

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

BASIC PROFILE: LBAM is a moth with a wingspan of 15-25mm (5/8 - 1"). 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: LDAF conducts surveys for LBAM. Pheromone traps are deployed in residential areas where suspect infestations occur or at nursery grower and NSD facilities. Primary means of spread for LBAM is through movement of infested nursery stock. The goal is to detect LBAM presence as early as possible so action can be taken. It is known to be established in California. There is a federal quarantine in place and there are federal protocols for survey and response.

