

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: Update on Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), *Diaphorina citri*, in Tulare County, California

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

On June 17, 2013, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announced the end of temporary restrictions on the movement of citrus fruit and plants in Tulare County, California. CDFA imposed the temporary measures in response to the detection of three adult Asian citrus psyllids (ACP), *Diaphorina citri*, in the Lindsay/Strathmore and Terra Bella areas in October and November 2012.

Since December 2012, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has been working closely with CDFA and Tulare County officials to conduct follow-up trapping and visual surveys in a 163-square mile area within Tulare County. To date, neither visual nor trapping surveys have yielded additional ACP detections in Tulare County. APHIS, state, and county officials will continue trapping and visual surveys for a period of 2 years to monitor for ACP. APHIS conducts ACP surveys in all citrus-producing areas of California since its initial detection in 2008.

APHIS will continue to work with its state, county and industry partners to implement measures to facilitate the safe movement of ACP host material in domestic and foreign commerce.

For additional information regarding the ACP program, please contact Prakash Hebbar, National Coordinator for the Citrus Health Response Program, at (301) 851-2228 or Lynn Evans-Goldner, National Policy Manager for Citrus Disease Programs, at (301) 851-2286.

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