

MEDFLY INFESTATION DETECTED IN FALLBROOK

A Mediterranean fruit fly infestation has been detected in the Fallbrook area of San Diego County. Two adult male Mediterranean fruit flies were detected in one trap on October 29, and a mated female fly was detected in another trap on November 1. The California Department of Food and Agriculture has posted a map on its web site that shows the detection sites and the boundaries of the area in which sterile flies will be released as eradication efforts get underway. This can be found at:

http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/PDEP/treatment/maps/MED_SIT_FALLBROOK_09_GMAP_110209.pdf

Note that this is NOT the quarantine zone. A quarantine is anticipated, but quarantine boundaries have not yet been delineated. Also, the relationship, if any, between the Medfly detections in Fallbrook and those in Escondido is not yet known, nor has CDFA released any information on how existing quarantine boundaries might be affected.

For more information, contact the Mediterranean Fruit Fly Quarantine Project office at 760-510-4703.