

FOR INFORMATION

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Subject: APHIS Expands the Citrus Greening (*Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus*)  
Quarantined Area in Texas

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effectively immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), in cooperation with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and the Texas citrus industry, is expanding the quarantine area for citrus greening (CG or *huanglongbing*) to include all of Harris County. APHIS is taking this action because of the positive CG detection in plant tissue samples collected from citrus trees in the county. These samples were collected during surveys conducted as part of the cooperative Citrus Health Response Program (CHRP).

APHIS is applying safeguarding measures on the interstate movement of regulated articles from the regulated areas in Harris County. These measures parallel the intrastate quarantine imposed by TDA on July 15, 2014. This action is necessary to prevent the spread of CG to non-infested areas of the United States. Since 2009, APHIS has regulated all of Texas for the Asian citrus psyllid, the insect that transmits citrus greening.

The specific changes to the regulated areas in Texas 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