (using the "Notice of Delivery" form on

our website at: <http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/agriculture/>). The form can be FAXed to 463-0240. The loads need to arrive either slack-filled or possibly tarped, depending on proximity to prior EGVM finds. Loads should be given priority to minimize wait time. The haulers are required to have a copy of their Compliance Agreement and their Exhibit C in the cab of the truck when transporting quarantine area fruit. Trucks and bins need to be clean before they leave the premises.

The green-waste handling requirements are the same as last year, either 1) compost on-site per the California Code of Regulations composting requirements (subject to our inspection/verification) or 2) store and transport in an approved container to an approved receiver operating under Master Permit #1291. (Cold Creek Compost is the only facility in Mendocino that qualifies to receive quar. green-waste at this time). If you are interested, we can mail or e-mail the composting requirements to you. Any green-waste from fruit originating in a quarantine area that is pressed to two Bars or higher (28+ PSI) is not considered regulated plant material for EGVM purposes.

If you anticipate receiving quarantine-area grapes in 2012, please contact Aaron Hult in our office at 463-4208 to confirm that the paperwork you need is in place and to address green waste handling and any questions you may have. As always, you can call me to discuss any of these points as well.

The effort expended to stay vigilant and perform due diligence in regards to EGVM is the main weapon we have to stay EGVM free. Your work in this area is greatly appreciated and is the cornerstone that allows us to promote Mendocino grapes as "EGVM free."

Chuck Morse