

QUEENSLAND FRUIT FLY COMMUNITY UPDATE

Be part of the solution

One female Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF) can lay up to 2,000 eggs in her lifetime (2 months in warm weather). From these eggs it is possible for her to produce around 800 mature fruit fly. This is why QFF populations can explode during summer and autumn. If you cannot manage the fruit trees on your residential property, take advantage of the free tree removal offer and eliminate potential breeding grounds. Pick up an information pack from your local council customer service area for an application form.

Queensland Fruit Fly trapping

Over 330 male-targeting QFF traps have been deployed in the Goulburn Murray Valley since 25 May 2017 and are examined by trained officers every week. The trapping program allows for the identification of QFF population build up and comparison on subsequent years.

Queensland Fruit Fly monitoring

During December 2018 the usual increase in fruit fly numbers occurred. As a community we must take action in January and be part of the solution rather than the problem.

The post-peak lull in fruit fly trap capture rates in November 2018 continued for a longer period than it did last year. This is seen as a positive trend and may be due, largely, to community activities such as baiting, trapping, netting and QFF host plant removals.

December 2018 trap captures were a little lower than those of December 2017. This downturn occurred most significantly in urban areas of the region and is very good news for the GMV Fruit Fly Program.

Simple steps to prevent the spread of Queensland Fruit Fly

- Remove ripe fruit and unwanted plants/trees
- Use netting or bagging
- Place baits out
- Use both male and female targeting traps
- Spray with pesticides approved for home garden use

Essential action

1. Place out and if you already have them out recharge (with new lures) fruit fly traps. Use both male-targeting and female-targeting traps. Your local Fruit Fly Coordinator, staff from produce stores and Agriculture Victoria can provide advice on what traps to use and where you can obtain them.
2. Check any fruit that is ripening now for fruit fly infestation. If you find infestations, remove and destroy fruit immediately.
3. If QFF have infested fruit and/or QFF numbers in your traps build up to around 5 QFF per fortnight you should undertake active QFF management such as netting, baiting and tree removal.

For assistance managing QFF, contact (03)5871 9222 or email gmvfruitfly@moira.vic.gov.au

For more information on QFF control, collect an information pack from your Council's Customer Service Centre.

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