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Subject: Removal of Oriental Fruit Fly (*Bactrocera dorsalis*) Quarantine Area in Redland, Miami-Dade County, Florida

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

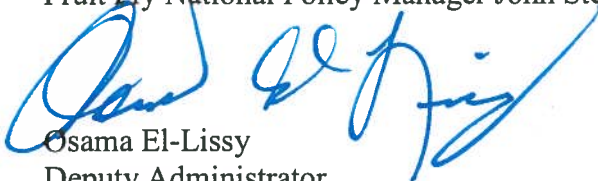
Effective February 13, 2016, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) removed the Redland area of Miami-Dade County as an Oriental fruit fly (OFF) quarantine area. As a result, Florida does not have any active fruit fly quarantines.

On August 28, 2015, APHIS initiated the OFF quarantine in the Redland area of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The quarantine restricted 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 worked with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry (DPI), Miami-Dade County, and the agricultural industry to eradicate the transient OFF population. Control actions included high density trapping, fruit removal in a 200 meter arc around mated female and larval finds, eradication control measures near the detection sites, and regulatory quarantine activities.

Eradication was concluded after three OFF life-cycles elapsed with negative detections in this area. The following designated website contains a description of the current federal fruit fly quarantine areas:

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

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



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