



DATE: March 1, 2012
TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners
FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services
SUBJECT: A and Q Pest Report No. 6-2012
Weekly A and Q Report: For the week of February 2-8, 2012

Attached is the report for all A and Q pests intercepted or detected in California from February 2-8, 2012. Pests are identified by the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Plant Pest Diagnostics Laboratory.

Oak from Minnesota
Reported by Patrick Brodrick, Plant Quarantine Inspector

PDR: LV0P06015811



Inspector Patrick Brodrick inspecting firewood at Long Valley Border Protection Station, located on US Hwy 395, 21 miles north of Reno, NV

On January 27, 2012 during Inspector Patrick Brodrick's graveyard shift, a car with Minnesota plates pulled into the Long Valley Border Protection Station. The travelers did not have any fruits or vegetables, but upon inspection a small oak log was found in the trunk. The inspector explained that the oak log is prohibited due to California State Exterior Quarantine, California Code of Regulations, Section 3251, Chestnut Bark Disease and Oak Wilt Disease and the travelers agreed to hand it over. They were issued a Certificate of Inspection and allowed to continue to destination.

Upon further inspection of the oak log, a live larva was collected, submitted to the Plant Pest Diagnostics Laboratory, and identified as Q-rated Family Cerambycidae (longhorned beetle).

Moving firewood interstate may threaten areas with invasive pests. It is best to buy it and burn it locally. For more information on movement of firewood:

http://www.firewood.ca.gov/

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/hot_issues/firewood/index.shtml

If you have any questions regarding pest interceptions listed under the action codes Quarantine - State Exterior (01) or Quarantine - State Interior (02), contact Terra Walber at terra.walber@cdfa.ca.gov

