

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

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Subject: APHIS Removes Mexican Fruit Fly (*Anastrepha ludens*) Quarantine in the Donna Area of Hidalgo County, Texas

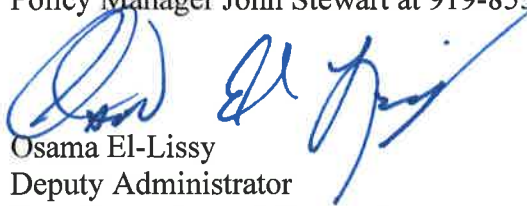
To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective August 30, 2017, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) removed the Mexican fruit fly (*Anastrepha ludens* or Mexfly) quarantine area in Donna, Hidalgo County, Texas.

On April 30, 2017, APHIS and TDA established a Mexfly quarantine in a residential grove area of Donna, Hidalgo County, Texas, restricting the interstate movement of regulated articles from this area to prevent the spread of Mexfly to noninfested areas of the United States. Since that time, APHIS has worked cooperatively with TDA and the Texas citrus industry to eradicate the transient Mexfly population through various control actions per program protocols. APHIS removed the quarantine after three Mexfly life-cycles elapsed with negative detections in this area. This removal of the quarantine areas is reflected on the following designated website, which contains a description of the current Federal fruit fly quarantine areas:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\\_health/plant\\_pest\\_info/fruit\\_flies/quarantine.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/fruit_flies/quarantine.shtml)

For additional information on the Mexfly quarantine area, please contact National Fruit Fly Policy Manager John Stewart at 919-855-7426.



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