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## **NEWS RELEASE**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has confirmed the detection of the European grapevine moth, *Lobesia botrana*, in north Ukiah. Ten moths were found in a single trap in a twelve acre Chardonnay vineyard in north Ukiah on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Mendocino County Department of Agriculture with assistance from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) began deploying traps countywide in early March. Approximately 650 traps have been deployed in vineyards throughout the county. Traps in the southern portion of the county had already been checked twice with negative results when the find was made. Trap density will be increased from 16 to 25 traps per square mile in the vineyards near the detection site.

The find will result in an agricultural quarantine being established in an approximate three mile radius surrounding the detection. Restrictions will be placed on the movement of wine grapes and other hosts, along with equipment used in the transport and production of wine grapes in order to prevent the human aided movement of the moth. Additional finds could result in additional areas being quarantined.