APHIS Removes Mexican Fruit Fly (Anastrepha ludens) Quarantines in Webb and Zapata Counties, Texas, DA-2026-48

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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 removing the Mexican fruit fly (Anastrepha ludens; Mexfly) quarantine in Webb County, designated the Laredo quarantine, and the Mexfly quarantine in Zapata County, designated the Zapata quarantine. This action releases a total of 105.4 square miles from quarantine. Neither quarantine included commercial citrus.

APHIS originally established the quarantines, restricting the interstate movement of regulated articles from these areas, to prevent Mexfly from spreading to other areas of the United States. 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 have now successfully eradicated these transient Mexfly populations using approved program control methods.

You can find maps and descriptions of all the current federal fruit fly quarantined areas on the APHIS Exotic Fruit Flies webpage. APHIS will also publish a notice about this change in the *Federal Register*.

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