

FOR INFORMATION
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Subject: APHIS Expands Regulated Area for the Asian Citrus Psyllid (*Diaphorina citri*) in Tulare County California

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effectively immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), in cooperation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), is expanding the regulated area for the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) in Tulare County California by 124 square miles. The result of the quarantine area expansion will be a contiguous quarantine area that encompasses portions of Fresno, Kern, and Tulare counties. APHIS is taking this action because of the detection of ACP in additional sections of Tulare County.

APHIS is applying safeguarding measures on the interstate movement of regulated articles from the regulated area in Tulare County; these safeguarding measures parallel the intrastate quarantine imposed by CDFA in June 2014. This action is necessary to prevent the spread of ACP to non-infested areas of the United States. ACP is considered present only in some areas in California and is subject to official control via state and federal quarantines.

The specific changes to the regulated areas in California are attached and can also be found at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-health/citrus-greening>

APHIS will publish a notice of this change in the *Federal Register*. For additional information, you may call Citrus Health Response Program National Coordinator Prakash Hebbar at 301-851-2228 or National Policy Manager for Citrus Disease Programs Lynn Evans-Goldner at 301-851-2286.

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Attachment: Quarantined Areas for Citrus Greening and Asian Citrus Psyllid