

BUG ALERT !!

Grape Leaf Skeletonizer (GLS)

This ravenous, foliage feeding worm pest has recently been found in commercial vineyards in the **NORTHEAST SECTOR** of the district in Southeastern Sacramento County. These larvae are gregarious feeders and are quite striking in color, having black and purple striping on a yellow background. As their name implies, they will literally skeletonize leaves leaving nothing but stems and midribs. **THIS PEST IS UNDER QUARANTINE IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.** Please contact the San Joaquin Co. Ag Commissioner's Office (468-3300) or Paul Verdegaal, SJC Viticulture Farm Advisor (468-2085) if you suspect that you have this pest in any of your vineyards. You can get additional information on this pest, including a color flyer showing the different stages of GLS, from either of these sources. Pheromone traps to trap GLS males are available commercially if you or your PCA want to monitor your vineyards for the presence of adult GLS.

Grape Phylloxera, Strain B

The dreaded Strain B of Grape Phylloxera was found earlier this year between Harney Lane and Kettleman Lane on Locust Tree Rd. If you have equipment operating in this area (harvesters, trucks, tractors, trailers) **PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REMOVE SOIL FROM SUCH EQUIPMENT BEFORE LEAVING THE AREA.** We need to do everything possible to prevent the spread of Strain B Phylloxera in the district.