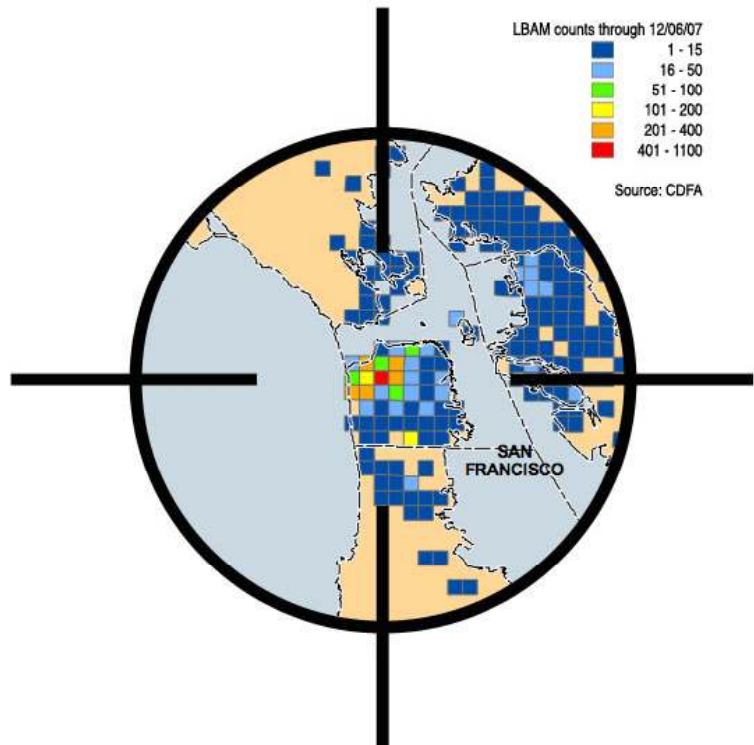


# STOP AERIAL PESTICIDE SPRAYING IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN MARIN

## Marin County may be sprayed for the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM):

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has announced plans to resume aerial pesticide spraying for the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) in summer 2008. The multi-million dollar campaign began in 2007 in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties using a synthetic pheromone along with other chemicals encased in microscopic plastic capsules. CDFA will expand the program to the San Francisco Bay Area with plans to continue spraying each month for 3 - 5 years or indefinitely until the moth is eradicated.

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## 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 death 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 Biologists agree that the spraying - an outdated, unsustainable, expensive pest control method - will not eradicate the moth.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. sticky traps.
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.

Get informed about the LBAM spraying in the Bay Area:

**Marin Town Hall Meeting - Panel Discussion**

**Mon. March 3, 7:00 PM, Corte Madera Town Center, Suite 201, Tamalpias at 101, CM**

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