

DATE: September 24, 2008
TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners
FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services
SUBJECT: **PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY NO. 23-2008**
Asian Citrus Psyllid Interior State Quarantine Affects Farmers Market and Swap Meet Participants

The California Department of Food and Agriculture is providing the following information to counties that may have local residents selling Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) host material (fruit and host plants) at Farmers Markets and/or Swap Meets inside the ACP quarantine area of San Diego County (State Interior Quarantine-CCR 3435).

Even if ACP host material is produced **outside** the ACP quarantine area, once inside the ACP quarantine area, the movement of host material is regulated and subject to the ACP State Interior Quarantine requirements.

Citrus Fruit:

Citrus fruit originating outside of the ACP quarantine area, **that has been processed and packed** prior to movement into the ACP quarantine area, is exempt from requirements of the State Interior Quarantine for ACP and can move within and out of the ACP quarantine area.

ACP Host Plants:

The ACP State Interior Quarantine requires that host plants undergo an approved and supervised treatment for movement within the ACP quarantine area. Farmers Market and/or Swap Meet participants from areas outside the ACP quarantine area, who wish to sell ACP host plants in the quarantine area, have the option to request quarantine treatments from their local agricultural commissioner's office prior to movement of ACP host plants into the ACP quarantine area.

A compliance agreement, exhibits and treatment protocol for movement of regulated articles **within** the quarantined area have been developed and are available on the CDFA Extranet site under <Programs>, <Interior Exclusion>, <Selected Quarantine Programs>, <Asian Citrus Psyllid>.

Counties that receive certification requests should contact the Cooperative ACP Quarantine Project at (619) 698-1046 to discuss protocols for treatment and certification.

Farmers Market and/or Swap Meet participants should be informed by the origin county that ACP host plants are prohibited from leaving the ACP quarantine area, regardless of origin or duration in the ACP quarantine area. Unsold host plants cannot move out of the ACP quarantine area and will be disposed of in a manner approved by the Project.

For questions regarding this advisory, please contact Melinda Mochel at (916) 654-0312 or by e-mail at: mmochel@cdfa.ca.gov or the Cooperative Asian Citrus Psyllid Quarantine Project at (619) 698-1046.

