

## **Florida's Exotic Fruit Fly Monitoring Program Video Synopsis**

Length 22:50

This video discusses the importance of protecting Florida from exotic fruit fly pests and the active role the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Plant Industry is playing in this essential fight. The video explains the fruit fly life cycle including the devastating damage caused by fruit fly larvae to host plants. The video also explains the spread of fruit flies around the world and the vast array of host plants attacked.

The video goes on to explain the different programs currently utilized by the division to combat fruit flies. Those methods include fruit fly monitoring through survey, laboratory identification of suspect fruit flies, eradication programs if fruit flies are found, the preventive release of sterile fruit flies which since its inception has prevented the establishment of fruit flies, and the Caribbean Fruit Fly Certification Program which provides a safe and effective procedure for exporting citrus to areas requiring quarantine safeguards.