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Oriental Fruit Fly Quarantine in Los Angeles County
Beverly Hills Farmers Market Complies with Quarantine Measures
Protecting Farmers and Consumers

Beverly Hills, Calif. - A portion of Los Angeles County has been placed under quarantine for the Oriental fruit fly (OFF) following the detection of nine flies in the Hollywood area. The quarantine zone measures 75 square miles. The Beverly Hills Farmers' Market falls into this zone so farmers will need to comply with quarantine measures for all fruits at the market. Quarantine measures PROTECT farmers and their crops. To comply with these measures, market vendors will cover their fruit use netting, air curtains, plastic containers and tarps to prevent insects from laying eggs. Vendors will need to net their fruit for 6-9 months. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) officials will be monitoring the market to ensure compliance.

"California's fruit fly season extends from late summer through the fall," said California Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross. "These pests like Southern California for some of the same reasons other travelers do: the pleasant climate and the tremendous variety of food." Fortunately, with quarantine measures in place, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has a great record of eradicating these infestations.

"This quarantine has been put in place to PROTECT the farmer," said Greta Dunlap, Beverly Hills Farmers Market Manager. "We do not want our farmers taking back fruit to their farm that has been infested so we will be complying with all measures. This not only protects the farmer, but also the consumer."

For more information about OFF, view:
https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pdep/treatment/oriental_ff.html. For information about the quarantine zone, view <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/off/regulation.html>.

The Beverly Hills Farmers' Market is open every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is located along the 9300 block of Civic Center Drive between Third & Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Free two-hour parking is available in the Civic Center parking garage.

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