



Quarantine Alert

14 August 2001

FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE QUARANTINE/FUMIGATION RISK

The following products are at risk for infestation by a variety of quarantinable arthropod pests. Thrips (potential migration from non-irrigated areas surrounding agricultural fields), mealybugs, chinch bugs, leafhoppers and miners (moist areas characteristic of irrigated fields) will pose the greatest infestation threat during the relatively dry summer growing season in California. Scale insects have also been particularly abundant this year on limes and avocados. Additional alerts will be issued as needed.

Consistent discovery of these pests necessitates increased vigilance for their presence during produce purchase and pre-export inspection. For further information, please contact DSCP-WCSO.

Vegetables

ARTICHOKE (aphids)
ASPARAGUS (thrips)
BROCCOLI CROWNS (aphids)
BRUSSELS SPROUTS (diamond wing moth)

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CELERY (thrips)

COLLARD GREENS (owlet moths)

CORN-CELO (thrips)

KALE (aphids)

LETTUCE-GREEN AND RED LEAF, ROMAINE (thrips/leaf miners)

PEAS-SUGAR CHINA, SNAP (leaf miners)

Fruits

AVOCADO (scales)

BLACKBERRY (thrips)

GRAPE-GREEN/RED/WHITE (mealybugs)

LIME (scales, mealybugs)

PINEAPPLE (mealybugs)

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