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Asian Citrus Psyllid News

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On Monday, December 3, 2012, Robert Leavitt from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) established up to a five (5) mile radius "Deliberative Restricted Areas" around the Asian Citrus Psyllid finds in Tulare County. Although the "Deliberative Restricted Areas" are not quarantine areas, quarantine rules and regulations will be enforced inside the five (5) mile radius. CDFA has implemented this strategy in order to allow time to determine if there is a breeding population of Asian Citrus Psyllid in the find areas. Intensive trapping, intensive surveys of orchards and urban areas around the find sites continue.

CDFA is in the process of developing the actual 5 radius maps of the proposed "<u>Deliberative Restricted Areas"</u> and rules and regulation details. Please note that maps and regulations are not finalized yet. There is <u>not</u> a quarantine in place at this time.

CDFA will announce the adoption of the "<u>Deliberative</u> <u>Restricted Area"</u> rules when they are finalized and approved as well as issuing maps of these areas.