

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION  
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Subject: APHIS Establishes Mexican Fruit Fly (*Anastrepha ludens*) Regulated Area in the Brownsville Area of Cameron County, Texas

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

On June 9, 2014, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) established a Mexican fruit fly (mexfly) regulated area—effective immediately—in the Brownsville area of Cameron County, Texas. APHIS is applying restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from this area. This action is necessary to prevent the spread of Mexican fruit fly to non-infested areas of the United States. This outbreak is considered to be transient, actionable, and under eradication.

Between June 9 and July 23, 2014, a total of nine adult Mexican fruit flies and one larval site were detected in residential and rural areas of Brownsville, Texas. APHIS, in cooperation with TDA, is responding to these confirmed Mexican fruit fly detections with the establishment of a new regulated area that encompass approximately 130 square miles in the Brownsville area of Cameron County.

APHIS and TDA are responding to these detections by following established program survey, treatment, and quarantine protocols. The current federal fruit fly regulated areas are listed at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-health/ff-quarantine>

For additional information on the Mexfly Eradication Program, you may call APHIS National Fruit Fly Policy Manager John Stewart at 919-855-7426.

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