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## **Mendocino County European Grapevine Moth Update** **July 29, 2010**

**Trapping Update** No moths have been trapped since May 24<sup>th</sup>. The second flight is officially over, and the third flight is predicted to start around August 8<sup>th</sup>. The second flight catches for Mendocino County will be officially recorded as “**zero**”. Mating disruption is in use at the Dunnewood site in collaboration with the USDA. The grower has been maintaining a spray program throughout the season that has kept constant coverage. It is our belief that using mating disruption simultaneously with a spray program gives us the best chance to completely eradicate the moth. It appears as though 4 generations of negative trapping will be the criteria for our exit from the quarantine. The first of these two generations can be recorded while mating disruption is in use, while the final two must be without mating disruption. Under this formula, with one negative generation on the books, we will be eligible for removal from the quarantine at this time next year **if** no more moths are caught. Our plan is to remove the mating disruption after this season with the hopes that we will come up clean in the spring. This makes the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> generation sprays within 1000 meters of Dunnewood even more important. We are asking these growers to voluntarily apply a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation larvicide as a precaution. We hope that this is the last time we will make this request! Stay tuned for more specific timing.

### **Treatment/Quarantine**

As a result of recent conference calls, some changes have been made regarding the tarping requirements. Tarping will only be required for quarantine fruit that is leaving the quarantine area. Slack filling will now be allowed as an alternative to tarping **only within the quarantine area.** With hand harvested grapes, bins will be allowed to be filled up to **4 inches** from the top. Machine picked loads require a **12 inch** slack fill, or 12 inches from the top of the bin to account for sloshing in

transit. New exhibits reflecting these changes will be mailed out to all haulers under compliance with this department. Please toss the old exhibit and replace with the new one.

Cold Creek Compost in Potter Valley has entered into a compliance agreement to receive quarantined green waste from wineries. All out of county quarantine waste must be taken to Cold Creek by an approved hauler under compliance in an approved green waste container. As a reminder, **fermented waste is not regulated**. Cold Creek has teamed up with Empire Waste Management to provide appropriate containers and hauling for wineries who are interested. Please call Bob Thornsbury at Empire Waste Management @ 462-0210 for a price quote on the containers and hauling. Wineries may also independently arrange for containers and hauling if they so choose. A tipping fee of \$4/ton will be charged by Cold Creek to receive the material. This is the same tipping fee they have charged for years. Appropriate green waste containers should have lids that seal well enough to prevent larvae from escaping as they will be sitting on the winery premises for a length of time. Check with our office for examples or if you need to verify that your container will meet these requirements.

Now is a good time to verify that all the entities you are doing business with are under a compliance agreement. We will be posting a list of all entities under compliance on our website for your reference. You may also call our office for verification. If you have not yet entered a compliance agreement, and you will be harvesting, hauling, or processing quarantine fruit, please call Aaron Hult at 463-4208 to arrange an appointment.

As a reminder, there will be an industry sponsored workshop on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 am till 1 pm at the Rorabaugh Center at 1640 S State St. in Ukiah. Topics covered will include a regulatory update as well as educational presentations on tarping and composting. I encourage you all to attend.