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PEST: Light Brown Apple Moth (*Epiphyas postvittana*)

BASIC PROFILE: LBAM is a moth with a wingspan of 15-25mm (5/8 – 1 inch). Coloring is quite variable but they are generally yellowish-brown with darker brown markings on the forewings. Larvae feed on the underside of host leaves. Host range is broad with over 100 hosts, including some vegetable plants, berries, fruit trees and ornamentals. Older larvae roll together leaves and buds or fruit with webbing. Symptoms include leaf-feeding activity and webbed or rolled leaves.

LDAF ACTIVITY: LBAM has not been found in Louisiana. If LBAM is found in a nursery, the plants would need to be treated with an insecticide labeled for LBAM. Treated plants would be held until the plants were reinspected and LBAM was not found. There is a federal quarantine in place and there are federal protocols for survey and response.

