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APHIS Expands Mediterranean Fruit Fly (*Ceratitis capitata*) Quarantine Areas in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties, California

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Subject: APHIS Expands Mediterranean Fruit Fly (*Ceratitis capitata*) Quarantine Areas in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties, California

To: State, Tribal, and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

On October 8, 2025, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) expanded the Santa Clara Mediterranean fruit fly (*Ceratitis capitata*; Medfly) quarantine in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties, California.

On October 8, APHIS and CDFA expanded the Santa Clara Medfly quarantine in response to the confirmed detection on September 29 of one wild unmated female Medfly from a trap in a peach tree on a residential property in the city of San Jose. This action expanded the quarantine by four square miles and did not include additional commercial agriculture. The amended quarantine encompasses 196

square miles with 47 acres of commercial agriculture, including grape, olive, orange, pepper, stone fruit, and tomato.

APHIS is applying safeguarding measures and restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles to prevent the spread of Medfly to non-infested areas of the United States, as well as to prevent the entry of these fruit flies into foreign trade. APHIS is working with CDFA and the Agricultural Commissioners of Alameda and Santa Clara Counties to respond to these detections following program guidelines for survey, treatment, and regulatory actions.

The [APHIS Exotic Fruit Flies website](#) contains descriptions and maps of all current Federal fruit fly quarantine areas. APHIS will publish a notice of this change in the Federal Register.

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