



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

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DATE: February 22, 2016  
TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners  
FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services  
SUBJECT: **PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY NO. 05-2016**  
Voluntary HLB Sampling and Testing

This advisory is a follow up to PEA 03-2016, Voluntary HLB Sampling and Testing. This voluntary program is available to all exclusionary facilities, either APHIS approved (currently approved for ACP and located within an ACP quarantine) or pre-approved (approved for ACP and currently located outside of an ACP quarantine) exclusionary facilities. CDFA approved exclusionary facilities are not eligible for this program at this time. When signing the compliance agreement for this voluntary program, the county should ensure that invoices from the CDFA lab can be sent to the recorded mailing address as the nursery will be mailed a bill for the testing.

The sampling method in the exclusionary facility has been amended to require three mature leaves, from different sides of the tree, be collected from four trees. These 12 leaves will create a composite sample to be tested. Previously, four mature leaves from three different trees were required for the 12 leaf composite sample.

To avoid overloading the CDFA lab with samples, prior notice and reservations for submitting samples will be required. Do not contact the lab directly. Please contact Keith Okasaki at [keith.okasaki@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:keith.okasaki@cdfa.ca.gov) at least two weeks prior to collecting samples for submission. Per the lab's recommendation, samples should not be collected between the months of July through September due to high temperatures. Also, one PDR should be submitted per lot sampled. When creating the PDR, the "One Host, Many Samples" option should be selected. Varieties, tag numbers, means of sample identification, etc. can be entered in the "Remarks" section. Do not submit one PDR for each sample as this will slow testing and delay results.

All documents related to this Voluntary HLB Sampling and Testing program have been updated and posted on the PHPPS Extranet site.

For questions regarding this advisory, please contact Keith Okasaki at [keith.okasaki@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:keith.okasaki@cdfa.ca.gov) or (916) 654-0312.

