

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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Subject: APHIS Establishes New Oriental Fruit Fly (*Bactrocera dorsalis*) Quarantine Area in the Inglewood Area of Los Angeles, California

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective December 5, 2014, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) established a new oriental fruit fly (OFF) regulated area in the Inglewood Area of Los Angeles, California. APHIS is applying safeguarding measures and restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from this area. This action is necessary to prevent the spread of OFF to noninfested areas of the United States. This outbreak is considered to be transient, actionable, and under eradication.

Between October 23, 2014 and December 11, 2014, nine adult OFF were detected in the Inglewood area of Los Angeles, California. These confirmed OFF triggered the establishment of the new OFF quarantine, which encompasses approximately 81 square miles of Los Angeles County, California.

APHIS is working with CDFA and the Los Angeles County agricultural commissioner to respond to these detections following program survey, treatment, and quarantine protocols. Federal fruit fly regulated areas are listed at:

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

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

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