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APHIS Establishes an Oriental Fruit Fly (*Bactrocera dorsalis*) Quarantine in Brentwood, Contra Costa County, California

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FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

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Subject: APHIS Establishes an Oriental Fruit Fly (*Bactrocera dorsalis*) Quarantine in Brentwood, Contra Costa County, California

To: State, Territory, and Tribal Agricultural Regulatory Officials

On September 6, 2023, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) established an Oriental fruit fly (*Bactrocera dorsalis* or OFF) quarantine in Brentwood, Contra Costa County, California. This action is in response to the confirmed detections of six adult male OFF from various sites in Brentwood by CDFA between August 25 and August 30. Between August 30 and September 5, CDFA confirmed seven additional male OFF from Brentwood. All were from traps in various types of trees in residential areas.

APHIS is applying safeguarding measures and restrictions on the interstate movement or entry into foreign trade of regulated articles from the area to prevent

the spread of OFF to non-infested areas of the United States. In cooperation with CDFA, APHIS is establishing a quarantine area encompassing 99 square miles of Contra Costa County. There are 939 acres of commercial agricultural production of OFF host crops in the quarantine area, including apricots, nectarines, grape, squash, walnuts, and cherries. APHIS is working with CDFA and the Contra Costa County Department of Agriculture to respond to these detections following program survey, treatment protocols, and regulatory responses.

The establishment of this quarantine area is reflected on the following website, which contains a description of all current Federal fruit fly quarantine areas:

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

For additional information on the Oriental fruit fly quarantine area, please contact Fruit Fly National Policy Manager Richard Johnson at 301-851-2109 or richard.n.johnson@usda.gov.

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