



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

DATE: April 28, 2009
TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners
FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services
SUBJECT: **PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY NO. 08-2009**
Repeal of CCR 3433 for Diaprepes Root Weevil

Effective immediately, all enforcement activities for California State Interior Quarantine for Diaprepes Root Weevil (CCR 3433) have ceased. CDFA will begin the process to formally repeal California State Interior Quarantine for Diaprepes Root Weevil. All compliance agreements previously issued to nurseries under California State Interior Quarantine for Diaprepes Root Weevil will be rescinded. Treatment, inspection, and certification activities conducted as per the quarantine requirements are no longer required.

Actions for Nursery Premises:

Effective immediately, **if any life stages of diaprepes root weevil are found on nursery stock during a regulatory nursery inspection (i.e. inspection for nursery stock pest cleanliness standards), inspectors should work with CDFA's Nursery Services to take the appropriate actions to maintain nursery cleanliness standards.** Please see Nursery Advisory 04-2009. The point of contact for CDFA Nursery Services:

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Actions for Incoming Nursery Stock Shipments:

For all intra and interstate incoming nursery stock shipments, county inspectors should call CDFA's Pest Exclusion Branch in Sacramento to determine the best quarantine actions when this pest is found in shipments.

Currently the diaprepes root weevil (*Diaprepes abbreviatus*) is an A-rated pest. CDFA plans to begin the process of establishing a permanent B-rating for the diaprepes root weevil. **Until a permanent rating is established, CDFA recommends that the diaprepes root weevil be treated as a B-rated pest.**

Future Actions:

With the repeal of this State Interior Quarantine, **State Exterior Quarantine for West Indian Sugarcane Root Borer/Diaprepes (CCR 3279) will also be repealed.** County inspectors must continue to enforce State Exterior Quarantine for West Indian sugarcane root borer until a formal repeal occurs. Counties will be notified when this State Exterior Quarantine is repealed.

For all questions regarding Nursery Services, contact Patrick Thalken at: pthalken@cdfa.ca.gov or (916) 654-0435. For all questions regarding Pest Exclusion, contact any interior pest exclusion biologist at: (916) 654-0312.

