

### **Outstanding Achievement: 2010 Florida Mediterranean Fruit Fly Outbreak Response**

This category recognizes efforts that reach or exceed the goals designated for a given project or work effort, but that do not necessarily represent a new or innovative approach. The award celebrates work that is done exceptionally well in reaching or exceeding sound, clearly defined goals and where a positive impact to safeguarding can be demonstrated. These actions may be part of our day-to-day work, yet they go beyond the scope of our duties and expectations.

The 2010 Florida Mediterranean Fruit Fly Outbreak Response is recognized for its well coordinated and quickly executed response to a fruit fly infestation. The response exemplifies safeguarding actions that were completed exceptionally well and that exceeded our day-to-day work expectations. The eradication effort was one of the fastest on record in Florida and showed the effectiveness of well coordinated responses with the Incident Management Team, Federal and State agencies, and a cooperative public. Pest containment was achieved in just 23 days and eradication occurred in 83 days. The Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services recognized these efforts and expressed his appreciation of them, thereby underscoring the value of the response to our stakeholders. PPQ expects and strives to respond rapidly to a pest outbreak, for quick action mitigates the damage and reduces the cost of the overall outbreak. The actions of the recipients of this award were above and beyond such expectations. The recipients demonstrated outstanding speed and precision in the initiation of survey, regulatory, and control activities, and they did so in the face of several significant obstacles including the beginning of mango season and a high incidence of residential fruit production. Incident Management Teams were created to provide a quick and unified response that involved multiple agencies and stakeholders. The success of the response was an outstanding achievement that showcases the training and resources PPQ has invested in incident response.