

INTRODUCTION

This trapping guide has been developed as a reference for use in state/county insect trapping programs. It contains essential information needed by trappers to properly place, service, and maintain their traps. Each trapper must be thoroughly familiar with these procedures. If more information is needed, consult your supervisor, detection entomologist, or numerous existing references.

The pages have been prepared in loose-leaf form to accommodate future revisions as trapping techniques are refined or improved. Procedures can be expected to change, or be subject to special modifications, as research or experience dictates. Modifications or changes are to be cleared through your detection entomologist. Most of the procedures in this guide are designed for use in a detection trapping program. When a target insect is trapped, refer to the appropriate CDFA protocol for guidance during a delimitation or project trapping program. Any suggestions for improvements are welcomed by the Pest Detection/Emergency Projects Branch.

Additionally, all the requirements of the state/county contracts for trapping which concern records, maps, reporting, etc., must be followed. While these instructions are designed to assist county and state personnel with trapping procedures, they are not intended to be in lieu of requirements in the contracts.