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Queensland fruit fly (Qfly) Bayswater Industry update #7

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) thanks industry for its continued collaboration toward the Queensland fruit fly (Qfly) response and reestablishing Area Freedom.

Please share this industry update with members in your network.



Quarantine Area reinstatement

The Queensland fruit fly (Qfly) biosecurity response remains on track, despite a recent confirmed detection of a single fly at Rivervale.

The detection of one male Qfly was made via surveillance traps, as part of DPIRD's early warning biosecurity system.

A biosecurity response to protect the State's valuable agriculture sector and home gardens from the pest has been underway since March when Qfly was discovered in Bayswater, which has now been controlled.

Qfly is one of the most serious horticulture pests, which has more than 300 fruit and fruiting vegetables host plants.

A Quarantine Area has been reinstated, covering Perth, Belmont, Gosnells, Kalamunda, Vincent, Joondalup, Swan, Wanneroo, Melville, Canning, Bayswater, South Perth, Subiaco, Stirling, Nedlands, Bassendean, Belmont, Claremont, Victoria Park, Cambridge and Mundaring.

Additional traps have been installed around the detection area to support DPIRD's ongoing response and progress towards Area Freedom.

The department thanks industry for their ongoing support of the response.

Support for growers within the Quarantine Area

DPIRD will continue to assist Swan Valley growers to satisfy biosecurity protocols as they get produce to market and get closer to reinstating Area Freedom.

For more advice contact our industry support staff:

Table grape and wine grape enquiries: Colin Gordon on 08 9368 3659, 0429 884 746 or Colin.Gordon@dpird.wa.gov.au.

All other horticulture industry enquiries: Nancye Gannaway on 0428 213 391 or Nancye.Gannaway@dpird.wa.gov.au.

Biosecurity and reporting

Growers of Qfly hosts such as strawberry, citrus, avocado, stone fruit, and tomato should regularly check for signs of Qfly and plan how to treat and move produce, even if harvest is several months away.

If you suspect you have seen <u>Qfly</u>, call DPIRD's Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) on 08 9368 3080, email <u>padis@dpird.wa.gov.au</u> or send photos of the suspect Qfly via DPIRD's MyPestGuide Reporter <u>webpage</u> or app.

More Information

Visit our webpage: www.agric.wa.gov.au/qflyupdates

See the comprehensive list of support services, including financial support service, on Western Australia's rural support services webpage.