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APHIS Establishes a Mexican Fruit Fly (*Anastrepha ludens*) Quarantine Area in Texas

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Subject: APHIS Establishes a Mexican Fruit Fly (*Anastrepha ludens*) Quarantine Area in Texas

To: State, Tribal, and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

On December 5, 2025, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) established a Mexican fruit fly (*Anastrepha ludens*: Mexfly) in La Feria, Cameron County, Texas, designated the La Feria quarantine.

APHIS and TDA established the La Feria quarantine in response to the December 3 confirmed detection of one Mexfly larva in a grapefruit collected from a commercial grove in La Feria. The quarantine encompasses approximately 70.99 square miles with 831.3 acres of commercial citrus.

APHIS is applying safeguarding measures and restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles to prevent the spread of Mexfly 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 TDA to eradicate the transient Mexfly population 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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