APHIS Establishes a West Indian Fruit Fly (Anastrepha obliqua) Quarantine in Texas

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To: State, Tribal, and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), in cooperation with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), is establishing a West Indian fruit fly (Anastrepha obliqua) quarantine in Port Isabel, Cameron County, Texas, designated the Port Isabel quarantine. This action parallels the quarantine established by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) on August 21, 2026.

APHIS is taking this action after confirming a mated female West Indian fruit fly in a trap placed in a mango tree on a residential property in Port Isabel. The Port Isabel quarantine encompasses 19.19 square miles and does not include any commercial agriculture.

APHIS is applying safeguarding measures and restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles to prevent West Indian fruit fly from spreading to non-infested areas of the United States, as well as to prevent the entry of these fruit flies into foreign trade. This action is authorized by the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701–7786) in accordance with 7 CFR 301.32 through 301.32-10. APHIS and TDA are working together to eradicate the transient West Indian fruit fly population following program guidelines for survey, treatment, and regulatory actions.

Maps and descriptions of all current federal fruit fly quarantined areas are available on the APHIS Exotic Fruit Flies webpage. APHIS will also publish a notice about this change in the Federal Register.

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