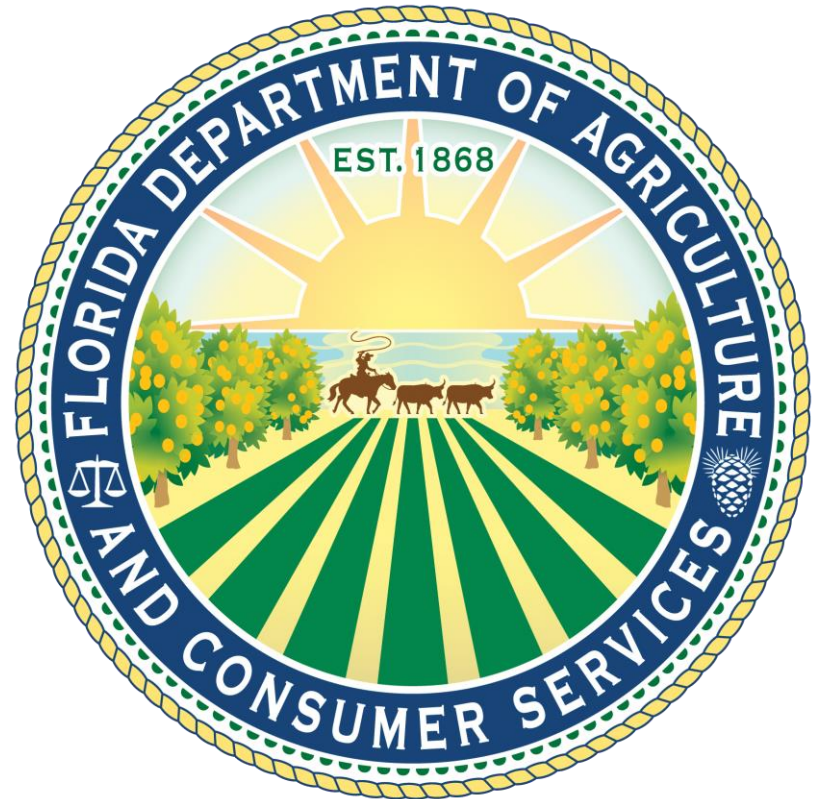


FRUIT MOVEMENT UNDER A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FROM GEORGIA AND ALABAMA

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REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR MOVEMENT

- Only those states that are adjoining the State of Florida are eligible to move fruit under memorandum (Georgia and Alabama). Should a grower in either state want to move fruit untreated into the State of Florida they must contact their respective Department of Agriculture to inform them that they wish to move fruit during the season into the State of Florida along with the destination of fruit (packinghouse).
- A Memorandum of Understanding is executed between Georgia or Alabama Department of Agriculture's and the Florida Department of Agriculture for the growers seeking to move citrus. With each Memorandum contains the growers name and addresses from which the fruit is originating from along with the destination.
- Each citrus producer will enter into a compliance agreement with their State Department of Agriculture
- A pre-harvest survey/inspection will be conducted in each grove by their State Department of Agriculture within 30 days of harvest. All fruit will be inspected for actionable pests and diseases. Inspections are valid for 60 days.



REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR MOVEMENT - *continued*

- Each load of fruit will move by Certificate and include the following information: Date issued, name, unique certificate number, name and address of consignee, quantity, article (citrus variety), and issuing officer signature. A copy of the Certificate along with a Trip ticket will be presented upon arrival to the USDA certified packinghouse. Fruit must be free of leaves, twigs, and debris except for stems that are attached and no longer than one inch.
- All fruit must be moved by tarped or enclosed trailer. The tarps may not contain any unpatched or unrepaired holes and must be acceptable to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The tarp must be covering each load prior to the truck departing the grove.
- Each agreement contains a date that the agreement will remain in effect and is signed by the State's respective Department of Agriculture.



REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR MOVEMENT - *continued*

- All haulers must have a valid Harvester/Hauler Compliance Agreement prior to hauling into the State of Florida.
- All loads entering the State of Florida must stop at the Interdiction Station for inspection.
- All fruit must to be treated and inspected per the USDA's Fresh Fruit Protocol prior to shipment from the USDA certified packinghouse in Florida.
- Both the USDA and FDACS Citrus Health Response Program inspectors can inspect the paperwork presented to the packinghouse. FDACS Inspectors will inspect the bins and trailers to ensure they are free of debris and decontaminated.





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