

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Removes Oriental Fruit Fly, *Bactrocera dorsalis*, Regulated Area in San Joaquin County, California

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective June 18, 2012, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) removed the Stockton area of San Joaquin County, California, from the Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF) regulated area. As a result, there are no remaining OFF regulated areas in San Joaquin County, California.

On September 22, 2011 and October 21, 2011, APHIS implemented and expanded, respectively, the regulated area in Stockton, California, restricting the interstate movement of regulated articles in order to prevent the spread of OFF to non-infested areas of the United States. APHIS worked with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to eradicate the transient OFF population through various control actions, including high density trapping, fruit removal, regulatory and control measures, and foliar bait sprays near the detection sites.

Eradication was concluded after sufficient time passed without finding additional flies in those areas. Specifically, an intensified fruit fly trap surveillance system was deployed and monitored for three life cycles and calculated through a modeling process specific for OFF. Accordingly, APHIS removed the OFF regulated in San Joaquin County on June 18, 2012. The removal of this regulated area is reflected on the following website, which contains a description of all the current Federal fruit fly regulated areas:

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

For additional information on the removal of the OFF regulated area, you may contact John Stewart, APHIS Fruit Fly Program Manager, at (919) 855-7426.

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