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FOOD & AGRICULTURE

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TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners
SUBJECT: **PHYTOSANITARY ADVISORY NO. 21-2013**
Light Brown Apple Moth: Exemption of Avocado

On September 16, 2013, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced the following addition to the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) list of exempted hosts:

- **Avocado (*Persea americana*)- conventionally and organically produced**
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/lba_moth/downloads/DA-2013-42.pdf

When commercially produced, avocados are exempt from the requirements of [CCR 3434](#) (intrastate movement) and the [Federal Domestic Quarantine Order- Light Brown Apple Moth, July 25, 2011](#) (interstate movement). Exemptions are based on pest biology and mitigations provided by standard industry practices of production (including harvesting and packaging).

The complete USDA Exempted Host List for LBAM is available at the following website:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/lba_moth/downloads/exempted_host_list.pdf

The Plant Quarantine Manual, State Interior Quarantine CCR 3434, Appendix D
(<http://pi.cdfa.ca.gov/pqm/manual/pdf/419.pdf>) will be updated to include avocado.

Please note that although avocados have been exempted from intrastate and interstate LBAM requirements, trading partners including Canada and Mexico continue to regulate avocado for LBAM. CDFA will continue to work with the USDA in an effort to align regulated and exempt commodities with Canada and Mexico.

For questions regarding this advisory, please contact an Environmental Scientist at (916) 654-0312.

