

DATE: May 29, 2013

TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners

SUBJECT: **PHYTOSANITARY ADVISORY NO. 15-2013**
Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) – Canada Certification Alternatives Request

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is issuing this advisory to notify County Agricultural Commissioners (CAC) that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has agreed to discuss alternatives to current export requirements of LBAM regulated host material (cut flowers, nursery stock, fruit and vegetables, etc.) with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The USDA has requested input from CDFA, CAC and affected California industry. USDA has requested that all proposals for alternative certification methods be compiled and forwarded by CDFA. Please take this opportunity to review current requirements and to determine if a proposal for alternative certification method(s) is appropriate.

If you would like to submit a proposal, please include detailed information for the following:

1. Specific LBAM host being addressed (commodities, cut flowers, nursery stock, etc.)
2. Preferred alternative to current requirements
 - a. Steps and system (be specific)
3. A second option, if first option is not accepted by CFIA

Submit proposals in the form of an email to Terra Walber by Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Proposals will be reviewed, compiled and forwarded to the USDA. USDA plans on meeting with Canada in June.

Questions regarding this advisory may be directed to Terra Walber at terra.walber@cdfa.ca.gov.

