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APHIS Establishes and Expands Quarantined Areas for Citrus Canker (Xanthomonas citri subsp. citri) in Texas

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Subject: APHIS Establishes and Expands Quarantined Areas for Citrus Canker (Xanthomonas citri subsp. citri) in Texas

To: State, Tribal, and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), in cooperation with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), is establishing and expanding the quarantined areas for citrus canker in Texas to prevent the spread of the disease. APHIS is establishing one new quarantined area in the Harlingen Area of Cameron County, Texas, and expanding existing quarantined areas for citrus canker in the Rancho Viejo and Los Fresnos areas in Cameron County and the Pharr and Hidalgo areas of Hidalgo County, Texas. TDA has established intrastate quarantined areas for citrus canker that parallel the Federal citrus canker quarantine.

APHIS is taking this action because of citrus canker detections in plant tissue samples collected from residential properties in Cameron and Hidalgo Counties in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Under the current citrus canker quarantine regulations, the interstate movement of citrus plants and plant parts, other than commercially packed and disinfected citrus fruit, remains prohibited. Citrus nursery stock that is moved in accordance with regulations contained in 7 CFR § 301.75-6 may move from areas quarantined for citrus canker.

The <u>APHIS Citrus Canker web page</u> has information on this disease, and descriptions of current Federal citrus canker quarantined areas. APHIS will follow this action by publishing a notice in the Federal Register.

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Attachment: Federal Order