

USDA PALMETTO MISSION STATEMENT

Palmetto, FL

Mission

The Mission of APHIS's Fruit Fly Exclusion and Detection Programs (FFED) is:

To protect the health and value of American agricultural resources threatened by the establishment of exotic fruit fly populations. Fruit flies in the family Tephritidae are among the most destructive and well-publicized pests of fruits and vegetables around the world.

The genera *Anastrepha*, *Bactrocera*, and *Ceratitis* pose the greatest risk to American agriculture and are the focus of this strategic plan. Tephritid fruit flies spend their larval stages feeding and growing in more than 400 host plants.

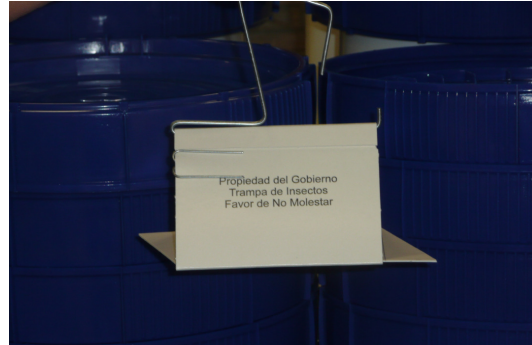
Introduction of these pest taxa into the United States causes economic losses from destruction and spoiling of host commodities by larvae, costs associated with implementing control measures, and loss of market share due to restrictions on shipment of host commodities. The extensive damage and wide host range of Tephritid fruit flies become obstacles to agricultural diversification and trade when pest fruit fly species are present. APHIS is concerned with two main types of entry risk associated with exotic fruit flies:

- “Long-distance” risk associated with the entry into the United States of infested fruit or vegetables from fruit fly infested countries distant from our borders.
- The risk of the northward spread of exotic species into the United States via Mexico. Mexico is an especially high-risk pathway due to the shared border and the large numbers of people migrating from fruit fly infested areas of Central America and Mexico to the United States.

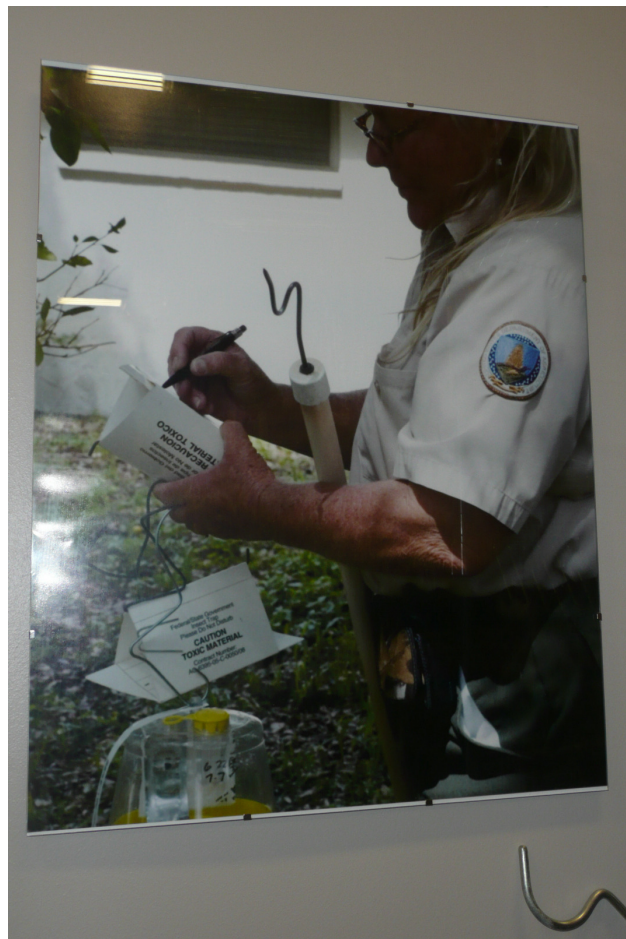
PRODUCT PICTURES



Front View: Typical trap minus Bait.



Side View.



Field Application

INTERIOR PICTURES



Conference Room



Staff Offices



Break room



Restrooms



Shipping & Receiving



Inventory