

# STOP AERIAL PESTICIDE SPRAYING!

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has announced plans to resume aerial pesticide spraying for the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) on Aug. 1 2008. The campaign began in 2007 in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties using a synthetic pheromone along with other chemicals encased in microscopic plastic capsules. CDFA is expanding the program to the San Francisco Bay Area with plans to continue spraying each month for up to 5 years or indefinitely until the moth is eradicated.

## **Bay Area informational meetings on LBAM spraying:**

**Berkeley:** February 24, 5:00 PM, Berkeley Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar, between Spruce and Arch.

**Marin:** March 3, 7 PM Corte Madera Town Center, Ste. 201 Paradise/Tamalpais Exit off Highway 101.

**More information at <http://forum.stophespray.org>**

## **WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE LBAM SPRAYING?**

- 1) Hundreds of people in Santa Cruz and Monterey County have reported adverse health reactions. The spray has not been tested for long-term human toxicity and is being applied in microscopic plastic capsules that could pose inhalation risks.
- 2) The spray contains ingredients that are highly toxic to aquatic species, as well as surfactants, that might have contributed to algae bloom (red tide) and the drowning of hundreds of waterfowl.
- 3) Biologists agree that the spraying - an outdated, unsustainable, expensive pest control method - will not eradicate the moth. The CDFA should switch to a control vs. an eradication program using least-toxic methods that farmers already apply, e.g. pheromone traps or sticky ties.
- 4) CDFA itself says the moth has done no crop damage in California to date. Priority must be given to public and environmental health and safety over speculative economic loss.
- 5) The aerial spray program disproportionately impacts vulnerable segments of the population, including those with the recognized disability of multiple chemical sensitivity, who are in many cases forced to relocate, and the homeless, who have no option to protect themselves from spraying

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

- Sign the petition and learn about the issue at [www.stophespray.org](http://www.stophespray.org). Pass the word!
- Write a letter to the editor opposing the spray; contact radio & television stations –raise your voice!
- Ask your city council to follow the City of Albany's example & pass a resolution against the spraying.
- Ask Governor Schwarzenegger & CDFA secretary Kawamura to stop the spray program & shift to sustainable methods of least-toxic pest control.
- Ask your State representatives to support proposed legislation to stop spraying without consent and to do whatever they can to stop the spraying.
- Ask your federal representatives to rescind USDA funding for this \$97 million program and to require USDA to use least-toxic pest control methods that protect human and environmental health.
- Tell the National Organics Program (NOP) and California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) to protect the integrity of organic produce and oppose synthetic sprays.
- Use the addresses below to contact your political representatives:

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<p>Secretary A.G. Kawamura  Calif. Dept. of Food &amp; Agriculture  1220 N Street, Suite 400  Sacramento, CA 95814  <a href="mailto:akawamura@cdfa.ca.gov">akawamura@cdfa.ca.gov</a></p>	<p>Senator Barbara Boxer  112 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  Washington, D.C. 20510  Phone: 202-224-3553  Fax: 202-228-2382  <a href="http://www.boxer.senate.gov">http://www.boxer.senate.gov</a></p>	<p>Representative Lynn Woolsey  1050 Northgate Drive, Suite 354  San Rafael, CA 94903  Phone: 415/507-9554 Fax: 415/507-9601  Washington phone 202/225-5161</p>	<p>Senator Don Perata  State Capitol, Room 205,  Sacramento CA 95814  Phone: (916) 651-4009  Fax: (916) 327-1997</p>
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