



United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Plant Protection and Quarantine
Citrus Health Response Program



Shipping Home Grown Citrus Fruit from Florida, 2008 – 2009 Season

The US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has quarantined the entire State of Florida for citrus canker, a serious bacterial disease not found in any other citrus-producing areas of the United States or its territories. Scientific studies have shown that fruit that shows no visible signs of citrus canker infection that is commercially packed poses a minimal risk of spreading citrus canker. Based on these studies, USDA has determined that fresh citrus fruit can be shipped out of the citrus canker quarantine area to non-citrus producing states if it is commercially packed, regardless of whether it is produced in a commercial grove or grown in a homeowner's back yard. During the commercial packing process, fruit is generally washed, disinfected, graded and inspected by government inspectors. As part of the commercial packing process, it is also packed into specially marked shipped containers and issued a "Limited Permit" for shipment to non-citrus producing states. **It is important to note that under the citrus canker quarantine, fresh citrus cannot be shipped to any citrus producing state or territory, including AZ, CA, HI, LA, TX, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.**

The following packinghouses have indicated they will pack home grown citrus fruit. This list is not all-inclusive, and is subject to change. There may be other packinghouses willing to pack home grown citrus fruit. You are urged to contact local packinghouses in your area to see if they can assist you. Packinghouses are under no obligation to provide this service, and the USDA offers no guarantee of customer satisfaction. Listed packinghouses merely meet the minimum USDA requirements necessary to provide this service. Please contact the Citrus Health Response Program hotline at 1-800-282-5153 for future changes.

Packinghouses Accepting Home Grown Fruit

Poinsettia Groves

1481 U.S. Hwy 1, Vero Beach FL 32960
(772)562 -3356, Contact: Jeb Hudson
Details: Can only run fruit into a corrugated bin – to be supplied by grower. Cannot pack into cartons. After December. Will provide certificate letter with stamp.

Neukom Groves, Inc.

5409 Gall Blvd, Zephyrhills, Florida 33542-3929
(813) 782-5596, fax (813) 788-2048

The Orange Shop

PO Box 125, Citra, Florida 32113-0125
1-800-672-6439, email:
info@floridaorangeshop.com

Butrico Groves

6065 Magnolia St, Scottsmoor FL 32775
(321) 268-8109, Contact: Lee Bird
Details: Minimum of 5 field boxes (8 bushels)

Heritage Grove Fresh Citrus

190 S Carpenter Rd, Titusville FL 32796
(321) 267-7733, Contact: Gene Thurston

May Groves

1885 US Hwy 1 North
Titusville, FL 32796
Phone: 321-745-8575, Contact: Barry Gainer

Taylor's Packing and Shipping

713 S Evers St, Plant City FL 33563
(813) 752-1355, fax: (813) 754-0781

Pkg's Plus

2447 N Wickham Rd, Suite 138, Melbourne FL 32935
(321) 757-6696, email: citrus@pkgplus.com
Details: No minimum. Please contact store in advance for citrus shipments over 400 pounds.

The Mail Center

3206 S Hopkins Ave, Titusville FL 32780
(321) 268-2255

A.W. Crisafulli Groves

5515 N Courtenay Pkwy
Merritt Island FL 32953-7223
(321) 452-8100, 800-683-6700
Details: Minimum of 1/2 bushel (4 gallons)

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