

## Florida's Citrus Health Management Program



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## Citrus Health Response Program

*Minimum Standards for Citrus Health in Florida*

- Since canker is now considered beyond eradication, the USDA has in follow-up to their decision to withdraw funding for eradication, coordinated the development of the Citrus Health Response Plan (CHRP)



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## CHRP Objectives

- Develop minimum standards for citrus nursery stock, citrus production units, harvesting and post-production practices to ensure continued economic sustainability in the presence of citrus canker, citrus greening and other exotic diseases of citrus that may become established
- Gain trust and confidence in our disease management program from other US states and trade partners



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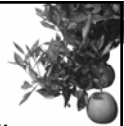


## CHRP Key Issues

- Registrations (producers, production units, nurseries, budwood facilities, harvesters, packing & processing facilities)
- Surveys and inspections to verify *compliance* required for fruit harvest and disease freedom in nurseries and budwood facilities
- Fresh fruit certification, maintaining fruit identity and proper phytosanitary documentation, packing house post-harvest inspection and treatment monitoring
- Disease management strategies for fruit production systems



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## CHRP Compliance Agreements

- Regulations apply to citrus canker, citrus greening and the Asian citrus psyllid.
- Regulated entities include:
  - Nursery
  - Grower/ Caretaker
  - Harvester
  - Packinghouse
  - Processor



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## Citrus Harvesting

*CHRP Minimum Standards*

- Registration of harvesters
- Production unit certification
  - Pre-harvest Survey
  - Harvesting Permit
- Decontamination
- Training and education
- Production unit identification



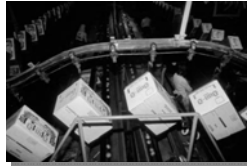
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## Packing of Fresh Fruit

### CHRP Minimum Standards

- Registration of all packing houses
- Receipt and identification of "certified fruit"
  - Inspected & H. Permit issued
  - Imported fruit
- Inspection of fruit for pests or disease symptoms
- Training and education
- Security and sanitation
- Fruit certification - levels



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## Packinghouse Compliance Changes



- Fruit trucks and trailers no longer need to be covered while in transit
- Incoming truckloads of fruit from groves do not require a limited permit in transit
- CHRP business plans are recommended but not required
- Citrus Fruit Harvesting Permits are only required for fresh fruit shipments to interstate and to restricted export markets; Harvesting Permits are not required for juice fruit



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## Packinghouse Compliance Changes

- All individual canker quarantine boundaries are being eliminated
- Decontamination regarding citrus groves is now required only upon exiting a grove
- All bags of fruit for interstate sales must have a Federal Limited Permit included or imprinted



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## Packinghouse Compliance Changes



- Citrus Fruit Harvesting Permit number must be written on each trip ticket for fruit moving from a grove block surveyed and found apparently free of citrus canker by Citrus Health Response Program officials.
- Citrus grower / caretaker compliance agreement number (C/A Number) is required on each trip ticket prior to moving any fruit from a grove which has not received a Citrus Fruit Harvesting Permit.



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## Shipping Fresh Fruit to Citrus Producing States

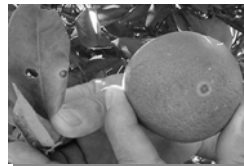
- Fresh fruit movement to citrus-producing states is currently prohibited due to Federal Interim rule effective 8/1/2006.
- The Department is still seeking a response to our request to open some of these markets.
- Citrus producing states included: America Samoa, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Louisiana, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Texas and US Virgin Islands



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## Shipping Fresh Fruit to Non-Citrus Producing States

- Fruit must originate from a grove block that is inspected and found free of canker within 30 days of harvest.
- The Department and the USDA are taking proactive measures to conduct inspections on a timely basis.
- Fruit must be shipped under Limited Permit.



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## Shipping Fresh Fruit to other Countries

- Fruit destined to other countries must meet the receiving country's entry requirements.
- EU & Korea will accept citrus from Florida if an inspection of the grove block and immediate vicinity are free of citrus canker.
- Asian countries do not classify citrus canker as a quarantine pest, but the fruit must be free of citrus canker to meet basic phytosanitary requirements.



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## Shipping Fresh Fruit Within Florida

- **No restrictions**
  - Trip Ticket
  - Grower *CA Number*



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## Processing Facilities

### *CHRP Minimum Standards*

1. Registration of processors
2. Sanitation



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## Citrus Canker Symptoms on Fruit



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## Citrus Health RESPONSE PLAN

*Working together to produce healthy citrus*

Citrus Health Response Program Website:  
[www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/chrp/](http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/chrp/)

Helplines:  
Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Monroe Counties  
800-850-3781  
All other counties  
800-282-5153



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