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Shipping Home Grown Citrus Fruit from Florida

2020 – 2021 Season

The U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (USDA-APHIS) and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) has quarantined the entire state of Florida for citrus canker and sweet orange scab, along with portions of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Polk Counties for citrus black spot. The quarantines are to prevent movement of these serious plant diseases out of Florida (and portions of Florida quarantined for citrus black spot) to other citrus producing areas of the United States and its territories. However, scientific studies have determined that citrus fruit processed in a commercial packinghouse under an APHIS compliance agreement renders the fruit highly unlikely to spread these diseases. During the commercial packing process, fruit must be washed, brushed, disinfested, treated, and waxed. The fruit must be packed into shipping containers marked with a USDA-APHIS certificate and be free of leaves, stems, or other regulated plant material. Fruit that cannot meet the waxed and treated conditions above may be shipped under a USDA-APHIS limited permit.

Citrus trees, leaves and other citrus plant parts continue to pose a high risk of spreading these diseases, and therefore cannot be moved to other states.

The following packinghouses have indicated their willingness to pack home grown citrus fruit under their APHIS compliance agreement. This list is subject to change. Please contact the Citrus Health Response Program hotline at 1-800-282-5153 for future changes.

Participating Packinghouses

Ace High Farms

12000 Okeechobee Rd
Fort Pierce FL 34945 (St Lucie County)
772-461-8300
Contact: Mike Monahan or Chet Boudrias

Boyett's Citrus Attraction

4355 Spring Lake Hwy
Brooksville FL 34601 (Hernando County)
352-796-2289

May Groves

2426 US Hwy
Mims FL 32754 (Brevard County)
321-745-8575
Contact: Barry Gainer

Poinsettia Groves

1481 U.S. Hwy 1
Vero Beach FL 32960 (Indian River County)
772-562 -3356
Contact: Jeb Hudson

Scragg Grove & Storage

275 N Hwy 1
Oak Hill FL 32759 (Volusia County)
386-345-3819

The Mail Center

3206 S Hopkins Ave
Titusville FL 32780 (Brevard County)
321-268-2255