



CARIBBEAN PLANT HEALTH DIRECTORS

PROTECTING CARIBBEAN AGRICULTURE

CARIBBEAN FRUIT FLY



The Caribbean fruit fly also known as *Anastrepha suspensa* infests mature or overripe fruits by laying eggs within the host fruit and under the soil of the host plant.

Caribbean fruit flies are presently limited to the Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Florida and the Lesser Antilles. The pest isn't present in the Lesser Antilles.



Caribbean fruit flies, specifically adult females affect avocado, papaya, west Indian cherry, tomato, coffee, sapote, mango, many annonas and many citrus species. .

If the fruits are not treated from the infection of the eggs in the fruit, the fruits cannot be traded or eaten.



There have been heavy losses of estimated between 25-60 million USD because of the Caribbean fruit flies. They are a major threat to Caribbean Agriculture.

What can you do?

- Do NOT bring into your country any fruit or agricultural produce without the required Plant Quarantine Import Permits/Approval
- When you travel declare all agricultural items
- Report any infested (pierced or larvae present) fruit to your Ministry or Department of Agriculture. If fruit flies are present do not sell or transport infested fruit
- Follow all control recommendations from your Ministry or Department of Agriculture