

# Area-Wide Program to Eradicate the European Grapevine Moth, *Lobesia botrana* in California, USA.

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An Old World Pest On The Move: L. botrana first detected in the Americas (Chile, April 2008; USA, California, September 2009; Argentina, April 2010).







Egg

#### Larva (caterpillar)

2010 Jack K. Clark







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adapted from Maher, 2002 PhD thesis, Aquitaine,France

# 3<sup>rd</sup> generation





Eggs laid on ripening fruit Larvae feed in ripening fruit Botrytis bunch rot develops Pupae overwinter under bark, in soil crevices

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## Lobesia botrana invasion in California

- Detected in September 2009
- Crop losses of 50% reported in some fields
- Area-wide control program initiated in 2010
- At peak in 2011, 10 counties quarantined, > 6,000 km<sup>2</sup> with >62,000 ha of grapes
- Pesticide and mating disruption and treatments 9,000 ha with >6,000 ha with mating disruption
- "Ground zero" in midst of iconic wine area by Napa River. Close to wild areas many alternate hosts nearby

## Damage observed in September 2009 in Oakville, Napa County. *Growers noticed unusual damage in 2008 but not identified until* 2009







#### **Program response**

- Establishment of Technical Working Group of subject matter experts
- Establishment of Cooperative AW eradication program (see Cooper et al. California Agriculture, 2014: http://calag.ucanr.edu/Archive/?article=ca.v068n04p125)
- Begin outreach and communication programs
  - Industry, AG Commissioners, University, CDFA, USDA,
- Detection and delimitation program, traps and survey
- Regulation of movement of fruit, plants, green waste and winery wastes
- Mating disruption & coordinated pesticide applications
- Accelerated & targeted research effort



APHIS-PPQ formed a Technical Working Group in November 2009 to provide technical recommendations to the operational program. Members were Univ. California, industry, APHIS-PPQ, & international experts.





#### 2009: detected in the Napa Valley





Traps for European Grapevine Moth (Lobesia botrana) California 2015

REZ A



EGVM Quarantine\_2015 (446 sq miles)

- State-wide monitoring effort (map = example from 2015)
- 39 traps/km<sup>2</sup> in regulated areas
- 10 trap/km<sup>2</sup> for the rest of  $\bullet$ production areas
- Total > 33,000 traps for statewide survey,~ 9,000 traps in Napa

### **Treatment & Response Program (1)**

#### *If L. botrana detected:*

- 500 M radius treatment area & 4.8 km quarantine/regulated area
- AW applications of pesticides to target eggs & larvae on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd flights for two years post detection.
  - IGRS, Diamides, Indoxacarb, Spinosyns & *Bt* were on approved treatments list.
- Mating disruption (MD) used for two full flights after detection at 500 m radius.
  - Hollow tube dispensers at 500/ha.
  - Visual surveys for larvae in MD treated fields

### **Treatment & Response Program (2)**

- Flower & fruit stripping/Bt in urban areas + some MD
- Trapping is increased within 500 m of previous finds to 39 traps/km<sup>2</sup> (from 10 traps/km<sup>2</sup>)
- No mating disruption after first year
- Removed from quarantine after 6 full flights (3 years) with no detections

# **Program Detection Trapping**

Traps were deployed:

Quarantine/regulated area:

- 2010/11: 8 km from a find
- 2012/16: 4.8 km from a find

#### Traps deployed in vineyards:

- Quarantine area: ~25 traps/mi<sup>2</sup>
- Outside quarantine: ~9 traps/mi<sup>2</sup>

Traps deployed in urban areas:

• ~5 traps/mi<sup>2</sup>

# Two main treatments strategies used in tandem for commercial vineyard treatments

- Treatments:
  - To Vineyards within 500 meters of a find
    - In 2010-12: insecticide & MD treatments any find since 2009
    - In 2012-2016: Insecticide treatments finds previous 2 years, MD finds from previous year.
- 1. Application of Insecticides:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> generation: 1 conventional or 2 (or 3) organic insecticides.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> generation: 1 conventional or 2 organic insecticides.

Insecticides used:

- 1. Conventional: methoxyfenozide, chlorantraniliprole
- 2. Organic: Bt, spinosad
- Mating disruption L. botrana pheromone (E,Z)-7,9-Dodecadien-1-yl Acetate) in hollow tube dispensers, 500/Ha, applied early spring before 1<sup>st</sup> flight

University of California Recommendations (see <u>http://cesonoma.ucdavis.edu/files/85697.pdf</u> & <u>http://ipm.ucanr.edu/EXOTIC/eurograpevinemoth.html#MANAGEMENT</u>)</u>



# For first flight (April-May 2010), traps captured 99,266 males in Napa & 78 in other 9 counties of CA.





Treatment in Residential & Non-commercial properties Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

- Outreach to non-commercial growers to ensure treatments are applied
- Outreach to residential properties
- California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Placed mating disruption in 2013 noncommercial and residential areas
- Survey of properties for EGVM hosts
- Removal of flower/ fruit or Bt





#### treatments



Mating Disruption in 2014 Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

- Ag Commissioner's office distributed
  8 km<sup>2</sup> worth of mating disruption to commercial growers.
- This represented 92 sites and 75 different growers within 500 meters of 2013 finds.
- Staff inspectors verified all 92 sites.
- All 92 sites have reported their pesticide use.





## **Treatment Verification**

Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

- Total of 132 sites within 500 meters of a 2013 or 2012 find needed treatment
- Approx. 3,300 acres including vineyards and olives
- 85 distinct Operators
- All vineyards were treated

#### 1st Flight Treatments Verified

- Napa ag staff verified 111 applications (Olives and Grapes)
- 84%

#### 2nd Flight Treatments Verified

• Napa Ag staff verified 107 applications out of 128 (Grapes only)



• 84%



#### Quarantine Compliance Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

#### **Pre-harvest Meetings**

- Treatments, Sanitation, Trapping or slack-filling
- Mechanical harvesting
- Harvest inspection
- USDA Systems Approach

# Articles about sanitation & quarantine compliance







### Outreach & Education

Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

- Meetings
  - Countywide grower meetings
  - Pest Control Advisors
  - Vineyard Management Companies
  - Grower groups
  - Wineries-vineyard & grower relations
  - Individual growers
- Ads & Articles
  - Napa Valley Life
  - Napa Register
  - Industry & County newsletters
  - Craig's List, Wine Business Mo.
- E-mail updates



## Outreach: Hundreds of growers meetings and field day training



University field day training field monitoring (400 growers in one day)

With funding from USDA NRCS outreach materials were **developed** to help recognize all EGVM life stages in the vineyard.

✓ EGVM brochure. ✓ Guide to Moths & Worms in Grapevine Clusters. ✓ Bilingual poster. ✓ Online presentations in English & Spanish. ✓ Postcards ✓ Radio programs

#### DON'T LET THE EUROPEAN **GRAPEVINE MOTH RIDE WITH YOU.**

Pests



**BE ALERT! • ¡ATENCION!** 

DON'T TRANSPORT GRAPES OR OTHER VINE MATERIALS FROM A QUARANTINED AREA. Hungry AND ALWAYS CLEAN YOUR EQUIPMENT BEFORE MOVING IT BETWEEN FIELDS. HUNGRYPESTS.COM/EVGM

#### Total EGVM moths on traps: Napa County 2010-2015 (A) & 2010 (B)





## **Eradication Declared in August 2016**

- North America free of Lobesia botrana
- European Grapevine Moth Post-Eradication Response Guidelines developed.
  - Plan to trap and survey at high levels for at least three years
  - https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\_health/plant\_ pest\_info/eg\_moth/downloads/post-eradicationguidelines.pdf

## **Research & Methods Development**

- Detection methods in mating disrupted field & MD formulations & application methods
- Pesticide research
- Post harvest treatments of table grapes & regulatory treatments of green wastes & wine wastes
- Degree day models under California conditions
- Alternate hosts surveys
- Mass-rearing technology & SIT, Syria, Israel, Chile, USA, Argentina (others?) last CRP
- Economic analysis, ex-ante & post-ante
- Post program spatial analysis



## **Grape crush & sampling**













## Phenology Study in wild host riparian area





## **Phenology Traps Napa River**



## ALTERNATIVE HOST PLANT SURVEYS FOCUS PLANT SPECIES





Spatial analysis of trap data to determine habitat suitability modeling for post

Example of creative outreach for communication about grapes pests by Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's office, "FaceBug" Campaign



## DON'T BRING PLANTS INTO NAPA COUNTY

Don't lower your guard and fall for the smooth talk. Sometimes you just can't be friends. The best way to keep the Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter out of the county is by not bringing plants in. Buy all your plants from certified plant retailers inside Napa County, where shipments have been inspected before sale.



Thanks to our grapegrowers, landscapers, certified plant retailers and YOU, the sharpshooter has not yet established itself in the Napa Valley. But to keep it out, we must keep working together. For more information about how you can help, please call us at 1.866.BUG.SPOT or visit WWW.BUGSPOT.ORG.

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