

FOR INFORMATION
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SUBJECT: *Bactrocera dorsalis* (Oriental Fruit Fly) - Removal of Quarantine Area in Orange and Los Angeles County, California

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective April 11, 2014, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) removed the Anaheim area of Orange County and the Cerritos area of Los Angeles County, California from the Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF) quarantine area. As a result, no OFF quarantine areas remain in California.

On August 1, 2013, APHIS implemented the OFF quarantine (DA-2013-39) in the Anaheim area of Orange County and the Cerritos area of Los Angeles County, California. That quarantine restricted the interstate movement of regulated articles from that area to prevent the spread of the Oriental fruit fly to non-infested areas of the United States. Since that time, APHIS has cooperated with the California Department of Food and Agriculture to eradicate the transient OFF population through various control actions, including high density trapping, fruit removal, eradication control measures, regulatory quarantine activities, and foliar bait sprays near the detection sites.

Eradication was concluded after sufficient time passed without finding additional Oriental fruit flies in those areas. This removal of the quarantine areas is reflected on the following designated website, which contains a description of all the current federal fruit fly quarantine areas:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/fruit_flies/quarantine.shtml

For additional information on the removal of the Oriental fruit fly quarantine area, you may contact you may call APHIS Exotic Fruit Fly Manager John Stewart at 919-855-7426.

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