

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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Subject: Removal of Oriental Fruit Fly (*Bactrocera dorsalis*) Quarantine Area in the Athens area of Los Angeles County, California

TO: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective June 24, 2015 the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) removed the Athens area of Los Angeles County as an oriental fruit fly (OFF) quarantine area.

On December 5, 2014, APHIS implemented the OFF quarantine in the Athens area of Los Angeles County, California restricting the interstate movement of regulated articles from that area to prevent the spread of the oriental fruit fly to noninfested areas of the United States. Since then, APHIS has cooperated with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the Los Angeles County Agriculture Commissioner's office 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 this area. 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 call Fruit Fly Program Manager John Stewart, at 919-855-7426.

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