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PHOTO: Inspectors check vehicles at the Yamba Roadblock in the Riverland.

Protection Against Fruit Fly

Fruit flies are the world's worst fruit pest, destroying fruit and vegetables in commercial crops and home gardens.

Maintaining South Australia's status as the only mainland state to be fruit fly free is vital to the State's \$675 million fresh fruit and vegetable growing industry.

The state's investment in fruit fly response in 2012-13 was approximately \$5 million, from State Government funding. This provides quarantine border controls, community awareness, surveillance and eradication efforts.

To maintain the ring of protection, the State Government provides measures such as:

- Quarantine border controls – four static roadblocks located on the Eyre Highway (Ceduna), Stuart Highway (Yamba), Barrier Highway (Oodla Wirra) and Mallee Highway (between Murrayville and Pinnaroo) – checking more than 600,000 vehicles each year.
- Random seasonal road block placed into operation at any time throughout the State at key entry points to the State and the Riverland production area.
- Prominent quarantine signage on major highways into the State and the Riverland alerting travelers to not enter with fruit and vegetables and other restricted items, and alerting travelers to quarantine disposal bins.
- 14 quarantine disposal bins located on major road routes throughout the State. (see map)

- 13 quarantine disposal bins located at other key entry points such as Adelaide Airport (arrivals hall), Adelaide Bus Station, Adelaide Parklands Rail Terminal (Keswick Interstate Train Terminal) and Waikerie, Renmark and Mount Gambier airports.
- 3500 fruit fly early warning trapping sites located around the State.
- Fruit fly travel warnings at convenience stops at major highway entry points reinforcing the ring of protection message: Eastern and Eyre Highway play points), Barrier Highway from Oodlawirra to Wilcannia, Sturt Highway from Yamba to Mildura and Balranald, Stuart Highway from Port Augusta to Alice Springs, Western Highway from Bordertown to Warracknabeal, Parafield Airport, Mildura Airport, Centro Shopping Centre.
- A comprehensive community education campaign including:
 - Large display posters on every airbridge at Adelaide Airport, supplementing the disposal bins in the arrivals hall and reinforcing the quarantine advice provided on arrival by airlines.
 - Posters and bookmarks displayed at key tourism outlets such as hotels, caravan parks and tourism offices, advertising, media releases at peak tourist times, and website: <http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly>
- Co-ordinating the Riverland Fruit Fly Committee and the South Australian Fruit Fly Standing Committee to ensure community and industry engagement.
- A Fruit Fly Hotline number – 1300 666 010 – for the public to report maggots in fruit or fruiting vegetables.



PHOTO: Yamba Roadblock in the Riverland

MAP: Locations of South Australia's quarantine roadblocks and highway disposal bins



Fruit Fly Community Awareness Campaign Posters:



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We're counting on you.

David Arnold - Walkerie grower

Help protect our Riverland premium food region
Two ways

1. Arriving from interstate? Don't travel with fruit and vegetables. You may be carrying pests and diseases.
2. Arriving from other areas of SA? Don't travel with home grown fruit. Only fruit and fruiting vegetables (incl. tomatoes, chillies, capsicums, eggplants) purchased within South Australia may be taken into the Riverland if you have an accompanying valid, itemised shop receipt or Plant Health Certificate. This produce must then not be taken interstate.

Random road blocks operate on country roads

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